



# Bayfield Regional Conservancy

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Dear [Personalized with a mail merge]:

We are writing to you because you live near a stream that provides important habitat for fish and wildlife species, including brook trout. There are exciting opportunities available that we would like to share with you that can help you protect and improve wildlife habitat and water quality on your land.

## **Why take care of water and wildlife?**

The Bayfield Peninsula was largely forested a century ago. Conifer trees and wetlands helped slow the flow of water into streams that travel to Lake Superior. Today, those streams travel through more open lands causing sediment to run off the land and into streams that cause harm to wildlife and fish. This can make it more difficult for fish, like brook trout, who need cold, clean streams to live.



## **How can you help?**

You can help keep woods and streams healthy for wildlife, your family, and your community in many ways. We'd like to meet with you and find out what projects could work best for your family.

**Land Protection Projects** - Bayfield Regional Conservancy can help you protect your property's natural resources for today and the future. One tool is a voluntary land protection agreement (called a conservation easement) where you continue to own and manage your property while protecting your land forever. Landowners often receive tax benefits for protecting their lands with these agreements.



**Restoration Projects** - Bayfield Regional Conservancy collaborates with My Lake Superior Northwoods ([www.mylakesuperiornorthwoods.org](http://www.mylakesuperiornorthwoods.org)) who, together with many partners, offer financial assistance to landowners who want to do projects on their land that benefit wildlife, waters, woods and fields. Projects may include planting trees along streams, repairing or improving culverts for fish passage, creating wildlife ponds or helping to manage your woods for wildlife.

If you are interested in learning more, **fill out and send us the enclosed postage-paid reply card.** A natural resource professional can meet with you on your property, talk with you about your interests, and recommend actions you could take. **Please contact us soon because funds for restoration projects are limited!**

Sincerely,

Erika Lang  
Conservation Director

***\* Learn more by attending an upcoming Town Board meeting this summer - we'll attend to give you more information and answer your questions.***