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How do We Improve Quality of Life in North Dakota

North Dakota takes pride in being a state that provides citizens with a high quality of life. Wide open spaces, a booming economy, abundant outdoor recreation opportunities, and friendly people are all important aspects of quality of life. If we continually work to improve what people need to make their lives more fulfilling, we will provide additional incentives for people to make North Dakota their home.

But if we don't take advantage of opportunities to improve the standards of health, comfort, and happiness that people desire, then we will always be seen as that desolate, barren, cold state that has little to offer other than winter. If we want people of all ages to desire living in North Dakota we need to put the time, effort, and money into preserving and enhancing our state's valued assets.

Therefore, we need to add flexibility and expand North Dakota's Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) to develop more outdoor recreation opportunities. We can use what other states have done, e.g., Minnesota's Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (see Conservation Note #93) as models for crafting a 21st Century plan that builds on the success of our current Outdoor Heritage Fund. If we enhance our OHF, then we show people we are truly serious about North Dakota's quality of life.

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