



# A VIEW FROM THE LAKE

How do you engage Lake Superior community members in discussions about coastal development and natural resources? Bring them out onto Lake Superior in a tugboat! Minnesota Sea Grant offered this unique perspective to local government officials and residents, during a summer of three hour tours aboard the L.L. Smith, Jr. Research Vessel.

Over 400 people learned about the Lake Superior ecosystem, watershed processes, and the relationships between land use and water quality. Passengers learned ways that they can reduce their impacts on water quality by changing things around their homes and their city.

An introductory presentation helped passengers understand how land use can influence water quality, and gave them clues about what to look for as they travel along the shoreline. Once the vessel was out on the water, posters and games helped passengers learn about complicated development issues. One activity had participants trying their hand at developing a piece of fictional shoreline property, while considering water resources, recreational access, and economic.

Evaluations showed that 61% of participants planned to take action in their community; 84% of elected officials said the same. A full 83% of participants said they would make changes at their home to benefit water quality.



## PROJECT ID:

306-11-06

## YEAR:

2004

## GRANTEE:

University of MN

## COUNTY:

Various

## CATEGORY:

Outreach and Education

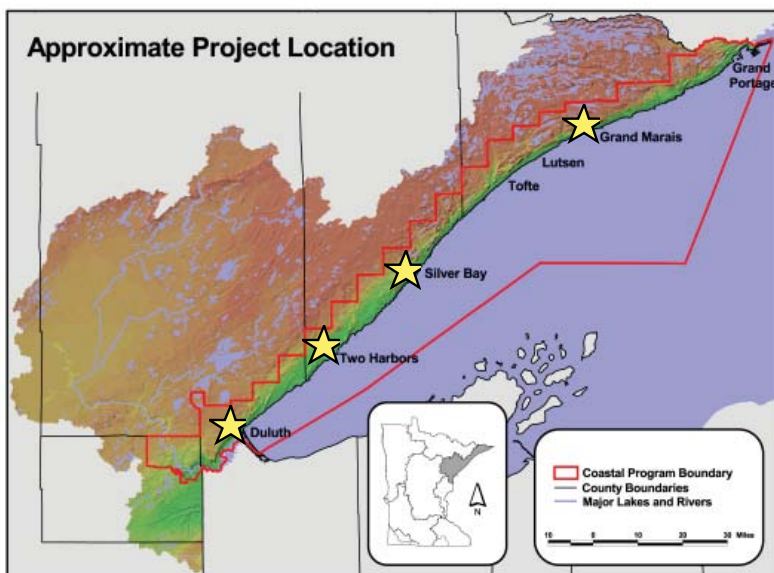
## GRANT AWARD:

\$14,999

## TOTAL PROJECT COST:

\$20,056

## PROJECT LOCATION



The View From the Lake Program continues to reach residents and municipal officials. Cruises will continue into the Summer of 2007, to focus on current resource issues, and what every citizen and local official can do to help.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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THE MISSION OF MINNESOTA'S LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM IS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND ENHANCE COASTAL RESOURCES FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BALANCE PROTECTION OF COASTAL RESOURCES WITH PROVIDING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS PLACES TO WORK, LIVE AND PLAY.

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