



FY 2007-2008 Highlights

The Laurentian Vision Partnership (LVP) is a coalition of mining, business, government, education, professional and community interests representing all parts of the Mesabi Iron Range, which promotes sustainable mining and the reshaping of mining sites into productive landscapes for the future. LVP's Vision and Mission are:

LVP Vision:

"Transforming pits and piles into living lakes and landscapes...our legacy for the future."

LVP Mission:

The Laurentian Vision Partnership is a regional coalition that promotes the development of productive post mining landscapes by cooperating in

- **Preserving** lands to sustain current and future mining
- **Promoting** landscape options for post mining uses
- **Identifying** and discussing new development opportunities
- **Providing** the tools to achieve these goals

Following are the fiscal year 2007 – 2008 highlights and accomplishments of the Laurentian Vision Partnership:

- Mining companies have stepped up with a commitment of funding, participation and implementation of Partnership goals.
- Mining companies have incorporated sustainable post-mining design into current mine closure planning.
- Secured funding from the Iron Ore Research Coop to produce the curriculum and hold the Mine Engineer Design Workshop.
- Minimized land use conflicts by providing communities with detailed maps and information on where future mining will take place.
- We have improved communication, collaboration and linkages with all stakeholders.
- The Partnership has been restructured to provide more clarity and focus.
- MNDNR has made a major funding and resource commitment to LVP.
- The agency hired a half-time coordinator to facilitate day to day support of LVP and allow it to expand and grow.
- Initiated the Range-wide Laurentian GIS Collaborative project.
- Created the Laurentian Vision Partnership website www.lvpmn.org

- Created the Laurentian Vision Partnership brand and logo.
- Created and maintain the large-scale projects map and several other mine planning maps.
- Created the Laurentian Vision Partnership brochure.
- Hosted the Mittal Steel Minorca Mine charrette.
- Created the East Central Range Partnership to focus on the implementation of the Mittal Steel Minorca Mine charrette.
- Helped to organize and actively involve area regional groups in LVP (WMMPB, CIRI, Quad Cities, East Central Range Partnership, and East Range Community Readiness Committee).
- Broadened charrette and Laurentian Vision Partnership exposure in the media, public meetings, related areas.