



Guardians of the River Woodland Property Owner Pledge



Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
Phone:	Phone:
Postal Address of Owner:	Parcel ID:
Parcel Address or Latitude-Longitude	Total Acres:

We pledge to manage our property through actions and practices that will protect the Yellow River's water quality, aquatic and shoreline habitat, wildlife, and natural scenic beauty (check all that apply).

- ☐ **Will continue with practices currently in place as indicated below**
- ☐ **Will start with additional practices as indicated below**

Signature(s):	Date:
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Action or Practice	Will continue	Will start
Forest Cover and Management		
Continuous Forest cover maintained across most of the property		
Woodland managed under a written plan (WDNR Stewardship, MFL, or equivalent)		
Native species common to Washburn & Burnett Counties dominate (e.g., pine, oak, aspen, birch, maple)		
Multiple Forest age classes present		
Standing dead trees and downed woody material retained		
Soil Health & Erosion Control		
Sandy and loamy soils common in Washburn and Burnett Counties are highly susceptible to erosion. Bare soil minimized, especially on slopes and near water. Forest roads and trails properly crowned or out sloped. Water bars, turnouts, or broad-based dips installed where needed.		

Action or Practice	Will continue	Will start
No deep rutting or active erosion visible.		
Skid trails and disturbed soils stabilized after use		
Invasive Species Management		
Property monitored annually for priority invasives.		
Equipment cleaned before entering woodland		
Native plants used for restoration and planting		
Species such as buckthorn, garlic mustard, and spotted knapweed actively controlled if present		
Wildlife & Habitat Diversity		
Healthy forests support birds, pollinators, game species, and species of greatest conservation need. Maintain a Diverse Forest structure to support wildlife habitat.		
Vernal pools and ephemeral wetlands are protected		
Wildlife movement corridors are maintained		
Nutrients, Chemicals & Fuels		
No fertilizer use within forested areas		
No pesticide use near streams, wetlands, or lakes		
Fuels and chemicals stored outside riparian areas and flood-prone zones.		
Spill prevention measures in place		
Long-Term Stewardship & Resilience		
Forested lands increase resilience to flooding, drought, and climate change impacts. Forest management favors climate-resilient native species.		
Canopy cover maintained to shade streams and moderate water temperature.		
Flood-prone areas left in natural condition.		
Commitment to long-term stewardship and periodic reassessment.		

Thank-you for joining the Guardians of the Yellow River!

For more information about the Yellow River Protection Conservancy, check our website at yellowriverprotectionconservancy.org or scan this QR code:



Please keep a copy for yourself and submit the signed copy to YRPC via 1, 2, or 3 below.

- 1. Hand this completed and signed document to a YRPC Board Member*
- 2. Scan the completed and signed document and email it to contact@yrpc.ltd*
- 3. Send the completed and signed document to YRPC 1092 Blackburn RD, Spooner, WI. 54801*