

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. A two-lane road with a yellow center line runs diagonally from the top center towards the bottom right. To the left of the road, there are several houses with brown roofs, surrounded by lush green trees and lawns. To the right of the road, there is a dense line of trees and a small blue swimming pool visible in the distance. The overall scene is a mix of developed residential areas and natural wooded spaces.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This best management practices (BMPs) guidebook for conserving wooded areas in developing communities of Minnesota was developed by an advisory committee composed of a wide representation of stakeholders from public, private, and nonprofit organizations. The goals of these BMPs are:

- to provide communities with a better understanding and appreciation of economic, social, and environmental benefits of wooded areas and individual trees,
- to provide decision makers, city planners, landowners, developers, and citizens with land-use approaches to conserve the ecological integrity and functions of wooded areas, including wildlife habitat and corridors throughout the landscape,
- to help builders, utility companies, contractors, machine operators, and crews minimize impacts of construction on wooded areas and trees, and
- to provide citizens with a better place to live and work.



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