



CENTRAL LAKE SUPERIOR LAND CONSERVANCY

Protecting Upper Peninsula Lands and Places for a Sustainable Future

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**Acres
Protected
to Date:
1750**

Debelack Preserve Dedication

On July 24, 2006 there will be a dedication of the Debelack preserve in Alger County. Throughout their lives, John and Pat Debelak had a great respect for timber as a renewable resource. Their forest conservation management practices resulted in the careful selective cutting which created this preserve. This bequeathed property consists of 320 acres of hardwoods and rolling ridges and streams. A small parking lot has been established so that others may enjoy the natural beauty of this preserve. Please join us in celebration of the lives of these conservation minded individuals and the gift that they have left for all to enjoy!



Test Plot for USFS at the Ford Eagle Preserve

The CLSLC will be participating in the Forest Inventory and Analysis program (FIA) at our Ford Eagle Preserve in Republic Township, MI. The FIA program is a national program of the USDA Forest Service that conducts and maintains comprehensive inventories of the forest resources in the United States. The one acre plot of land was chosen randomly and will be monitored every five years with the possibility of monitoring every summer if randomly chosen. Some of the information gathered



will be: Soil chemical analysis, tree statistics, vegetation diversity and structure, land use, and general forest information, just to name a few. This study will be beneficial in the wake of the blow down and subsequent partial timber salvage that occurred in 2005 at this site. The salvage operation went smoothly and the site looks great. The forester who led the operation, Justin Miller, did an amazing job keeping the disturbance minimal and leaving plenty of slash for ground cover. The FIA will help us to learn more about our preserve and how the timber salvage has affected it.

~EVENTS~

DEBELACK PRESERVE DEDICATION

July 24, 2006 • 12:00 p.m.

Welcome New Board Member James Matteson

Jim was born in Detroit and grew up in the farming community of Livingston County. He has a bachelor's & master's degree from MSU. His first employment after obtaining his first degree was with the Continuing Education Program at MSU in 1957. Following his graduate studies and military service Jim returned to the field of public education. His work experience includes employment with the Waterford Public Schools, Western Michigan University, Michigan Education Association, and the Michigan Education Special Services Association. Jim moved to the U.P. in July 1983 with his wife and daughter and was a field rep for MESSA. He and his wife have one daughter, two sons and ten grandchildren.

Since arriving in the U.P., he has served on the Marquette Transit Authority Board, Marquette Democratic Party Executive Committee, Peter White Public Library Capital Campaign & focus group, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Building for the Future campaign, Marquette Choral Society, and Rotary West Foundation Board. He is currently the treasurer of the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning which is affiliated with NMU. He is also an active volunteer with the First United Methodist Church in Marquette and with Marquette General Hospital.

Jim and his wife have adopted a section of the North Country Trail in the Craig Lake area and are members of the local North Country Trail hiker's chapter. Besides hiking, Jim also participates in biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and an occasional round of golf since his retirement in November of 1996.

Jim is confident that CLSLC will continue to play an important role in sustaining our precious environment in the Great Lakes area.

CLSLC Merchandise

Make a donation of \$100 or more to the CLSLC and receive a bug hat! This hat is great for all of your outdoor activities. Pull down the bug net from under the brim of the hat and you're ready for the summers in the UP! Choose from tan or dark green. Hats are also available for sale. Contact the Conservancy for more information.

Thank you to Northland Outfitters in Germfask for making our bug hats!



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Vision Statement

The Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy (CLSLC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group founded in 1998 to help further environmental sustainability in the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan through the promotion of conservation-based land use and ownership. To ensure that the character of our region is maintained the CLSLC facilitates the protection of natural, agricultural, recreational, historic, and scenic lands for environmental conservation. Through protection tools such as conservation easements and land donation, the CLSLC assists the region to realize that local economic development should be well planned, visually pleasing, ecologically sound, and conducted in an environmentally benign manner. By encouraging regional stakeholders to accept personal responsibility for conserving what is best in our natural environment, the CLSLC helps promote greater collective ownership in the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Piping Plover Update

The CLSLC is proud to announce the kickoff of the 2006 Piping Plover protection season in Grand Marais, MI. This past year was a very productive one here at the Conservancy. The piping plover grant that we received through the USFWS was a success with three chicks banded and fledged. This project entailed monitoring and protection of piping plover nests in Grand Marais, MI to determine their status, to help alleviate human or pet disturbance, and to educate the public. This project will continue this summer and the Plover Biologist from last year, Jean Carpenter, will continue her work.

On January 23rd, 2006 the CLSLC applied for another Piping Plover grant for 2007-2008. These funds are available through the Private Stewardship Grant Program of the USFWS. This grant work will be similar to our previous Grand Marais, MI plover conservation project but on a broader scale. There will be two additional sites, one at the Gulliver Lake outlet (15 miles East of Manistique, MI) and another at Vermillion (11 miles West of Whitefish Point). These areas are mainly privately owned stretches of beach and thought to be critical plover habitat. There are also Great Lakes endemic plant species found in these areas including the pitcher's thistle, dwarf lake iris, and Houghton's goldenrod, which are all federally listed species. The project will entail landowner contact and education for the purpose of increasing successful plover reproduction and survival as well as raising public awareness to protect the rare plant species found in these areas. We will keep you all updated on the progress of this possible new and exciting grant opportunity.



Riparian Buffer Restoration Project Update

Three years ago the CLSLC received funding from the Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to restore riparian buffer areas throughout the Lake Superior Basin. Five restoration sites were chosen and Conservation easements were placed on each. This spring the remaining plants were installed and the sites seem to be coming along nicely.



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy is to promote the protection of natural, agricultural, recreational, historic, and scenic lands through the use of conservation easements, land donations, and education.

What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between you and a land trust or conservation group which places restrictions on the land use in perpetuity. An easement is a practical way to protect property, retain ownership, and to sell it or pass it on to heirs.

Want to Volunteer Your Time?

Do you love being outside? Can't get enough of the beautiful Upper Peninsula? Volunteer your time to help the CLSLC in stewardship monitoring. Stewardship consists of monitoring properties held in Conservation Easements. Volunteer your time today and help our efforts in Land Protection! Contact Jackie for more information at 906.225.8067 or clslc@charterinternet.com.

Conservancy Wish List:

- Four-wheel drive vehicle to conduct fieldwork
- Lap-top computer and projector—used for presentations
- Volunteers for stewardship monitoring on properties

Your Membership is critical to the CLSLC

A membership donation to the CLSLC is a gift that is invested in the permanent protection of one of our most threatened resources—open space. Thank you to all of our current members for your generous contributions. To those not currently members of the CLSLC, we hope you will consider joining an organization that helps protect of the natural character that makes the Upper Peninsula so unique and appealing. Your support makes a difference! We hope you will support the CLSLC again in 2006!

Yes, I want to help the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy protect the natural beauty of our area!

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone (h): _____ Phone (w): _____

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Contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy.

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- I am interested in volunteering for the conservancy.

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