



Cedar River Conservation Easement Purchase Program

Protecting Land Preserving Water Quality

We each play a role in safeguarding our region's precious natural resources. You can help conserve and protect one of our most important natural resources – the Cedar River watershed.



The Little Forks Conservancy is seeking landowners who wish to permanently protect the valuable water resources found on their land in the Cedar River watershed. Through a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the Conservancy has a limited amount of grant funds to purchase conservation easements.

The goals of the program

The purpose of the grant is to conserve lands that benefit the region's water quality. The use of conservation easements will protect sensitive shoreline by limiting disturbance of soil, fragmentation of habitat, removal of vegetation and the placement of impervious surfaces.

The grant process

Landowners with properties located in the Cedar River watershed may qualify for grant funding through this program. Properties should contain frontage on rivers, streams, or lakes and/or significant wetlands. Each property will be evaluated by the Conservancy's land protection staff to determine if it meets the program criteria.

To learn more about this program or to see if your property qualifies, contact:

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What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement between a private landowner and a qualified organization, such as The Little Forks Conservancy, that permanently protects the valuable natural resources on the property.

The conservation easement limits some uses of the property in order to protect its resources. These restrictions are designed to meet the landowner's specific needs while conserving and protecting the resources of the land.

There are some important things to consider when deciding if a conservation easement is right for your land.

- Land protected with a conservation easement remains your private property.*
- We will work with you to determine the terms of the conservation easement to meet your goals and objectives for the land.*
- Conservation easements are permanent legal agreements recorded with the county Register of Deeds.*

The Little Forks Conservancy

is a non-profit organization that works to protect lands with natural and cultural resources that add to the quality of life in our community.