



Conservation Easement LANDOWNER NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



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Spring is here, northern Michigan style! Every spring, we connect with you and all landowners whose land has been protected with a conservation easement. Your protected land contributes to the vital goal of ensuring that some of our lakeshores, forests, meadows, beautiful scenery, and habitats for wildlife will endure. In 2022, Little Traverse Conservancy added 6 conservation easements to our easement profile (see totals below). Thank you for all you do to care for this beautiful region.

2023 Annual Site Visits

Site visits will be conducted in one or more of the following ways, depending on the location, size, last ground visit date, and extent of changes on the property:

- Remote/satellite imagery may be used year round, with a preference during leaf-off/early spring and late fall (*sample photo right*); or
- Site visits via ground or drone may occur throughout the year during regular business hours.

If you or your representative would like to accompany staff during the visit or to make other special arrangements, simply call or email Melissa: 231.344.1004 or melissa@landtrust.org.



Remote satellite imaging is a cost effective way to monitor both nature preserves and conservation easements. Above is an image used to monitor the Round Island Point Nature Preserve near Brimley.

Conservation Easements by County as of March 2023

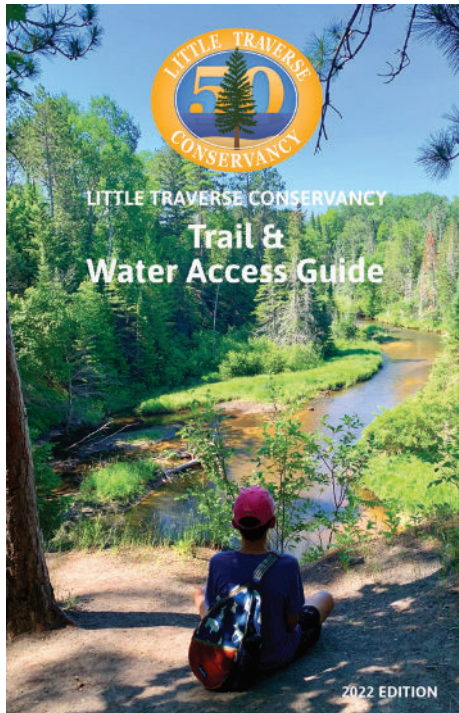
County	# Easements	Acres
Charlevoix	82	4291
Cheboygan	69	10,097
Chippewa & Luce	22	4,558
Emmet	131	7,860
Mackinaw	19	1,070
TOTAL	323	27,876

How many LTC preserves and reserves have you visited?

While conservation easements are a large part of our land protection portfolio, Little Traverse Conservancy has also protected almost the same amount of acreage through the ownership and management of nature preserves and working forest reserves.

LTC preserves and reserves are open to the public for a variety of recreational opportunities.

You can learn more by visiting www.landtrust.org/explore.



All members receive the Trail & Water Access Guide.

Bird Houses Available!



Thanks to volunteer Mike Kostal, the Conservancy now owns a wonderful collection of upcycled bluebird and wren houses Mike has constructed with remnants from his family's construction business. Please let us know if you would like one for your land (at no cost). Call Melissa or Cacia at 231.347.0991

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Let's Stay Updated!

*Please help us help your land.
Contact us if:*

- *there is a change of ownership of your conservation easement property,*
- *you plan on exercising reserved rights requiring pre-approval or notification,*
- *your contact information changes, or*
- *you have any questions.*

***Additional land management information is found at
www.landtrust.org/landowner-resources/additional-resources***

Want to know more about invasive species? *Local resources are available!*

If you are looking for information on invasive species, your local CISMA (cooperative invasive species management area) is a great resource. They provide assistance with identification, treatment recommendations, and sometimes they can help to do the removal work for you. The resources available will vary year to year and differ depending on which CISMA service area you are in, so reach out and ask how they can help you to manage your property for better ecological health! CISMAs by county: CAKE CISMA: Charlevoix and Emmet; Huron Pines: Cheboygan; Three Shores CISMA: Mackinac and Chippewa.