



THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

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The Campaign to Save Camp Ojiketa

THE FACTS

LOCATION

Green Lake,
Chisago City, MN

SIZE

70 acres

NATURAL FEATURES AND CONSERVATION VALUE

- Over ½ mile of shoreline
- 90% of the property is tree covered, with natural marshes, wetlands, a cranberry bog, and two open playgrounds
- Identified as future park land in Chisago City Comprehensive Plan
- Home to many wildlife species including barred owls, loons, wild turkeys, painted turtles, and great blue herons
- In a recognized corridor of significance for wildlife and wildlife habitat

CAMPAIGN PARTNERS

The Trust for Public Land
Ojiketa Preservation Society
Chisago City



Photo: Anne Meddaugh Todd

For over 80 years, thousands of young people have learned about nature and stewardship at Camp Ojiketa on the beautiful shores of Green Lake in Chisago County. There they truly experienced the “sweetness of life” as the name means in Ojibwa. This wonderful experience is now threatened, however, because Camp Fire USA has listed the camp for sale to meet financial obligations and changing programmatic goals. Several developers made offers on the property, but The Trust for Public Land (TPL) recently secured an option through December 2008 to purchase the camp. TPL is working with the Ojiketa Preservation Society and Chisago City to conserve the land as a new regional park.

The creation of this park will permanently protect one of the highest quality natural resource sites in Chisago County with 70 acres of varied terrain and ecosystems: high quality oak forests, meadows, wetlands, and 3,100 feet of sunset-facing lakeshore. This impressive landscape also provides critical habitat for a variety of wildlife, fish and plants including barred owls, downy woodpeckers, red fox and painted turtles. The site’s location in a high growth area less than 30 miles from downtown St. Paul makes it an excellent place for people to enjoy nature through hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, and environmental education close to home.

Unfortunately, the same natural qualities that would make this property an excellent park make it equally attractive to many developers who wish to build more homes. Now is the time to halt the threat of development once and for all at Camp Ojiketa. With your help, we can ensure that many more thousands of people, from around the region and from future generations, will be able to experience the “sweetness of life” that this natural gem has given so many in the past.



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OJIKETA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!



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REQUESTED AND PENDING FUNDING:

FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL REQUESTED
Chisago City	\$1,500,000
Natural and Scenic Area/Non-metro Regional Park Grant	\$500,000
Metro Greenways	\$100,000
DNR-Fisheries	\$100,000
TPL-Metro Conservation Corridors	\$500,000
Chisago County	\$300,000
Private Contributions	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$3,800,000

CONTRIBUTE TODAY TO SAVE OJIKETA!

Donations to the Chisago City-Ojiketa Fund can be sent to:

Chisago City
10625 Railroad Ave
P.O. Box L
Chisago City, MN 55013

Help make Ojiketa Regional Park a reality with your donation.
THE TIME IS NOW!

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