## Habitat conservation project

# Lake Independence

This project capitalizes on the strong conservation ethic of the landowner and offers opportunities for meaningful outreach, restoration, and shoreline protection.

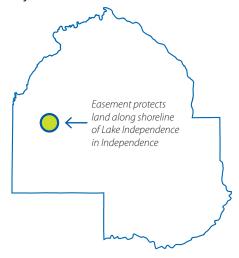
### Project features

- Encompasses 40 acres, including 730 feet of Lake Independence shoreline and 960 feet of Pioneer Creek just downstream from the Lake Independence outlet.
- Contains good and moderate quality maple-basswood forest and oak woodland.
- Aligns with key implementation strategy of the Lake Independence water quality improvement plan to protect undeveloped lakeshore.
- The property owner uses the forest and sugar camp to make syrup and teach traditional practices to indigenous youth.

#### Restoration and enhancement goals

- Optimize habitat quality of forested and wetland areas.
- Respect indigenous use and create teaching and engagement moments.
- Consult with farmers on practices to protect surrounding habitat.
- Restore hayfield to prairie or oak savanna.

### Project location





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