



Laurentian Vision Partnership
Transforming pits and piles into lakes and landscapes

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Strategic Action Plan for 2011 and Beyond

Plan Process

- Held a strategic planning session last spring
- Asked for input from LVP throughout process
- Seeking final input – November 1st Deadline
- Intent of Plan: Dynamic, fluid and make changes as needed

Plan Specifics

- Retained Vision and Mission
- *Facilitate* **Partner Engagement and Shared Visioning**
- *Deliver* **Tools and Resources**
- *Target* **Priority Projects**

Facilitate **Partner Engagement and Shared Visioning**

Outcome:

- Communicate the regional economic importance of protecting current and future mine lands from competing development interests.

Action Step:

- Identify and address areas where growth and competing land uses jeopardize mining resources.

Outcome:

- Provide post-mining lands to support business and community development needs and reclaim mining lands to resemble or complement the natural landscape.

Action Step:

- Conduct meetings with mine operators, DNR Lands and Minerals Division, and Iron Range communities to identify and document potential project sites.
- Ask communities “what mining-impacted land could you use for future growth?”

Deliver **Tools and Resources**

Outcome:

- LVP design principles are incorporated by mine engineers and MNDNR as standard operating procedures.

Action Step:

- Produce standardized design applications for mining end-use land formations in collaboration with mine engineers and MNDNR.
- Develop and teach Mine Engineers Course II.

Target Priority Projects

Outcome:

- Assign high priority to bricks and mortar projects that are visible and have short to mid-term development potential.

Action Step:

- Maintain the emphasis on “Bricks and Mortar” demonstration projects within the Innovation Grants Program and identify other sources to leverage these projects.
- Develop a list of potential Innovation Grant projects based on information gathered from mining companies, communities, the MNDNR and other stakeholders.
- Create interactive web-based *Innovation Grant Project Development Handbook*.