



**EASTERN IOWA
OUTDOORS
FOUNDATION**

LOCHER RECREATION AREA

THE OPPORTUNITY

Just outside Cascade, Iowa, private land with the North Fork of the Maquoketa River, a deep lake, large pond, open space, and habitat held the potential to become an exceptional public outdoor destination.

CASCADE, IA

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THE TRANSFORMATION

Creating the Locher Recreation Area

Acquiring. Restoring. Expanding Access.

With Eastern Iowa Outdoors Foundation (EIOF) spearheading the effort, Twin Rivers Pheasants Forever, Dubuque County Conservation Society, DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever, and other partners helped advance the preliminary purchase of Locher Recreation Area, including the Iowa Audubon Society.



THE TRANSFORMATION



BEFORE



AFTER

FROM

- Separate private ownership
- Restrictive boundaries and public access
- A time-sensitive land opportunity

CURRENT

- 116 acres single cohesive public site
- Restored land and conserved natural habitat
- Preliminary recreation concepts

Seed, straw, and crimp 09/25. Reclamation work done by Bard Concrete.



NEXT

- Hiking/walking trails
- Parking locations
- Cascade Connection Trail
- Fishing platforms
- Prairie lands

Possible trail connections

Completed Work: Boundary adjustments, surveying, entry and exit improvements, greater property cohesiveness, preliminary recreational concept planning, and transfer to Dubuque County Conservation Board for further recreational development.



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EIOF MODEL

The Catalyst That Moves Opportunity Forward

Locher Through the EIOF Model

One Project. Seven Compounding Benefits



STRONGER COMMUNITIES LASTING LEGACY

Owners, neighbors, and organizations worked together to create an asset to serve generations.



QUALITY OF LIFE

A nearby location to fish, hike, kayak, gather, and spend time in nature.



ATTRACT & RETAIN TALENT

An outdoor amenity that helps make the Cascade area and Eastern Iowa a more attractive place to live and work.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENT

A stronger recreation destination can support visitor activity and the local community and nearby businesses.



PHILANTHROPY & REINVESTMENT

Private gifts and partner resources are reinvested in land, access, restoration, and public benefit.



LOCAL WEALTH CREATION

Public amenities help strengthen the surrounding community and support long-term value.



PUBLIC ACCESS & CONSERVATION ASSETS

Previously private land becomes a conserved public property with river, pond, habitat, and future trail access.

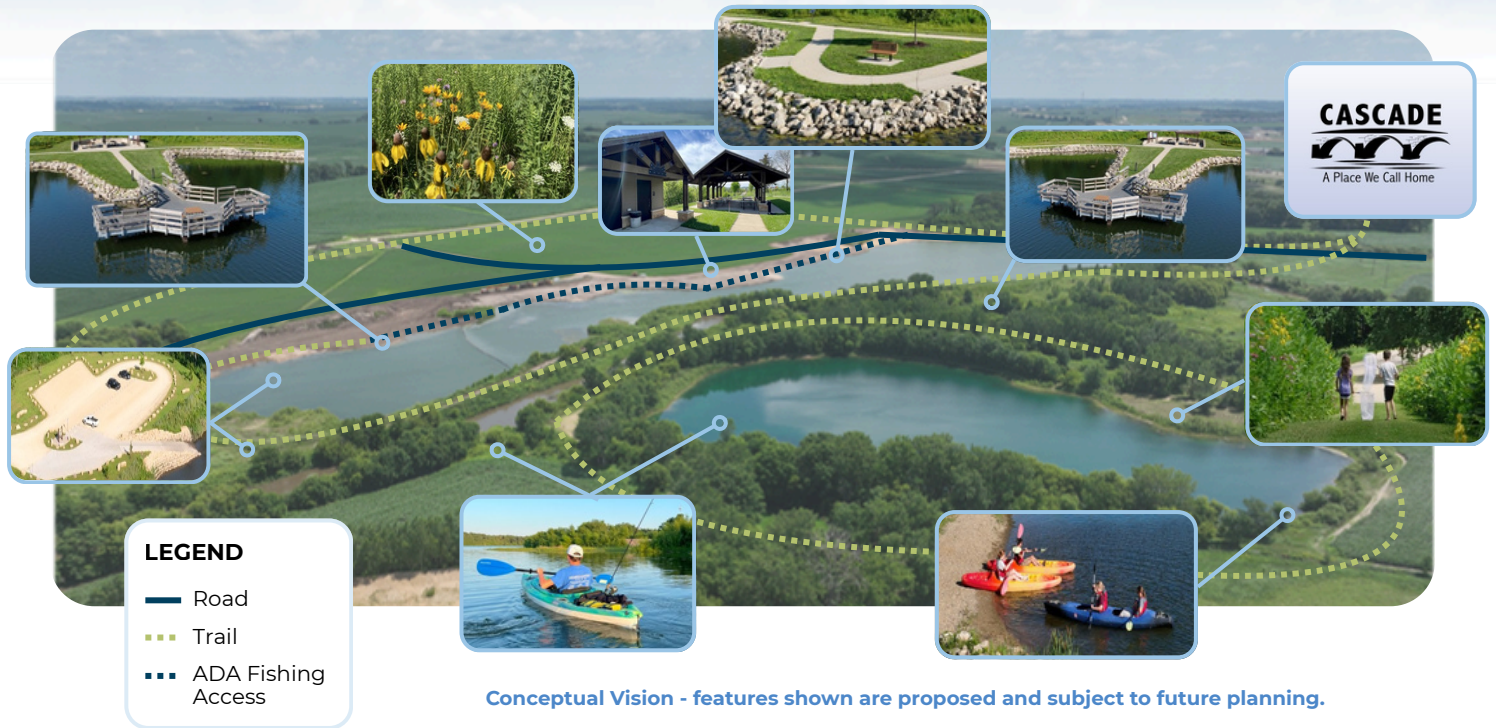


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WHAT'S NEXT

From Today's Asset to Tomorrow's Possibilities



Partnerships Made it Possible

Locher Recreation Area demonstrates what EIOF and its partners can accomplish together: recognize an opportunity, act when timing matters, and create a public asset whose benefits can compound for generations.



Eastern Iowa Outdoors Foundation · Twin Rivers Pheasants Forever · Dubuque County Conservation Society
DubuqueLand Pheasants Forever · Dubuque County Conservation · Iowa Audubon Society and many more



Turning local investment and partnerships into lasting public access and stronger Eastern Iowa communities.

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