### **Conservation Challenges:**

- \*Conversion to timber and mining uses
- \*Changes in timber practices
- \*Fluctuating/declining groundwater levels
- \*Invasive spp.: Buckthorns, Eurasian honeysuckle, garlic . . mustard, leafy spurge, EAB
- \*Habitat fragmentation
- \*Agricultural water pollutants/sedimentation

### **Conservation Opportunities:**

- \* Watershed is engaged in natural resource managment planning
- \* County Tax Forfeit Land

#### **Existing Conservation Network:**

**National Forests:** 

Superior

**State Forests:** 

SNAs:

**Aquatic Management Areas:** 

Fisheries Management Areas:

#### **Rare Species:**

Alpine Milk-vetch American Shore-plantain **Bald Eagle** Black-throated Blue Warbler Clustered Bur-reed Creek Heelsplitter Ice Deposition (Quaternary) Katahdin Sedge Montane Yellow-eyed Grass **Northern Comandra** Northern Goshawk One Flowered Muhly Pale Manna Grass Small White Water-lily Sooty-colored Beak-rush Woolgrass Yellow Sedge

## **Dragon Lake**Opportunity Area

#### **Ecological Significance:**

Dragon Lake Opportunity Area is an important area of outstanding biodiversity significance. In addition, experts familiar with the area determined that it merited designation as an Opportunity Area even though the data for rare features and native plant communities were preliminary. The area is close to the headwaters of the St. Louis River, providing additional importance.

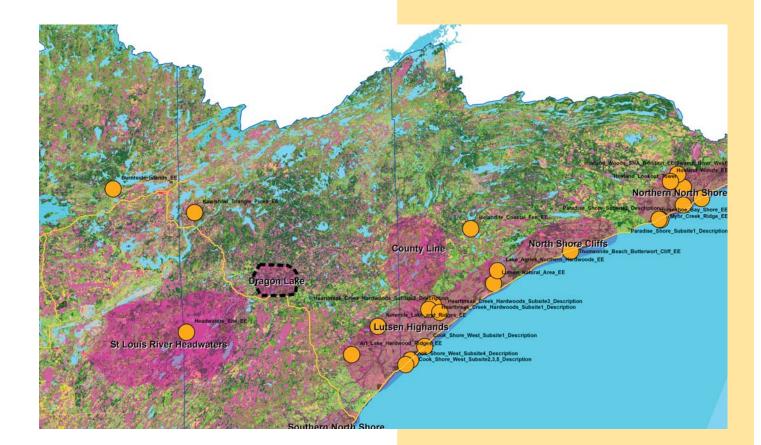


**Counties:** 

Lake



# **Dragon Lake**Ecological Evaluations, Land Cover, Public Ownership



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# **Dragon Lake**Marxan Prioritization, Element Occurrences

