



THE NEEGEE

The Neegee, a fishing tug, was built in Grand Marais in 1936. It was the only fishing tug built in Grand Marais. She was built to serve as the harbor workhorse and served in both fishing and logging activities until the 1960's when she was sold. The Neegee was donated to the Cook County Historical Society and was in need of restoration.

To restore and stabilize the Neegee, several broken ribs were replaced, and pressure was applied to return the starboard side of her hull into conformance. The forward section of the cabin ceiling were reinforced and forced into proper alignment. Floor joists were installed and the flooring replaced, and the hatch doors were built off site and installed. The interior of the boat was cleaned, caulked, and painted. The Neegee is now available for display, and her presence tells the story of the early Grand Marais commercial harbor and its people. The Neegee now sits under a protective

shelter, and is open to the public.



The restoration gained the interest of the Cook County News Herald

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YEAR:

2004

GRANTEE:

Cook County Historical Society

COUNTY:

Cook

CATEGORY:

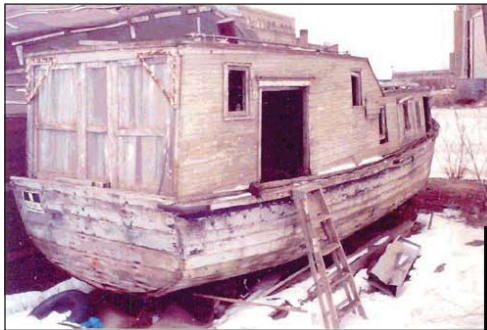
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GRANT AWARD:

\$3,090

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

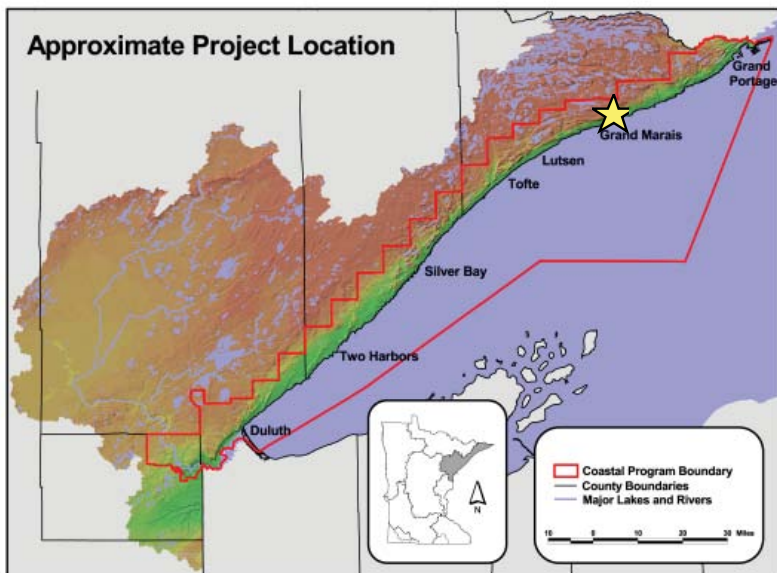
\$6,037



Left: The Neegee in need of repairs, 2000
Below: A restored and stabilized Neegee, 2004



PROJECT LOCATION



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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