



Laurentian Vision Partnership
Transforming pits and piles into lakes and landscapes

2006 Accomplishments

- The Laurentian Vision Partnership met quarterly on January 11, April 18, July 25, November 1
- Coordination Committee Meetings – The Coordinating Committee was established in November 2005, and met quarterly in 2006 on March 23, June 21, September 20, December 19
- Member survey was sent to all participants and Randy Lasky compiled and reported the results
- CIRI began underground mine mapping work
- GIS workshops held in September/October 2005 – Follow up meetings held on January 11, March 10 and June 7. February meeting held to follow up
 - Next step is to conduct “Proof of Concept” development
- Range wide projects map developed and tweaked. This resulted in the Laurentian Vision Partnership.
- Mittal Steel Charrette discussed and commitment to move forward was established
- January 25th – Keewatin/Kee-Tac charrette meeting held. (Interest there - timing is not set).
- February 2006 – Innovation Grant Program launched
 - Three projects submitted to date: Mesabi Mountain Coalition, UTAC Biomass and Pit Lake Prototype
 - Have funded Mesabi Mountain Coalition and UTAC Biomass

- Sub regional groups continue to expand their Laurentian Vision Partnership role and importance
- Range wide elevation data mapping project – collaborative effort to form a group of mining companies and other stakeholders to update this data sent. Great idea – bad timing. This project will be targeted for spring 2008.
- July 2006 – Communication committee presents their communications strategy for the Laurentian Vision Partnership. 4 key areas identified:
 1. Web site
 2. Sub regional group meetings
 3. Complete the primer and print it for distribution
 4. Expand the use of logo and tag line
- Discussion on Copper, Nickel and base and precious metals – presentation by MExA at a future meeting
- Wildlife corridor issue surfaced. Will have a presentation at a future meeting.
- John Chell presented information on the Northeast Minnesota Wetlands Strategy Task Force
- Laurentian Vision logo designed by JPG and adopted by Laurentian Vision Partnership
- The primer morphed into the brochure and Chris Carlson made major strides to complete the Laurentian Vision Partnership brochure