

Selected Government of Manitoba Protected Areas Establishment Commitments 2005 – 2007

- Support and advance the First Nations-led World Heritage Site nomination to protect and preserve boreal forest landsⁱ (*March 2005, May 2005, winter 2005*)
- Establish five new ‘major’ permanent protected areas by 2010ⁱⁱ (*December 2005, Date uncertain – estimated between January 2006 and February 2007*)
- Create new special protection and management designations to recognize unique areas such as Little Limestone Lake, the traditional territories of Little Grand and Pauingassi First Nations, sacred sites and urban green spacesⁱⁱⁱ (*December 2005*)
- No hydro development will take place on the east side^{iv} (*December 2005*)
- Measures to protect the boreal forest^v (*Date uncertain – estimated between January 2006 and February 2007*)
- Protect wildlife and natural spaces^{vi} (*November 2006*)
- Permanently protect the Poplar River protected area^{vii} (*November 2006, May 2007*)
- Protect Little Limestone Lake^{viii} (*December 2005, November 2006*)
- Permanently protect Fisher Bay park reserve^{ix} (*Undated –summer 2007*)
- Maintain protection standards for all existing protected areas^x (*March 2007*)
- Complete Manitoba’s network of representative protected areas as quickly as possible^{xi} (*March 2007*)
- Address protection of environmentally or culturally significant areas not already protected during regulatory reviews for new projects^{xii} (*March 2007*)
- Work at completing protected areas networks in forestry license areas^{xiii} (*March 2007*)
- Work with the City of Winnipeg to establish protected areas^{xiv} (*April 2007*)
- Protect areas on the east side through a new legislative tool^{xv} (*May 2007*)
- Consult with First Nations in drafting the new legislation to protect First Nation traditional lands^{xvi} (*May 2007*)
- Permanently protect the Poplar River protected area^{xvii} (*May 2007*)
- No hydro development will take place on the east side^{xviii} (*May 2007*)
- Work in partnership with First Nations to protect Manitoba’s boreal forest^{xix} (*May 2007*)

Endnotes

ⁱ *Legislative Assembly Proceedings, March 24, 2005* http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/hansard/3rd-38th/vol_26b/h26b.html; *Legislative Assembly Proceedings, May 9, 2005*

http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/hansard/3rd-38th/vol_43/h43.html#con; *Manitoba New Democrat, Interview with Conservation Minister Stan Struthers, Winter 2005*

ⁱⁱ *Manitoba Government – Green and Growing (December 2005)*

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/greenandgrowing/green.pdf>, *Manitoba Government – Seeing Green – Parks, Protected Areas and Recreational Spaces*

http://www.manitoba.ca/seeinggreen/protect/nature/parks_and_areas.html

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid

^{iv} Ibid

^v *Manitoba Government – Climate and Green Initiatives – Climate Change Action - A Priority for Manitobans* <http://www.gov.mb.ca/est/climate/index.html> & *Manitoba Government – Climate and Green Initiatives – Forestry* http://www.gov.mb.ca/est/climate/mb_doing/forestry.html

^{vi} *Government of Manitoba November 16, 2006 Throne Speech*

http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/hansard/5th-38th/vol_01/h01.html#st

^{vii} Ibid, *Manitoba NDP Responses – Manitoba Wildlands March 2007 Provincial Election Survey*

http://manitobawildlands.org/web_docs/election_mb07_NDP.html#parks

^{viii} Ibid

^{ix} *Conservation Minister Stan Struthers – Quoted on CPAWS Manitoba Website* <http://www.cpawsmb.org/>

^x *Manitoba NDP Responses – Manitoba Wildlands March 2007 Provincial Election Survey*

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^{xi} Ibid

^{xii} Ibid

^{xiii} Ibid

^{xiv} *April 4, 2007 Manitoba Budget Address – Protecting Our Environment*

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/budget07/speech/speech16.html>

^{xv} *May 11, 2007 NDP Election Campaign Announcement* <http://manitobawildlands.org/pdfs/NDP-EnvCommts07Elect.pdf>

^{xvi} Ibid

^{xvii} Ibid

^{xviii} *May 17, 2007 NDP Election Campaign Announcement* <http://manitobawildlands.org/pdfs/NDP-EnvCommts07Elect.pdf>

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