

Nature News

Quarterly Newsletter of the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy



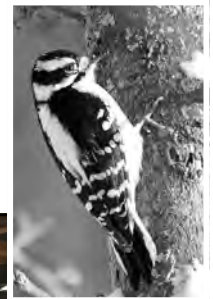
Winter 2017



ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS

CALC had a good turnout at its October event to dedicate the Sandy Hansen wildlife viewing platform on Waldeck Island, funded by the Hansen Family Foundation. It will make for some great bird watching!

Thanks to Jim Higgins for these photos and for the beautiful “Backyard Birds” program he presented that day.



MORE GOOD NEWS!

The Hansen Family Foundation has donated funds to improve the parking lot and do a trail upgrade at the Oliver Family Preserve! Many, many thanks to the foundation for making another major project possible. Thanks also to Dan Valley, a CALC board member, who championed the project. Work will start this summer.

JOHNSON PRESERVE PROGRESS

The timber harvest has taken place at the Carl T. Johnson CALC Nature Preserve near the corner of Benson and 33 Roads off M-55 West. Drive by and you can hardly tell the harvest took place—the sign of a healthy culling. Old School Forestry, headed by former CALC Board Member Steve Kalisz, supervised the work done by Maple Rapids Lumber Mills.

Preserve neighbor and CALC co-founder Tom Rensberry and his wife Diane made a major donation this year to support preserves.



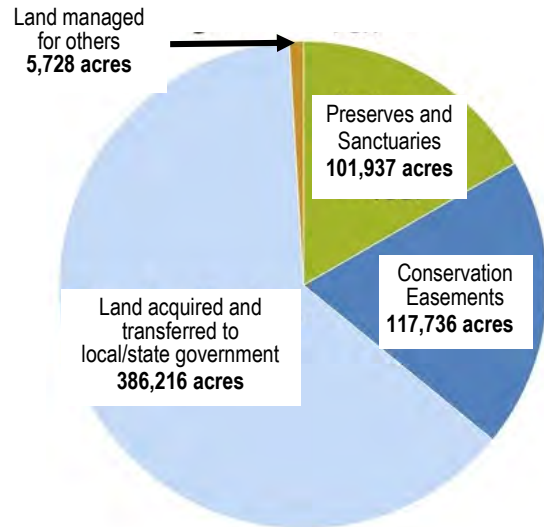


Growing Numbers

Michigan land conservancies added 14,101 acres to the lands we protect according to a Heart of the Lakes survey in June, 2016. That's an increase of 14,101 acres since the last survey in 2014.

- **101,937 acres** are currently owned by land conservancies as nature preserves or sanctuaries. Conservancies acquire them by purchase or donation and make them available to the public for quiet recreation.
- **117,736 acres** are protected by conservation easements, voluntary legal agreements between landowners and land conservancies that permanently protect significant conservation values by restricting future development on natural, scenic, farm and forest lands. The lands remain in private hands and on the tax rolls.
- By far the largest segment of lands conservancies have helped protect are assistance or transfers of lands to local government or the state, supporting their efforts to secure parklands and open space. Land conservancies often negotiate with landowners and raise funds to make these acquisitions possible. Over **386,216 acres** have been protected this way.
- Land conservancies also manage or steward another **5,728 acres** on natural lands owned by other entities.

Land Protected by Michigan Land Conservancies



By effectively saving land, land conservancies enhance the economic, environmental and social values of our communities. They provide clean water, fresh air, safe food, places for recreation and a connection to the land that sustains us all. (For more information, see www.heartofthelakes.org/protected-lands)

CALC's Role in Land Protection

Our conservancy puts time, money and energy into securing easements and developing preserves. We feel it's important to establish and maintain wildlife corridors so our native wildlife can move from area to area without impediment. The bear corridor has been a special concern. We also see a need to secure easements with waterways in an ongoing effort to keep our waters clean.

We are just beginning to develop our preserves to promote healthy recreational activities and provide outdoor educational opportunities for children and adults.

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.
~ William James



Endowment Fund Donors

Thanks to the following who donated to our endowment fund in the Cadillac Community Foundation. The fund ensures our future and benefits the community.

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| Rod & Mary Bellows | Ron & Eyde McCarty |
| Sue & Scott Conradson | Pat & Leo Paveglio |
| Tom & Marguerite Harris | Gary Pomeroy |
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| Shirley Jewett | John & Jan Trimberger |
| Denise & Floyd Justus | Katelynn & Eric Zeitz |



The generous people listed below make it all possible. They have decided to make a difference and help protect and preserve our beautiful area for future generations.

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OTHER DONATIONS

Hansen Family Foundation
- wild-life viewing platform
- parking lot and trail work
Ann Kahner - bench and signage
Muriel Stehouwer - bench

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Tom Krebs

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In memory of Deborah Kohn

Shirley Jewett

In memory of Bill Irvine

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*Alone we can do so little,
Together we can do so much.*

~Helen Keller



Thanks to the Masons

They have been super land-lords over the years.

Another thank you to **Phil Potvin** who donated a filing cabinet we so badly needed.

If you ever stop by our office for a visit, please call first. We're staffed by volunteers only on an as-needed basis.



Photo by Andrew Jameson

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Make a Difference

Conservancies make a difference. Think about how you can help make that difference in the lives of others, especially the lives of children.

If you have not yet donated to CALC, please think about how our mission benefits you and those around you.

Your help can provide more undeveloped spaces so we can all experience nature at its finest.



Anna lovin' the snow!

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.



~Nelson Henderson

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.