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ANTICIPATION

by Kieran Fleming, Executive Director

I love the changing of seasons, and summer to fall is easily my favorite. I start to anticipate it in mid-July. I think we should put more weight on the feeling of anticipation. It includes optimism, joy, and feeling productive. Optimism comes into play at Christmas, graduation, seeing old friends, a goal being reached, the birth of a baby. Compare that to things we see too much of in today's headlines: indignation, fear, pessimism. We can choose to look at these things differently, and we should. It's easy to point to the things many of us love about the fall. For me it's the garden's bounty, hunting with my dog Zeke, and Green Bay Packers football to name just a few. It's interesting what triggers the anticipation for these things: the first fading of the colors of grass and forbs, the smell of dying vegetation, the way the light shines through the trees in the evening, a particularly cool morning in late August. These all send a signal somewhere deep in my brain and true happiness, as I know it anyway, sets in. Interestingly enough, they are all cues from Mother Nature.

Here at LTC, our staff is busy year-round, but summer has an extra element of chaos. Public use of our lands goes way up, translating to a higher stewardship load. More landowners are around, increasing activities with our land and stewardship staff. Most of you, our supporters, are also around, and we take advantage of the opportunity to engage with you and build our relationships. The sound of the "buzz" gets very loud and it can feel overwhelming at times. Like so many of us in this region, this time is when we make our hay, so to speak, and we are happy to do it, grateful for it.

But, when the chaos subsides in late August, I think we all exhale a little. Notice

the juxtaposition of two potentially competing things being true at the same time – we are relieved when it's over yet we are happy while we do it. This is where your LTC team shines. By putting the mission up front and keeping our eyes on the big picture, we all recognize there are times we need to lean in for the mission to be accomplished. Because we wholeheartedly embrace the goal, we are happy to lean in. It feels so good to be a part of this team (which includes all of our members and supporters) and I am very thankful for it.

All of this probably just adds to my anticipation of the fall. I revert to being the kid running to the pond, fishing pole in hand, practically vibrating with excitement. And that is amplified this year because I am checking off a bucket list item with a trip to Alaska in September to hunt moose. That means learning to call moose (yeah, you can call moose, who knew?). The pond may have gotten bigger but the excited kid still shows up as always. Need an example? Well, our Administrative Coordinator, Sarah Gurney, has learned to call moose. Not that she had any choice being within earshot of me for 8 hours each day. Sometimes I wish I wasn't so excitable, and I am certain some of my colleagues do also. But anticipation is powerful. And it is good.

Above all, fall is the perfect time to appreciate the work we do here at LTC. The landscape is about to explode with vibrant colors and subtle hues. The elk will begin to bugle in the Pigeon River Country. A gazillion birds will pass through the Straits as they have done for eons. And here at LTC, we will continue to do what we can in our little corner of the world to help make sure those things always happen. Bring on the fall!

COVER PHOTO BY TODD PARKER

Lasting Gifts

SPOTLIGHT ON ENDOWMENT

You believe in the mission of protecting land. Your generosity makes this work possible. Those who choose to support our endowment with a gift of any size help to ensure the permanence of Little Traverse Conservancy. Below are two funds that help forward our mission.

VERMILION ENDOWMENT FUND

Few places in northern Michigan are so remote and so visited. Vermilion Point Nature Preserve is home to Piping Plovers, world famous rocks (think Yooperlites), and a historic life saving station. The Vermilion Endowment Fund was established in 2020 to ensure the long-term care of this special place. A portion of income earned on the fund each year will be used to forward the overall mission of Little Traverse Conservancy.

ANDREAE-BROWN FAMILY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUND

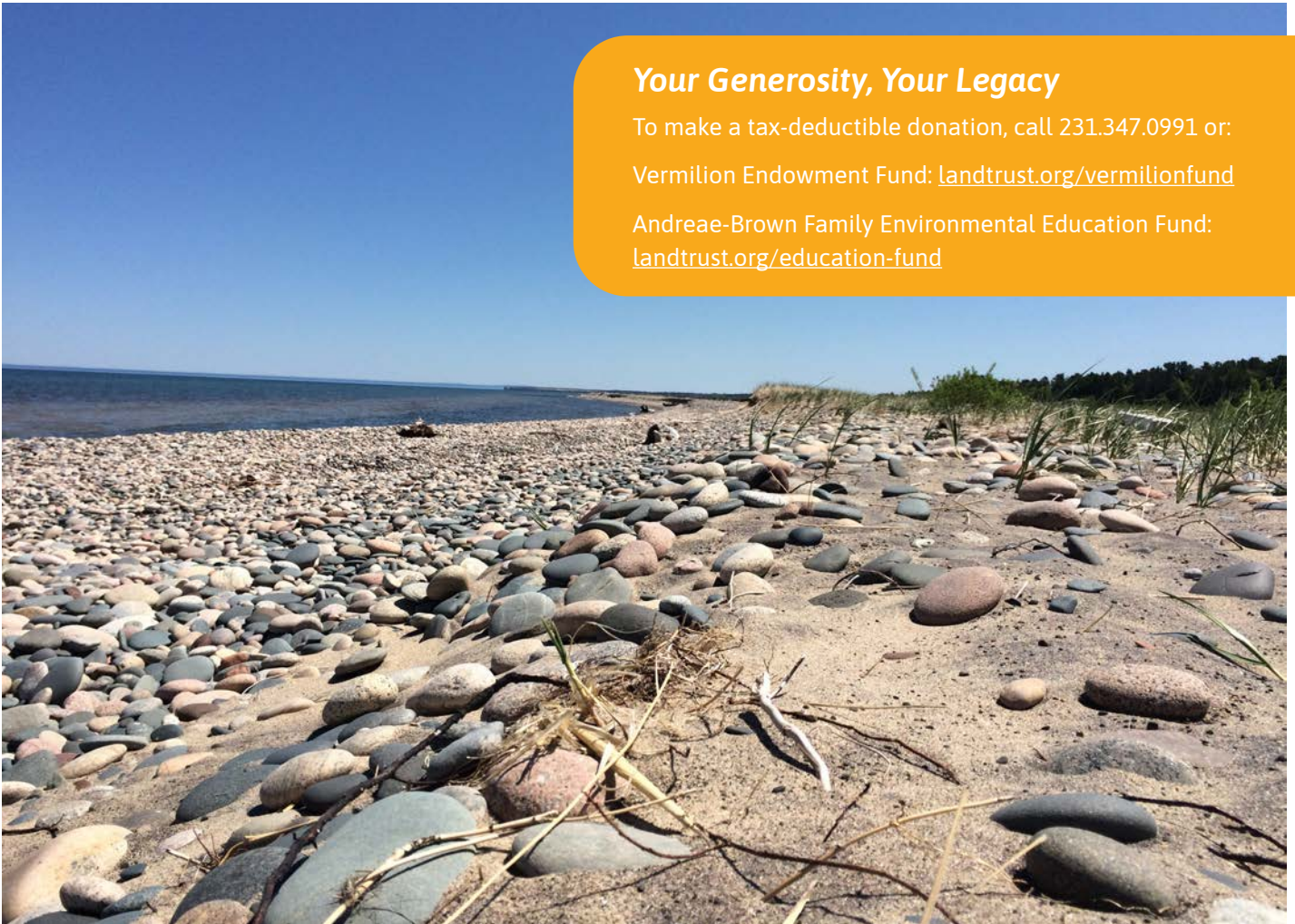
You protect what you love. You invest in what you value. Little Traverse Conservancy's Environmental Education Department teaches children in nature about nature. The Andreae-Brown Family Environmental Education Fund was established in 2019 to ensure this long-term vision. Gifts to this fund will forever be used directly to support our environmental education programs.

Your Generosity, Your Legacy

To make a tax-deductible donation, call 231.347.0991 or:

Vermilion Endowment Fund: landtrust.org/vermilionfund

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LAND YOU PROTECTED


WILDERNESS BAY NATURE PRESERVE

In partnership with Les Cheneaux supporters, the new Wilderness Bay Nature Preserve was created on Marquette Island this past summer. This new preserve encompasses nearly 13 acres and 1,500 feet of rocky Lake Huron frontage towards the end of Cube Point on the northwest tip of the island. It lies nearly adjacent to the existing 42-acre Sheppard Hardy Nature Preserve.

Mostly forested with northern white cedar, balsam fir, white pine, and poplar trees, the Wilderness Bay Nature Preserve features a steep coast that drops sharply to the water. At this time, no trails are planned for this preserve; it will remain an ecological sanctuary.

Wilderness Bay Nature Preserve was made possible by the generous support of George and Alexandra Covington, the Les Cheneaux Foundation, Dan Noyes, the Sheppard Family, the J.A. Woollam Foundation, the Carls Foundation, the Wittmann Family, and several Les Cheneaux area and LTC supporters.

“Our family is thrilled with the success of this opportunity to protect key shoreline habitat, and to preserve part of the scenic entrance to the Les Cheneaux Islands,” said Nancy Sheppard, a third-generation Marquette Island resident.



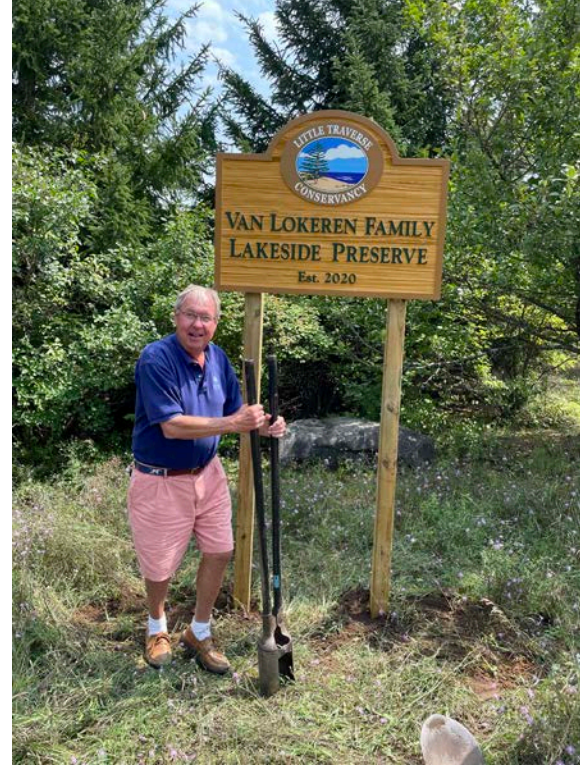
Learn about more land you can help protect in the Les Cheneaux area:
www.landtrust.org/cube-point-marquette-island

Preserves For All

Right: Michael Van Lokeren sets the logo sign in place at the new preserve on Larks Lake named in honor of his family.

Below left: LTC Executive Director Kieran Fleming, Dan Robinson, and State Representative John Damoose at the dedication of the new nature preserve in honor of the Robinson family and all Gold Star families.

Below right: The Donnelly and Kusel families and friends gather at the new preserve donated to LTC in their family's honor.



LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY YOU LOVE

Planned gifts are an impactful way to support land conservation in the future while at the same time providing for your own financial security. There is no better way to ensure conservation of our special landscapes for use and enjoyment today - and for generations to come. Planned giving is not only for the wealthy. Gifts large and small are important. With a planned gift, you will become a Conservancy Legacy Member. To learn more about becoming a Legacy Member or to discuss planned giving options, please contact Ty Ratliff, Associate Director, at 231.344.1005 or tyratliff@landtrust.org.

A LIFE OF PURPOSE

A master electrician, a plane and wooden chair builder, a beekeeper, an avid reader and now a conservationist - all of these words help describe 91-year old Jerry Houts and his life of purpose.

In June, Jerry protected 106 acres of his family's land by donating a conservation easement that will protect it forever. It satisfies his long-held understanding of the intrinsic beauty and happiness we receive when truly living with the land. This understanding can be felt when you observe one of his handmade Adirondack chairs composed of various tree species that combine beauty and function. Jerry harvests and mills his own trees to make lumber.

"My father grew up on Gruler Road in Petoskey and his dad had other pieces of land around there," Jerry explained. "He bought the original 180 acres of our family land when I was one year old and I lived on that land for much of my earlier years except when I was in the Air Force from 1949-52." The Air Force sent Jerry to electronics school and he served during the Korean War. After returning home, he worked on commercial and industrial projects all over Michigan including a stint with the Big Rock Nuclear Plant for 3.5 years. "At that time I worked from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. the last six months. I didn't get much sleep then."

Jerry retired in 1990 from the American Electrical workers. His wife Martha died of cancer at age 65 in 1996 and he never remarried. He did, however, begin to put his endless energy toward passions and projects. He built his own small airplane and once flew a small plane to Alaska. Beekeeping was a 20-year project that he gave up just last year.

Jerry's inspiration for protecting his land came from John and Mary Lou Tanton (John one of LTC's founders) who protected their own Emmet County land with a conservation easement. "There was a development next to me and the owner offered me a lot of money for my land, and I said 'forget it'," Jerry explained. "I knew the only way to stop it was to put it in Conservancy."

The Houts easement is dominated by a northern hardwood forest with approximately 30 acres of pine plantation. Another roughly 30 acres are currently leased for haying. It lies southwest of Petoskey in the Bear River Watershed and not far from other LTC protected lands.



Right: Jerry Houts donated a conservation easement on 106 acres of his family's land in Emmet County. Jerry is pictured here with his grandchildren Holly and Tyler.

If you are curious about conservation easements, please call our office to speak with land protection staff about the ways this conservation tool might work for you.



Interested in Owning Conservation Land?

One of the less known ways that LTC protects land is through the Conservation Investment Program (CIP). This involves purchasing lands specifically for resale subject to a conservation easement. By doing this we are able to protect land at a fraction of the cost of purchasing and owning it as a preserve. This is another great tool for protecting working lands and hunting properties.

The photo below is from a 73-acre parcel on Boyne City East Jordan Road that we have for sale. It has affectionately been named the Red Barn Property after the large barn that lies along the road. The land has many potential future uses including agriculture, equestrian, recreation, hunting, or a country estate. It is quite diverse and provides excellent views from a hill surrounded by apple trees near the center of the property. If you are interested in purchasing this property or learning about other conservation properties for sale, please email joe@landtrust.org.



PHOTO BY TMPETERSEN



Protecting the Heartbeat of Emmet County

1,800 ACRES OF THE PLEASANTVIEW SWAMP PRESERVED FOREVER

A project once described by LTC co-founder Dave Irish as “the highest priority” for the Conservancy came to fruition in late July. We are thrilled to announce the completion of a conservation easement that **permanently protects nearly 1,800 acres in the Maple River Watershed.**

The easement was purchased in large part with a grant from the federal North American Wetlands Conservation Act program and lies along more than four miles of the Maple River. The property also includes several lakes, 1.9 miles along Pleasantview Road, a mile along Robinson Road, and half a mile along Tower Road.

“It is a longtime dream come true for many of us to see this land now protected,” said LTC Executive Director Kieran Fleming. “The significance of protecting the water, the incredible wildlife habitat, the rich diversity of migratory birds, and waterfowl found there and the sheer size of this landscape all amount to an incredible win for conservation,” he added.

The newly-protected land is owned by the Bologna Family, and has been in their family since 1966. “The original parcel was found by my mother and then purchased by my father and three other fellows, with Dad buying out the partners around 1980,” explained John (J.B.) Bologna, who today shares ownership with his three sisters and one brother. “We have always wanted to preserve that land for the animals and for nature,” John explained. “Since

the early 1970s, we have not allowed hunting there. We just stopped it and instead wanted to take care of the animals and to plant fields and keep it for the bears, the deer – for everything.”

John credits his love of the land from time on his grandfather’s farm near Reese, Michigan, starting in 1955. “Back in those days we would raise potatoes and onions, and when I was 9 or 10 years old I would drive a 1946 John Deere tractor. We would gather the onions and my Uncle Dave would bring the truck down to Eastern Market and they would put me in the back and we would sell 25 pounds for 25 cents and 100 pounds for \$1.00.” (See photo in upper right hand corner)

A few years ago, John and his siblings decided it was time to figure out what was going to happen with the land. When the Conservancy approached the family and explained potential benefits for putting a conservation easement on it – including the fact that private ownership would be retained, and that the land could be sold but remain protected – the Bolognas were convinced it was time to make the conservation happen. “God has blessed us and we want to share those blessings by caring for this land,” said John. “Remember, God owns it all in the end!”

“We have some of the best water in the world here with frontage on four lakes,” John said. “And we also have three or four nesting pairs of eagles. We try to leave the beavers alone but sometimes they get crazy and they flood us out

and I made one mistake and won't do it again. I had the beavers trapped and then the water went down. The beavers knew better than I did," he laughs, referring to the futility of efforts to stop the persistent rodent.

"My plans for the land are to grow good apple trees on the highlands and to keep the fields open," said John. "We have planted rye, berries, and trees in some sections to provide food for the birds and other animals. Our neighbors there, the Jureks – Ed Jr. and his son Chris – have been a guiding force in caring for the land, and now their grandson is helping us caretake there."

It is important for all to know that this land is still privately owned and is not open to the public. But when you now look at an Emmet County map and see the Maple River Watershed, take comfort in knowing that a large section of the "ecological heart" of Emmet County through which waters flow to Burt Lake and from there to Lake Huron is now protected.



Uncle Dave Ellen with the market truck.



The Bologna's extended family: Chris, Ed Jr. and Brian Jurek



John Bologna, Sr. (J.B.'s father)



John (J.B.) Bologna, Jr.



Sisters Laura Shepherd, Linda Pascany, Lana Bach, and Eva Ellen Bologna (J.B.'s mother)



Steven Bach, Dave Pascany, Johnny "E.T." Pascany, J.B., Mike Shepherd, and Fred Elias Jr.

MAKING THE MAPLE

Two Brand New Preserves on the Maple River

JOAN AND JOHN HUTTO NATURE PRESERVE

An access point to the Maple River frequently used by anglers and kayakers has been donated to the Conservancy by John and Joan Hutto, and is now known as the Joan and John Hutto Nature Preserve.

"We have had this property close to 20 years," John said. "We like quiet, and on Burt Lake by Maple Bay where we have our home, Joan and I started searching for a getaway from the busy bay where there are so many jet skis and power boats in the summer. So often on Friday night, we will leave the lake and drive seven miles to the cabin and spend the weekend there. We love the quiet of the river and I love to fish in the evening in June and July when you can still see to tie a fly."

John recalls how special the wildlife viewing can be. "In that spot, steelhead come up and there are lots of eagles and osprey. We see Great Blue Heron all of the time. One time I watched a couple of otters fishing and one would fish up the stream and the other would be waiting below and catch the trout coming away from the upstream otter. I watched this go on for about an hour and was fascinated by their teamwork. All of a sudden I heard a car door slam and some anglers came to the stream and the otters disappeared. That night I heard the anglers complain about how poor the fishing was. The otters beat them to it!

"We had heard of the Conservancy's interest to improve access to their lands and particularly for disabled people. We don't use that part of our land, so it made sense to donate it."

Caitlin Donnelly, LTC Director of Land Protection added, "It was a pleasure working with the Huttos to permanently protect this piece of land that has been treasured by so many people who love the Maple and use it as an access point for their river recreation."

LTC AND THE MIGHTY MAPLE WATERSHED

LTC Protected Land = 4,583 acres
LTC Protected Water Frontage = 11.5 miles

Since the beginning of this watershed protection effort in 2018, LTC has more than doubled the amount of land and water frontage protected. ***In total, LTC has protected approximately 5% of the nearly 80,000-acre watershed.***



"The Maple has always emanated a certain charm to which there is no lack of in these sections now reachable from the new LTC preserves. There is also the added benefit of a mixed substrate habitat which is often more desirable than the downstream reaches which are exclusively sandy."

*– Spencer McCormack, local angler
(pictured on cover)*

ACCESSIBLE



40 Acres of Access!

UH-NI-NAH-TIG ZIIBING (MAPLE TREE RIVER) NATURE PRESERVE

Directly adjacent to the Joan and John Hutto Nature Preserve lies the new Uh-ni-nah-tig ziibing Nature Preserve. A popular river access point, the 40-acre preserve is a highly desirable addition to LTC's protection of the Maple River and adds 3,000 feet of Maple River frontage (much of this along both banks of the river).

The preserve was created with funding from the J.A. Woollam Foundation, and foundation staff suggested a partnership with the local tribe to help in naming the preserve. Eric Hemenway, cultural archivist for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and LTC board member, thought up the new name. The new preserve is almost entirely wooded. Upland areas include a mix of rolling hardwoods and upland pine with the river corridor composed of a mix of lowland conifers and northern white cedar. Several ridgelines exist along the river and provide exceptional views.

"This is really an A+ project for our Maple River Initiative," said Joe Graham, Conservancy Land Protection Specialist. "The property brings together conservation, public access, recreation, and scenic protection. There are only so many parcels like this on the river, so each one makes a significant impact," he added.

THE POLLINATORS NEED YOUR HELP!

We've all seen dramatic headlines about the grim prospects for insect biodiversity. They throw around sobering phrases like "The Collapse of Nature" and "The Insect Apocalypse." Sometimes this can feel like too big of a problem to address. In some ways it is. People around the world will need to take action to create and preserve habitat for insects if we are to have any hope of saving them. Habitat loss has been shown to be the main driver behind population declines. We can't solve this problem individually, but there are easy ways everyone can help to reverse the trend toward global insect extinctions.

Little Traverse Conservancy is teaming up with the Pollinator Partnership to help create more habitat for pollinators across northern Michigan. We are blessed with ample resources for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators on our lands. Through seed collection and redistribution, we can create more insect habitat across the state.

We need your help to make this partnership a success! LTC will host seed collection volunteer work days throughout

the fall to collect seed from plants that are essential forage for native pollinators. We will send them to a facility with specialized equipment for seed cleaning, arranged by Project Wingspan, and then the seeds will be awarded to grant recipients in northern Michigan. Participating in this effort puts LTC first in line to receive seeds if we apply for a grant later. If you would like to help with this project, give us a call at 231.347.0991. Once you are registered with the Pollinator Partnership, you can join us on walks through beautiful meadows in the fall as we collect seeds.

Even if you can't participate in our seed collection events, you can still help. We need help finding locations on our preserves that are excellent seed collection sites (see the list of desirable species below), and we could use help preparing seeds for shipment. You can also add pollinator habitat to your yard by incorporating some native plants into your gardens. Visit www.pollinator.org to learn more about planting pollinator friendly gardens!



Help us find these plants on our preserves and reserves!

- Common milkweed
- Poke milkweed
- Buttonbush
- Swamp milkweed
- Butterfly weed
- Oxeye sunflower
- Common evening primrose
- Golden Alexanders
- Black eyed Susan
- Blue vervain
- Jewelweed
- Common boneset
- Grass-leaved goldenrod
- Spotted Joe-pye weed
- Wild bergamont
- Stiff goldenrod
- Smooth blue aster
- New England aster





Dog Days

When the vegetation is up to your knees, how do you find a turtle that is just a few inches off the ground? You employ the help of specially trained dogs whose life ambition is to find as many turtles as possible! This spring LTC hired John Rucker and his team of turtle dogs to help find wood turtles on our preserves. The wood turtle is not federally protected, and for most states in its range it is listed as a species of special concern, which offer varying legal protections. However, it is currently under review by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Surveying our lands for wood turtles helps the government make a fully informed ruling on listing the wood turtle for protections.

The dogs were able to locate a wood turtle at Vivian VanCampen Nature Preserve, and with the help of Bill Parsons, who studies turtle populations for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, we found six more! Now that we have radio antennae attached to several females, next spring we hope to locate a nest before it is eaten by predators. If we can get to it first, we can protect it with a specialized box that keeps predators out but allows baby turtles to leave.

Turtles are also likely to get hit by cars while trying to find a place to lay their eggs. Drive carefully, and if you see a turtle crossing the road, consider helping it if you feel safe. They are stubborn and will try to get where they intend to go even if you put them back in the river, so just help them get to the other side of the road in the direction they were headed.



Above: Volunteers add non-slip grip protection to almost all of the slippery, weathered boardwalk at the Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve.

Below: In just one day, volunteers and LTC staff replaced a failing culvert with a newly-built bridge at the Sally & Art Hailand, Jr./Helstrom Family Nature Preserve Complex.

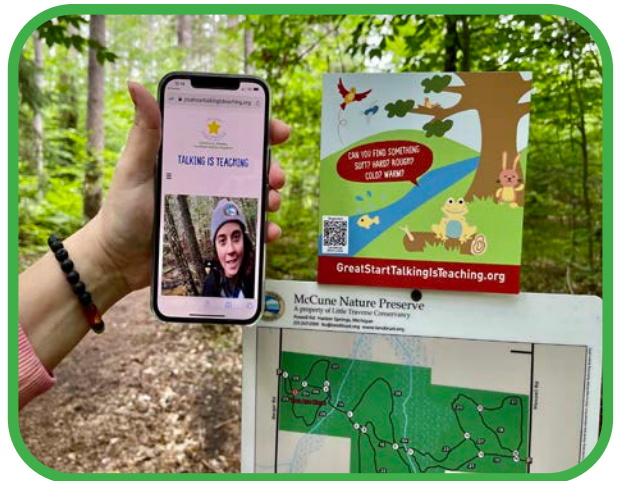


New Preschool Learning Initiative Piloted at McCune Preserve

Talk, read, and sing together while exploring nature! The Great Start Collaborative & Parent Coalition (GSC & GSPC) of Charlevoix, Emmet, and Northern Antrim Counties recently collaborated with Little Traverse Conservancy to promote learning outdoors in a new way.

Piloted at the Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve southeast of Petoskey, a series of colorful and whimsical signs designed to support early learning can now be found at each of the trail intersection posts. Many of the signs include a QR code that leads to a brief informational video that encourages exploration right where the visitor and their child are standing. Topics vary from how the nature trail changes each season to looking for insects. The information brims with ways to learn while exploring the beauty of nature!

"This initiative already has a beautiful intention, but if we can elevate the power of literacy to include learning about our natural world and encourage people to be healthy outdoors, that's even better," said Conservancy Director of Education Sarah Mayhew. "We're excited to grow this partnership and offerings at additional nature preserves throughout our region." For more information, visit www.greatstarttalkingisteaching.org and scroll down to Community Projects.



LET'S LEARN OUTSIDE!

FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Our normal K-12 outdoor programs are available again starting this fall. We understand that schools are still facing uncertainty regarding off-campus programming. Whether you're a teacher or a homeschooler, we invite you to bring your students outside with us for free! Programs begin September 13. To learn more about our offerings, visit www.landtrust.org/seasonal-programs or contact Sarah Mayhew: 231.344.1018 or sarah@landtrust.org.



We are grateful for you!

Tatem Phelps for weed whipping at The Hill Nature Preserve.

Northwoods Area Narcotics Anonymous volunteers for completing work projects at the Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve Cabin.

Bier's Inwood Brewery for donating their venue and tent for our volunteer appreciation event.

Bear Creek Organic Farm for discounted perennial pollinator plants.

Jim Palmer for pulling invasive spotted knapweed at Kalman Nature Preserve.

Mike Geary for helping irrigate the Offield Family Viewlands lawn.

Mark Clymer, Tim DeWick, and John Griffin for boat rides to Marquette Island.

Jeannine Palms and Dale Petty for preserve monitoring in Chippewa County.

Frank and Dana D'Andraia for replacing a damaged fence at the George and Althea Petritz Nature Preserve and for hosting a gathering at their home for LTC supporters.

John Ottimer for maintaining and clearing the Aldo Leopold trail.

Wequetonsing summer camp staff and campers for clearing the trail at the Round Lake Nature Preserve.

Preserve Perfectionists of the Thursday Work Day Crew: **John Baker, Julie and Patrick Dougherty, Dan Dueweke, Chris Ford, John Esser, Richard Jenkins, Richard Lord, Glen Matthews, Peri McGuiness, Sue McLain, Mary Merrill, Tom Rowland, Stan Royalty, Mark and Henry Seymour, Kathy and Dan Wassman, and Peggy Swenor** for helping with EVERYTHING this summer!

Fritz Duda for trail clearing at the Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve.

CT Martin for helping re-install the Oyster Bay Nature Preserve logo sign.

Volunteer trail and parking area mowers **Les Arnold, Gary High, Nils Lindwall, Bill Olstrom, Stan Royalty, Scott Smith, Dan Wassman, and Pat Wilson.**

Bill Courtois, Mary Jane Clayton, Frank D'Andraia, Hannah D'Angelo, and Mary Merrill for trail camera maintenance and counting.

Bier's Inwood Brewery and Cheboygan Brewing Company for co-hosting Hike & Hops events.

Pam Grassmick and husband Brad for fixing flat tires on the LTC/Beaver Island van. Thanks to Pam also for coordinating a location for the summer committee meeting.

Beth Leuck for representing LTC at a Labor Day event at the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve.

Todd Parker and Todd Petersen for amazing summer photography projects.

Hessel Schoolhouse and Kerri Smith for hosting our Les Cheneaux gathering and **Dave and Carol Murray** for assistance.

Spencer McCormack for helping with the Maple River fishing photo shoot.

Ed Davis for assisting with the summer fly fishing program.

BioBlitz foray leaders and supporters **Richard Jenkins and Glen Matthews, and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council** interns **Evan Joneson and Sophie Goodnough.**

Bill Henne, Rob Reynolds, Craig Williams, and Paul Zardus for keeping the Nathan "Barry" Driggers Memorial Nature Preserve trailhead looking welcoming and accessible.

THANKS, JULIA!

Julia Holloway joined Little Traverse Conservancy for the summer as an intern from Austin College. She is entering her final year of college and is double majoring in Environmental Studies and Economics with a minor in East Asian Studies. She hopes to work one day in sustainability.

Raised in Texas her whole life, Julia had never visited Michigan before. After seeing all that northern Michigan has to offer, she's looking forward to visiting again. In her free time, you can find her listening to music, doing a jigsaw puzzle, or playing the trumpet.



SAVE THE TREES 2021



IMAGES BY THE WANDERING FAWN PHOTOGRAPHY

YOU saved trees! You joined us at the event or supported from afar knowing that your gifts would help protect land in northern Michigan. Nearly 200 families and businesses joined us in July for the 32nd annual Save the Trees. Our first-ever sold out event! Your support helped plant over 10,000 trees in Emmet County, including 7,000 at the Offield Family Viewlands (where the event was held). Thank you!!

Save the Trees Committee Chairs: Seth and Consie Pierpont

**Denotes Committee members*

SUGAR MAPLE - \$10,000+

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The following gifts were given between May 11 and August 11, 2021.

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Gentle George Jury

With a sparkle in his eye and always an engaging smile, George Jury epitomized the conservation gentleman to those of us who knew him here at the Conservancy. George passed on June 15 at the age of 92.

"We greatly mourn the loss of this sweet soul who founded the Greenwood Foundation and protected his beloved and magnificent 1,800-acre property with a conservation easement," said LTC Associate Director, Ty Ratliff. "George Jury simply loved his land and the wild things that lived there, and he took the steps to ensure they were cared for forever."

In addition to protecting his land, George regularly shared Greenwood for field trips and outings sponsored by the foundation and the Conservancy. Often led by Ratliff, Greenwood, located just east of Wolverine, seasonally opens its gates for a winter ski or snowshoe or a fall elk bugling expedition. Plans are for these activities to continue.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the following new members who joined between May 11 and August 10, 2021.

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2021 FALL FIELD TRIPS

Events are offered at no charge, but registration is required by calling 231.347.0991 or online at www.landtrust.org/events.

CRANBERRY PICKING AT VERMILION POINT

Saturday, September 25 / 10:30am - 1:30pm
Vermilion Point Nature Preserve, Paradise

Early fall is a beautiful time to visit Vermilion. With luck, there will be blue skies, warm water, peak fall color, and no bugs. Tom Allan, who lived at Vermilion Point for eight years, will lead a cranberry picking adventure. He'll cover the history of the old cranberry farm and life-saving station as well as wetland and interdunal ecology. Bring your own bucket to fill!

HIKE & HOPS WITH BIER'S INWOOD BREWERY

Thursday, September 30 / 5:30 - 7:00pm
Elizabeth B. Hoffmann Nature Preserve, Charlevoix

Join us for round two of Hike & Hops with LTC staff and Bier's Inwood Brewery. The 1.5-mile trail traverses through a mix of apple orchards, woods, and farm fields, and follows a section of the beautiful Inwood Creek. After the hike, we'll gather at the brewery for drinks and pizza! Please park at the brewery.

ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP FOR HABITAT REVITALIZATION

Thursday, September 30 / 5:30pm
Jack and Tucker Harris Working Forest Reserve, Afton

Explore this reserve with Derek Shiels, LTC Director of Stewardship, for a Straits Area Audubon Society field trip to learn about LTC's active land conservation efforts. This magnificent property encompasses 640 acres with 1,500 feet along the Pigeon River and over a mile along Wilkes Creek.

PADDLING LARKS LAKE AT THE VANLOKEREN PRESERVE

Thursday, September 30 / 6:00pm
VanLokeren Family Lakeside Preserve, Larks Lake

Discover this new nature preserve located along the southwest shore of Larks Lake in northern Emmet County as the autumn colors make for a beautiful backdrop. This will be a casual paddle and weather dependent. Directions will be sent after you register.

MINDFUL MOVEMENT & NATURE WANDER

Saturday, October 2 / 10:00am - Noon
Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

Join Caitlin Ludlow - an embodied movement and mindfulness teacher - for a forest bathing experience. We will focus our attention on our senses and the other-than-human world as a way of reducing stress and regulating our nervous systems. We will be moving slowly on relatively flat terrain. Bring layers, water and snacks.

AUTUMN STARGAZING WITH MARY STEWART ADAMS

Saturday, October 9 / 7:00 - 8:30pm
Offield Family Viewlands Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

The Offield Family Viewlands is beautiful any season, and in Autumn, it's spectacular. Join Mary Stewart Adams for an evening program in which the twilight mood of the day matches the twilight mood of the season. Bring something to sit on, dress in layers, arrive early to catch the breathtaking colors of the day, and then settle in for the stories of the night.

FALL HIKE AT GREENWOOD FOUNDATION

Saturday, October 23 / 10:00am - Noon
Riverview Cabin/MacAndrews Lake location, Wolverine

The Greenwood Foundation is one of the largest privately-owned northern Michigan properties protected with a conservation easement. Join Conservancy staff to hike rolling trails along the Little Pigeon River and MacAndrews Lake. We'll keep our eyes and ears open for migratory birds, wild turkeys and elk. Directions will be sent after you register.

LANTERN MOONLIGHT WALK WITH MARY STEWART ADAMS

Saturday, November 13 / 5:00 - 7:30pm
Offield Family Viewlands Working Forest Reserve, Harbor Springs

Each November, tradition turns toward honoring loved ones who have died, and to lighting up the mysteries of the night with our own inner light. We'll follow the centuries-old tradition of taking a lantern walk through the woods with stories of St. Martin, the Lion's Meteor Shower (which peaks later in the month), and the Autumn constellations that call forth such tales.