

District Owned School Forest Property

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The School District of Phillips is fortunate to own "School Forest" properties that provide unique environments which create learning opportunities for children and young adults and hold the potential of being an educational resource to the community at large. The "School Forest" properties are to be utilized to support the mission and philosophy of the School District of Phillips.

Management of the "School Forest" properties shall be conducted in a manner that represents good stewardship of the resources and being good neighbors to adjacent land owners. Management of the "School Forest" shall be guided by the principles of conservation and utilization of natural resources with some land area designated for natural succession and a significant area designated as managed forest.

Income received from sales of forest products, sales of any "School Forest" properties, money received for rental of "School Forest", and other revenues shall be placed in a segregated account and used to support "School Forest" development expenses associated with "School Forest" use by students and staff, curriculum and staff development directly related to environmental education, conservation, and spring board activities that eminent from use of the "School Forest". Appropriate curriculum shall incorporate "School Forest" related activities into the instructional courses and teachers are encouraged to incorporate related activities into their lesson planning to ensure effective use of these outstanding recourses and the outdoor learning environment provided. The development and management of the "School Forest" educational and physical aspect shall be under the direction of the Board of Education with input from students, staff, community, and expertise from local and state personnel.

The securing of grants and donations to support the effective education use of the "School Forest" shall be encouraged.

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