

THE LITTLE FORKS CONSERVANCY



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Preserve Today, Ensure Tomorrow

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Riverview Natural Area Fundraising Complete. Loans Paid Off Early!

Nestled along nearly two miles of the Tittabawassee River in Midland County, there are 419 acres of beautiful, undeveloped land now protected forever. In the spring, the sounds of spring peepers, tree frogs and chorus frogs fill the forest. The high bank provides expansive views of the Tittabawassee River. As you walk along the river, you can spot bald eagles flying past on the hunt for prey. The forest floor blooms with wildflowers like white trillium, trout lilies and Dutchmen's breeches.

These are just a few of the things you can find within the 419 acres of The Little Forks Conservancy's Riverview Natural Area. In 2008, The Little Forks Conservancy launched a campaign to purchase, own and manage the properties that make up Riverview. The total project cost would be \$1.5 million.

"It was certainly an

ambitious undertaking," said Douglas L. Koop, the Conservancy's executive director. "But these properties are the best representation of what we work to protect. When we talk about protecting shoreline, it's there. When we talk about wetlands, wildlife habitat, forests and farmland – it has those, too."

The Conservancy closed on the purchase of the two properties that consist of 300 acres of mature woods and 119 acres of productive farmland in December 2008 with funding from the Great Lakes Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Conservation Fund out of Arlington, VA.

Fundraising over nearly three years saw individual donors contribute more than \$213,000 toward the purchase with foundations and corporations supplying the bulk of funding. With the exception of a \$75,000 grant through the



Thanks to a generous grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Conservancy has completed fundraising for the 419-acre nature preserve.

North America Wetlands Conservation Act program, the balance of funds was provided by private sources. The staff and Board of Directors of The Little Forks Conservancy contributed more than \$100,000 themselves to make this project successful.

"I cannot understate the incredible contributions made by the private sector to preserve the amazing natural resources found at Riverview Natural Area for the public benefit," said Koop. "Yet with all our success, we were still a little short of our goal."

At the beginning of this year, \$350,000 was left to be raised.

"We knew this was going to be the deciding year," said Koop. "We were optimistic that we would find some way to keep the new preserve intact."

The Conservancy found the way to retain all 419 acres thanks to a generous grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation. This April, the Foundation awarded the Conservancy the \$350,000 needed to complete the acquisition.

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OUR MISSION:

The Little Forks Conservancy permanently protects land with natural and cultural resources that add to the quality of life in our community.

Summer preserve projects underway



Volunteers have been very busy working at our nature preserves this spring and summer. We are grateful to our friends who help us maintain our properties and enhance the natural features of our preserves. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office at (989) 835-4886 or e-mail info@littleforks.org. Here is a brief update on what we have been up to:

Averill Preserve:

1. Glenn Sanford, co-leader of our Tuesday Afternoon Stewardship Team, removes invasive autumn olive along a trail. The Team's focus is removing invasive species such as spotted knapweed and working to keep the area a mix of grasses and wildflowers.
2. This spring we have replanted the planting box to native grasses and wildflowers. A big thanks to Ed Elliott, co-leader of our Tuesday Afternoon Stewardship Team, for donation of seeds to plant. We have also planted plugs of native grasses and wildflowers.
3. This preserve recognition sign has been installed in the overlook area recognizing the Midland Area Community Foundation, Midland County Parks and the Conservancy for working together to protect this wonderful property and preserve the history of the land.
4. Eagle Scout Candidate Spencer O'Hare (pictured)

and his scout troop removed the old fence at the overlook area and rebuilt a new fence in its place.

5. The L and B Drain (pictured) is one of many areas at Averill that were planted with trees thanks to a donation of 200 hybrid aspens and willows by Dow Corning Corporation. Thanks to Suzannah Koop, Wagner Koop, Jonathan Jarosz, Margaret Clark and Glenn Sanford for helping to plant these trees.

Riverview Natural Area:

6. The Conservancy has enrolled this 150 foot wide strip of farmland along the Tittabawassee River into the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). We are in the process of planting native grasses which will work to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. We have future habitat restoration projects planned for later in the summer including repairing erosion along the riverbank.
7. Thanks to a donation of native prairie grasses from the Chippewa Nature Center this spring and several flats of plants from the Freeland Prison Native Plant program last fall, we were able to enhance our new parking area along Wheeler Road in Midland County. We are excited to see the wildflowers and sedges that come up this summer.



Project Partners

-1999-

- Don Blades, 274 acres

-2000-

- Hugh & Eileen Starks, 40 acres
- Borys & Lubo Zura, 44 acres

-2001-

- William H. Meek, 75 acres
- Glenn & Carol Sanford, 20 acres

-2003-

- Ceo Bauer, 236 acres
- The Midland Area Community Foundation, 41.5 acres
- Nancy Steiner, 9.8 acres

-2004-

- Phil & Janet Hehnl, 5 acres
- Dr. Kyung-Sik Ahn, 31 acres
- Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, 39 acres
- George & Sue Lane, 191 acres

-2005-

- Ceo Bauer, 78 acres
- Scott & Kathryn Whalen, 119 acres

-2006-

- Blanche Stark, 79 acres
- Shellenbarger Land Company, 80 acres

-2007-

- David & Anna Spencer, 154.5 acres
- Norman & Patricia Engel, 190 acres
- George & Sue Lane, 80 acres
- Robert & Susan Piesko, 140 acres
- Richard & Kathy Shellenbarger, 73.4 acres
- Jon & Elizabeth Ringelberg, 70 acres
- Gerald & Pamela Schmiedicke, 80 acres
- Elizabeth Levi, 8.5 acres

-2008-

- Robin & Ardith Arbury, 219 acres
- L. Charles Christensen, 200 acres

-2010-

- Robert & Cheryl Duda, 24 acres
- Michael and Kathy Helmick, 30 acres

-2011-

- The Hubert Family, 40 acres

Opinion: Are we protecting Pure Michigan?

By Douglas Koop
Executive Director

We have tremendous opportunities to explore the natural environment in Michigan. We have some of the cleanest lakes, rivers and beaches in the country. Our forests are once again extensive. Wildlife is abundant. Our air is fresh. Our farms produce a diversity of crops second only to California. And much of it is easily accessible to the public. As the current promotional campaign espouses, it is "Pure Michigan."

As the Michigan economy rebounds, more pressure will be placed on the natural resources of our state. New laws are being passed to make the public resources more accessible to business and industry. Budgets are being passed that continue to reduce the capabilities of professional public employees to manage

our resources in a sustainable manner.

Just as the timber barons were short sighted in their management of the pre-settlement forests, we seem to be heading down the same path.

Natural resources form the base of all life and enhance the quality of our life. They are also the building blocks of our economy. Tourism and agriculture bring in billions of dollars of revenue for this state. Failure to protect the resources that support these industries is short sighted. Poorly maintained public lands, poorly managed forests, failure to prevent lakes and streams from becoming polluted, or failure to restore degraded landscapes may save money in the short run but it will reduce the future value of



these resources.

Just as we must maintain our homes to retain and increase value, so too must we invest in our public and privately held natural resources. While stewardship of the land and water requires spending, preventing damage to the resources often requires regulation.

Yet, spending is being cut and regulations are being relaxed. With the two biggest segments of our economy being based on our natural resources, the calls to gut programs and the aversion to pay more to improve and promote these two industries seems counter-productive.

Michigan already ranks last in the country on what we spend on conservation. Doing less to protect and maintain the greatest freshwater ecosystem in the world just doesn't make good sense.

Riverview, continued

"We are incredibly grateful for the grant by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation that helps us complete this wonderful project," said Geoffry Kusch, president of the Conservancy when the project began. "Besides their direct grant award for Riverview, their support over the years has given us the capacity to complete

many significant projects."

The Conservancy is now turning its attention to preparing Riverview Natural Area for the public. The Conservancy has already begun laying out trails and offering guided visits to the property. In late 2010, a separate grant from Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation allowed the Conservancy to install

a parking area at the preserve. The Conservancy will work this summer to build trails from the new parking area to the existing trails. A formal dedication of Riverview Natural Area is planned for this fall.

For more information or directions to Riverview Natural Area, visit our website at www.littleforks.org.

2010 Annual Report

By Eric Brubaker, president of Little Forks Conservancy.

I am pleased to submit my President's Annual Report on the activities of the Conservancy in 2010. As we grew closer to completing the fundraising for Riverview Natural Area, it felt good to see the organization return to activities that were much more "normal."

First, I want to acknowledge that the board of directors again provided countless hours of volunteer time toward meeting the mission of the Conservancy. The time spent at board meetings, committee meetings, events and in workshops shows that each of us brings a passion for land conservation that is needed to have a successful organization.

In 2010 we welcomed Dan Rader, who replaced Brad Fedorchak on the Board of Directors. We also welcomed Jill Gushow and said good-bye to long time board member Dan Cline. Both Brad and Dan provided the Conservancy with valuable service. While Brad has relocated to Texas, Dan continues to be involved in LFC activities.

We were also fortunate to be assisted in 2010 by the hard work and dedica-

tion of many volunteers. In particular I want to recognize Ed Elliott and Glenn Sanford who continue to volunteer their time on most Tuesdays at the Averill Preserve clearing trails and removing autumn olive. While they had occasional help from other volunteers they did a lion's share of the work.

At the office, we were joined by volunteer Anna Baumgras, an environmental attorney. Anna generously provided hours of her time to help us with project research and mailings.

The Conservancy was active in all aspects of our land program in 2010. We accepted donations of two conservation easements, completed all of our annual monitoring, and started preparing Riverview Natural Area for public access.

The first conservation easement, from the Duda Family, protects 24 acres of land in the Cedar River watershed along a tributary that feeds Wiggins Lake. The Dudas have vacationed there, albeit in a rustic manner, for over 25 years. Their little piece of northern Michigan land will now be protected forever.

The second project was a donated conservation easement by the Helmick



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support and Revenue

Grants and contributions	\$ 158,885
Investment income	2,119
Change in value of beneficial interest	18,813
Net assets released from restrictions	
-For specific purposes	498,856
-Time restrictions expired	<u>0</u>

Total support and revenue

678,673

Expenses

Conservation program	281,146
Administration	56,725
Fundraising	<u>24,437</u>

Total expenses

362,308

Change in unrestricted net assets

316,365

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support and revenue (grants and contributions)

Restricted for specific purposes	185,423
Change in value of beneficial interest	32,491
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(498,856)</u>

Change in temporarily restricted net assets

(280,942)

Change in net assets

35,423

Net assets at beginning of year

1,937,034

Net assets at end of year

\$ 1,972,457

Family. The Helmicks own 35 acres of land in northern Clare County adjacent to the 141 acre Piesko property that we protected in 2008. This project was also important because we were able to expand protection of an area previously placed under conservation easement.

Even with the demands of completing these two land projects, we met all of the ongoing obligations created through the completion of land projects. We

monitored all 21 conservation easements and I am pleased to report that there were no violations. Several landowners conducted activities on their property which needed Conservancy review and approval and staff was able to comply with the requests in a timely manner.

Activity to prepare the Riverview Natural Area for increased public access continued. A significant step forward was made

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2010 Annual Report, continued

thanks to a grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation to fund stewardship activities in 2010. Because of this grant, we were able to construct a parking area off Wheeler Road and place a preserve sign thus creating our own, exclusive entrance to the property. Elan did a stellar job of overseeing the construction phase with contractor Jim Bluemer.

While fundraising continued to be a struggle, by the end of the year I believe we are in a more stable and encouraging environment. We were successful again in conducting many mini-fundraisers including a garage sale, parking for a

Loons game, movie nights at Dow Gardens and selling maple syrup from our East Dover Road conservation easement properties. We also held our fourth successful fundraising event at Dow Diamond with proceeds going to build our defense fund. Our endowment continued to come back as the market improved. We ended the year with just under \$3 million of endowed funds, which is crucial to the sustainability of the Conservancy.

Fundraising continued for Riverview Natural Area. We held a second successful Green Tie Gala. We paid off the Arbury mortgage prior to that event and by

the year end had reduced our outstanding balance for the Christensen mortgage to just over \$350,000. One grant of note for the year was the \$25,000 challenge grant issued by the Carls Foundation out of Detroit. We met the challenge in part with a \$10,000 contribution from The Dow Chemical Company which was added to their prior \$200,000 pledge toward the project.

Finally, the Conservancy celebrated a significant milestone in 2010. In the

fall the staff was able to travel to Hartford, CT, to attend Rally where the Conservancy was recognized for achieving accreditation. Joelle coordinated the application over the year-long process. After several hundred hours of preparing the application, adopting final revisions to our policies and demonstrating to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission that we follow our policies and procedures, the Conservancy joined the first 105 land trusts in the country to become accredited.



Save the Date

Cool Critters at Averill Preserve

Denny Brooks (pictured right) uses a net to capture insects on our recent bug exploration hike.



Photos by Jill Gushow

Noah and Sydney Reuter-Gushow (above) check out a dragonfly that was captured by leader Denny Brooks during our bug exploration hike. Everyone had a great time learning about the creatures that call Averill home.

Dow Gardens Outdoor Movie Night

July 29 • August 26

Bring your lawnchair and enjoy an outdoor movie under the stars at Dow Gardens! The Conservancy will be there selling concessions to benefit land conservation. Watch our website for more information.

Admission: \$5 for Adults. Free for Dow Gardens season passholders.

Food Fun & Fireworks

August 2 • 6 p.m.

The Little Forks Conservancy's annual fundraiser at Dow Diamond is back and better than ever. Proceeds benefit the Defense Fund. See the back page for more details.

Admission: \$50 per person.

Exploring the North Trails at Riverview

August 24 • 9:30 a.m.

There is a lot to discover in the dense forest of Riverview Natural Area. Karen Breternitz of Chippewa Nature Center will be your guide as we explore Riverview's north trails. Bring your camera for a slow and easy 1.5 mile hike. We will meet at the parking area on Wheeler Road and caravan to the northern trails. Directions to Riverview Natural Area can be found on our website www.littleforks.org. Admission: Free.

To register or find out more information about these events, visit our website at www.littleforks.org or contact our office at 989-835-4886.

Riverview

In preparation for the recognition sign that will be placed on site at Riverview Natural Area, we are asking all of our donors to the project to review their names. Please check the list below for your name and contact us if this is not how you wish to be listed. Final corrections must be made by August 15, 2011.

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In Memory of Jonathon B. Walter:
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Food



Fun



Fireworks

Tuesday, August 2 • 6 p.m. • Dow Diamond

Join us at Dow Diamond for a night of Food, Fun and Fireworks! This annual fundraiser begins at 6 p.m. with a delicious buffet before the Great Lakes Loons take the field against the Lake County Captains. Enjoy the view from Lasorda's Landing, a covered patio on the suite level. After the game, stick around as fireworks fill the sky!

Tickets: \$50 per person

Call 989-835-4886 to reserve your seats today!

Food, Fun & Fireworks

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I would like to reserve _____ seat(s) at \$50 per person.
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Please register by July 26, 2011

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