



News Release

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Averill Preserve Expansion



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The Little Forks Conservancy is pleased to announce the purchase of a 31-acre property adjacent to its Averill Preserve. The acquisition of this parcel will expand the Conservancy's protected riverfront in Averill to over one mile, including adjacent floodplain along the Tittabawassee River five miles northwest of the City of Midland.

According to LFC Land Protection Specialist Elan Lipschitz, "This property is a key addition to the Averill Preserve that will benefit the land and the local community. Over 1,250 feet of scenic Tittabawassee River shoreline, and more than 1,500 feet of Averill creek will be permanently protected. Also, an additional twenty acres

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of critical floodplain will be preserved."

The addition of one-quarter mile of forested landscape along the Pere-Marquette Rail Trail increases the Conservancy's trail frontage to over three-quarters of a mile. LFC will protect this natural buffer that provides trail users with a quality recreational experience and an opportunity to view wildlife.

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