

# Nature News

Quarterly Newsletter from the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy



Summer 2010



## CALC Annual Member Event & Family Fun Fest 2010

Saturday, September 18

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kettunen Center

Join us at 9:00 AM for the  
**Cadillac Area Land Conservancy  
Annual Membership Meeting**

### PROGRAMS

#### **Live Amphibians and Reptiles Presentation**

See and touch snakes, frogs, salamanders and more! Learn about these fascinating creatures in a program by Jim McGrath of Nature Discovery, Williamston, MI

#### **The Wildlife Corridor Project**

Learn about the wildlife corridor and where our local bears travel in this presentation by the Cadillac Area Land Conservancy.

#### **Recreational Activities**

- Canoeing, disc golf, fishing, interpretive fall hikes on our beautiful trails
- Climb the MAX – a 30' climbing wall (additional \$5/person)

#### **Birds & Butterflies – Fall Migration**

- The Amazing Hummingbird - presented by Julie Dyer
- Monarch Butterfly Tagging

#### **The Beauty of Fall in Water Color**

Instruction and tips from local artists

**Games, Activities and Fun for the whole family!**

*Family Fall Fest is possible through the generous support of Pine River Audubon, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association, Cadillac Area Land Conservancy, and donations to Michigan 4-H Foundation.*

#### **Registration**

Deadline: September 15, 2010

Call Kettunen Center at (231) 829-3460 or e-mail [ljacobon@kettunencenter.org](mailto:ljacobon@kettunencenter.org)

Cost: \$7/person – includes lunch

#### **Schedule**

8:00 AM Optional Early Bird Hike

9:00 AM CALC Annual Meeting

9:30 AM Registration

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Programs

#### **Directions**

Kettunen Center is 5 Miles East of Tustin – just off 20 Mile Road



## Whose oil?

As we are all outraged by the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, we should remember:

- 37% of our nation's energy comes from oil
- 2/3 of that oil is used for transportation

Something to think about as you drive to work, to the store, or to the beach.

By the way, transportation accounts for 30% of all our greenhouse gas emissions.

Is there a better way?



There is nothing in which the birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before.

~ Robert Lynd

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

An old study from 1997 is still relevant today. The study showed that for every 10,000 tons of materials we produce:

- Only **one** job is created if the waste is incinerated or put in a landfill.
- **Four** jobs are created if the material is composted.
- **Ten** jobs are created if the material is recycled.



~ from the *Michigan Environmental Report*, Spring 2010



## We Need YOU!

by Ruthann French

Do you have some extra time? Are you looking for a worthy cause? The CALC Board of Directors is seeking two people to serve three-year terms. We hope to find people with skills and abilities who can bring their life experiences to this working board.

One vacancy is for a Marketing/Promotional position to assist CALC in fundraising and capacity building in our four-county service area. This includes educational outreach as we are putting together public presentation materials for special events.

This is an exciting time for CALC as the ACE grant has given us the fundraising plan to guide our efforts. Now we just need an energetic person with marketing skills and a passion for saving land to implement it!

There are other skills we are looking for in board members or volunteers for special projects:

- Natural Resource skills to assist the Land Committee with landowner contacts for potential Conservation Easements
- Trail Maintenance skills for improving trails and signs on Waldeck Island
- Grant writing skills
- Computer skills that include managing a membership database

The ACE grant has allowed us to develop a plan for the future growth of CALC! Help us grow this vision of land protection for habitat conservation.

Please contact any of the board members if you are interested or want to recommend someone. Call Ruthann French if you have suggestions or ideas for volunteering at (231) 775-7084.





## Ties To The Land

by Steve Kalisz

We are excited to announce that Cadillac Area Land Conservancy members will be presenting *Ties To The Land* (TTTL) this winter. *Ties To The Land* is a highly successful and effective program to help landowners plan for the future.

TTTL is a successional planning program. Successional planning differs from estate planning. During successional planning, the landowner decides, with input from family members, how family-held lands will be dealt with and who will be the key managers for those lands. Doing this planning while the current landowner is actively participating helps ensure that all interested parties will be able to reach consensus about these matters. After successional planning, estate planning provides the legal documentation to execute the successional plan.



TTTL, developed by a CPA from Oregon, offers very specific suggestions on how to complete a successional plan. The TTTL program has been presented over 1,000 times throughout the nation and has helped thousands of families ensure multigenerational stability of their land. The CALC Board will use ACE grant funds to purchase the training module from Oregon State University so we can bring this dynamic opportunity to our area.

The TTTL program will be presented in two sessions, approximately four weeks apart, to allow families time to practice skills learned at the first session. The second session will bring in planning professionals such as attorneys and CPAs, professional foresters and land managers, and other experts to provide basic information and guidance.

If you are interested in attending *Ties To The Land*, you can call the CALC office at (231) 775-3631 and leave your name. Details on dates and times will be in the next CALC newsletter and your local paper.

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In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create,  
but by what we refuse to destroy.

~ John C. Sawhill





## ...and the Giving is Easy

You now have an easier way to pay your annual membership or to donate to CALC. Visit our website at [www.calc-landtrust.org](http://www.calc-landtrust.org). On the left side click “How You Can Help,” then click on this symbol:



It's as easy as 1-2-3 to click and donate. The website is secure, and 97% of your donation goes directly to CALC. Of course, we really appreciate every dollar you give us and guarantee we will put it to good use.

The oldest task in human history:  
to live on a piece of land without spoiling it.

~ Aldo Leopold

### CALC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ruthann French, Chair
- Steve Cunningham, Vice Chair
- Margo Copley, Secretary
- Lindsey Hall, Treasurer
- Richard Harvey
- Steve Kalisz
- Mary Newhouse
- Nathan Piwowarski
- Kurt Schindler
- David Smith
- Gary VanHouten
- George L. Rock, Director Emeritus

### OTHER COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

- Brandon Bensel, Website
- Sue Conradson, Clam River Greenway
- John Grix, Endowment Fund
- Pat Paveglio, Newsletter
- Fred Sprague, Conservation Easements

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