

# Nature News



Quarterly Newsletter of the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy

Winter 2014

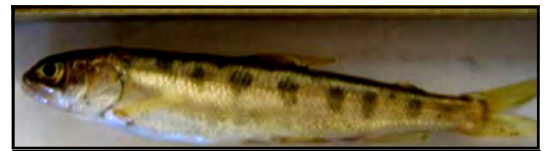


## Good News!

Forget the economy, the jobless rate, health care snafus, winter weather and all the other doom and gloom we've been hearing. Take a deep breath, sit back and relax and we'll focus on a few of the good things that happened in 2013.

### Lake Trout Recovering After 40 Years Of Effort

A fish that almost went extinct in the Great Lakes is on its way to a full recovery in Lake Huron. Lake trout are suddenly doing what biologists have been trying to get them to do for more than 40 years: make babies.



Young lake trout taken from Thunder Bay



Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

### Belle Isle Remake

Belle Isle will become Michigan's 102nd state park. More than 40 organizations, including the Belle Isle Conservancy, pledged their commitments to help revitalize the historic island park.

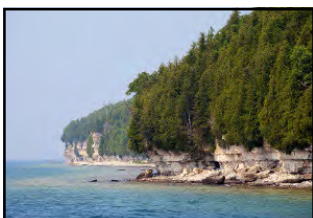
### Green Turtle Recovery

The Green turtle population nesting in Florida and up the east coast gives hope for the recovery of this endangered species. Numbers are on the rise and it's now the fastest growing colony in the world. One of the reasons for this amazing increase is the establishment of the Carr Refuge in Florida. It's just a 20-mile stretch, but it's been crucial for the turtles' revival. Lesson learned: Preserving land makes a difference to wildlife.



### New Fracking Regulations

The Department of Environmental Quality has listened to public concern about the safety of fracking and is proposing new requirements for companies doing high-volume fracking. Changes focus on water withdrawal assessment and monitoring, water quality sampling, more monitoring and reporting and chemical additive disclosure. Visit the DEQ's web site at [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) for details.



### St. Martin Island Protected

The Nature Conservancy bought most of an uninhabited Lake Michigan island that is a crucial stopover for migratory birds, assuring that it will remain undeveloped and protected. Millions of sparrows, warblers and other species stop on the island to rest and feed during spring and fall migrations. The island will be turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be added to the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

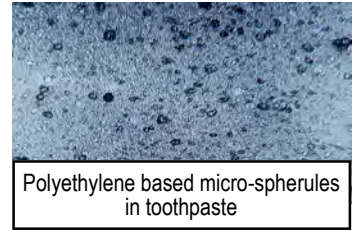
continued next page



Good News continued...

### Companies Phase Out Plastics

Plastic particles from facial scrubs and toothpaste are threatening our marine environment. Everyone agrees the best way to avoid environmental damage from plastics is to keep them out of the water in the first place. Thanks go to Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson who have announced phase-out plans. L'Oreal says it won't develop any new products with micro-beads.



Wild rice - sign of a healthy ecosystem

### Arcadia Marsh Restoration

Arcadia Marsh, home to one of the Great Lakes' rarest ecosystems, was finally restored to health after decades of deterioration through the efforts of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. The 155-acre parcel had been under siege by invasive species and degraded by human activity dating as far back as the late 1800s. Coastal marshes are crucial to the Great Lakes' health—they're as productive as tropical rainforests when it comes to biomass per acre—so saving Arcadia Marsh, one of just 17 remaining coastal marshes on the eastern side of Lake Michigan, was imperative.

### In Remembrance



We take a moment to remember two of our long-time supporters. Richard Loughmiller passed away in October. Richard served as our chair in the early years. He was the first member of the Perpetual Preservation Bequest Society for members remembering the land

conservancy in their wills. "I love our natural heritage in northern Michigan. When I made my estate plan, I want to help preserve that heritage for my grand-children and my grandchildren's grandchildren," he said.



In December, Victoria Rock passed away. She and her husband George were founders and great supporters of CALC. They donated the Waldeck Island Preserve on Stone Ledge Lake to CALC and put their family farm in an easement. Vickie worked tirelessly beside George as

he built the conservancy from the ground up.

We will miss them both.



CALC members who invested in our future through our endowment fund in the Cadillac Area Community Foundation in 2013.

- Bruce Baker
- Robert & Julia Borak
- Peter & Heidi Eliot
- Thomas & Marguerite Harris
- Richard & Marcia Harvey
- Sam Hogg
- Jack Itnyre
- Denise & Floyd Justus
- Fred & Pat Lawless
- Mark McCartney
- Doug & Barb Miller
- Edwin & Barbara Patterson
- Pat & Leo Paveglio
- Jim & Shirley Petersen
- Gordon & Patricia Roush
- Andy & Marietta Smith
- Fred & Sharon Sprague
- Reggie Sprik



It's once again time for one of our favorite activities—  
acknowledging our generous donors in 2013.

**GUARDIAN \$1,000 +**

Hansen Family Foundation

**STEWARD \$500- \$999**

Richard & Sandy Hansen  
Thomas & Marguerite Harris

**PROTECTOR \$250 - \$499**

Larry & Margo Copley  
Robert & Rudean Fairman  
Ted & Millie Fasing  
Ruthann French  
Denise & Floyd Justus  
Christopher & Billie Ritzema  
John & Nancy Silander  
Mark Wyckoff

**CONSERVATOR \$100 - \$249**

Anonymous  
Bruce Baker  
Rod & Mary Bellows  
Jim & Sharon Blackburn  
Robert & Julia Borak  
Cheryl Brooks  
Charles & Leta Mae Corwin  
Steve & Ria Cunningham  
Peter & Heidi Eliot  
Frederick & Sue Eyer  
Lindsey & Tom Hall  
Richard & Marcia Harvey  
Gerald & Becky Herring  
Robert & Mary Hess  
James & Leigh Hinkamp  
Tom & Diane Jobson  
Steve & Bev Kalisz  
Kathleen Kelso  
Deborah Kohn  
David & JoAnne Lawless  
Fred & Pat Lawless  
Richard & Marlene Loughmiller  
John & Freda MacLeod  
Mark McCartney

Ron & Eyde McCarty  
Dave & Kathy McCurdy  
John & Mary Jane McCurdy  
Doug & Barb Miller  
Bud & Ann Oliver  
Pat & Leo Paveglio  
Phil & Janet Potvin  
Tom & Diane Rensberry  
Cheryl Rock & Jeffrey Dysart  
Dave & Elaine Smith  
Ann & Mike Smith-Zdrodowski  
Kerry Sprigg  
Reggie Sprik  
Muriel Stehouwer  
Jolyn Stockwell  
Joe Thompson  
Kenneth Walker

**SUPPORTER \$50 - \$99**

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Allan & Beverly Armstrong  
Lawrence & Nancy Beckwith  
Maria & Dick Bensel  
John & Lois Bishop  
Homer & Esther Boughner  
Sperry & Gertrude Claypool  
Charles & Marge Dumanois  
Dave & Cynthia Foley  
Bill & Wilma Gaylord  
K. Jean Gierke  
Fred & Sue Goetz  
John & Andrea Grix  
Rande & Connie Harris  
H. R. Hodgson  
Sam Hogg  
Betty Morrison  
Jim & Julie Peterson  
David & Judy Peterson  
Andy & Marietta Smith  
John Smith  
Fred & Sharon Sprague  
Jerry & Marlene Stilson

Lois Thompson  
Robert & Sue VanDellen  
Larry & Marilyn Visser  
Craig & Connie Weidner  
Mart & Teresa Williams  
Dave & Muriel Zandstra

**OTHER CONTRIBUTORS**

Bill & Sue Allen  
Robert & Elizabeth Garner  
David & Joy Hogg  
John & Kimbra Klarquist  
James & Sarah Lawless  
Beverly Lind  
Gordon & Patricia Roush  
Don & Anita Samardich

**MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of Richard Loughmiller**

Larry & Margo Copley  
Mike & Kathryn Lueder  
Nick & Jan Nelson  
Mariette Potvin  
Tom & Diane Rensberry  
Adrian & Donna Slachter  
Jolyn Stockwell

**In memory of Vickie Rock**

Glenn & Berniece Verbrugge

**OTHER GIFTS**

David McCurdy, Lakeside Title Owner, in lieu of holiday gifts, donates to employees' favorite charities. Margo Copley chose us as the recipient of her donation. Thanks to both!

In November our local Meijer store donated \$500 to the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy, helping us make the Cadillac area a great place to live.



### Tax Incentives for Land Easements?

The enhanced tax incentive for conservation easement donations that extended the time to take tax deductions from 5 to 15 years, expired on December 31, 2013. Here's why tax incentives for land easements offer great benefits and should be extended.

- Easements conserve millions of acres of land while keeping it on the tax rolls, protect clean water supplies and keep farms, ranches and forestland productive.
- The enhanced tax incentive makes it affordable for landowners with modest incomes to conserve their land.
- Easements are an excellent example of public-private collaboration that has worked for nearly 30 years.
- The land saved is diverse, from farms in Michigan to working ranches in Montana, from forests in the Northeast to critical coastal wetlands in the southeast.
- Saving land that makes America great is a shared, bipartisan value.

Maybe it's time to call your legislator?

For more information visit the Land Trust Alliance web site - [www.landtrustalliance.org](http://www.landtrustalliance.org)

### CALC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Larry Copley, Chair
- Steve Cunningham, Vice Chair
- Margo Copley, Secretary
- Fred Sprague, Treasurer
- Tom Anderson
- Henry Cortez
- Ruthann French
- Richard Harvey
- Bob Hess
- Steve Kalisz
- Tasha Lapinski
- Brian Maturen
- Nathan Piwowarski
- George L. Rock, Director Emeritus

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Garth Aslakson, Easements
- Vicki Long, Website
- Pat Paveglio, Newsletter
- Chris Schumacher, Annual Meetings



*We spend January 1<sup>st</sup> walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential.*

~ Ellen Goodman

### Mission Statement

*The Cadillac Area Land Conservancy protects ecologically significant, scenic, and farm lands for current and future generations and fosters an appreciation of the natural environment in Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford and northern Lake and Mason Counties.*



124 1/2 NORTH MITCHELL STREET  
SUITE 115  
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN 49601

[www.calc-landtrust.org](http://www.calc-landtrust.org)  
[calc@calc-landtrust.org](mailto:calc@calc-landtrust.org)

(231) 775-3631