



Protecting Upper Peninsula Lands and Places for a Sustainable Future

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LEAVE YOUR LEGACY- Donate Your Land to the Conservancy!

Donating land for conservation purposes is one of the best legacies you can leave behind.

An outright donation of land has several benefits. It releases the landowner from the responsibility of managing the land while also providing substantial income tax deductions and estate tax benefits. Most importantly, the lands conservation values of the property will be permanently protected. An increasing number of landowners are revising their wills to leave important conservation land to conservation organizations. Landowners may care about protecting the natural integrity of their land as well



as making it available for others through the creation of a nature preserve. This ensures that the conservation values of your property will be protected for future generations.

Recently, 320 acres on Johnson Creek located in Alger County was bequeathed to the CLSLC. At the landowner's request nature trails and a small parking area will be created and maintained. As a result of the land donation, the CLSLC will establish a nature preserve in memory of her late husband and son. For more information on land donation please contact the CLSLC.

Become a Member of the CLSLC!

Join the many members of the CLSLC by donating your time or money for a good cause—Land Protection! The rapid growth in the demand for our services requires a stable funding base from which we might better preserve the heritage of land and water we collectively cherish.

A modest investment on your part assures that we will be here tomorrow looking after our shared interests in a healthy environment filled with accessible lands and clean water with a vibrant economy in harmony with the natural world. Benefits of membership include:

- Notice of special projects including habitat restoration or improvement projects and work parties
- Invitations to special events: Guided field trips to our properties and invitations to educational seminars and;
 - Your name will be listed in the newsletter



Contributors of the CLSLC may also gain additional federal and state tax advantages by donating to the conservancy's endowment through the Marquette Community Foundation.

Please join the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy today! Your contribution to the CLSLC is vital and helps to preserve the natural bounty of wildlife, forests, and water quality in the Upper Peninsula. Become a member today!

Greetings from the Board of Directors

Summer is upon us and we are already into our "field" season establishing easements, doing riparian rehabilitation work, and monitoring the properties we protect. Along with the rest of the directors for our local conservancy, I am eagerly anticipating the start of our 2004 membership drive. As you know, the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy can only continue with the support of individuals like you. Not only do you actively promote sound conservation practices and alert us to parcels of land worthy of perpetual stewardship, but we also depend on you to augment the small grants we may be able to obtain. Yes, it seems as if everyone is seeking charitable donations these days, and I am certain most of you have a favorite non-profit organization to which you regularly contribute. Nonetheless, we at the Conservancy hope that you can add to the richness of our area by becoming a member. Membership does not require a great investment on your part, and you can be assured that all donated funds are plowed right back into our continuing operations in the Upper Peninsula. What we safeguard today will be of so much more value tomorrow as our region continues to develop.

Here's wishing you the very best of summers as you enjoy the bounty of sights, sounds, and experiences nature provides in our local environs.

Jim Cantrill, President, Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy



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.

"Nature, even when she is scant and thin outwardly, satisfies us still by the assurance of a certain generosity at the roots."

- Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, 1849

Interested in learning more about different land protection options? Check out our Website!

The website is just another way you can learn more about the conservancy and obtain information regarding your land protection options. Would you like information on conservation easements, stewardship, or estate tax benefits? Maybe you just want to see what the conservancy is up to these days? Check us out on the web at www.clslc.org.



Financial Incentives of Conservation Easements

A donation of a conservation easement can result in significant income tax, estate tax, and property tax benefits. Contact the CLSLC for more information on how conservation easements can create tax benefits.

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Mission Statement

The Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy (CLSCLC) 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 CLSCLC 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 CLSCLC 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 CLSCLC helps promote greater collective ownership in the Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Acres Protected to Date: 1750



CLSCLC welcomes summer intern Janie Belmore

Janie is a sophomore at NMU majoring in Communications. She is far from her native home of Kansas City, Missouri. Janie is interested in non-profit organizations and how they operate. Throughout the summer she will assist with website updates, membership appeals, and grant & foundation research. Welcome Janie!



Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership

The Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy has joined with many land trusts around the Lake Superior Basin to form the Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership. The Partnership meets three times a year to discuss projects around the basin, develop goals, leverage resources for increased land protection, and identify and actively protect important natural and scenic areas around the Lake Superior basin.

The goal of the Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership is to protect the Lake Superior Basin, by strengthening the capacity and coordination of the land conservation community. The CLSCLC serves as the administrative assistant for the group and coordinates the activities of approximately 20 land trusts or closely related organizations.

Land Trust Alliance Strategic Conservation Landowner Contacts Grant

Land Trust Alliance Strategic Conservation Grants Program awarded \$5,000 to the CLSCLC to identify area and features of high priority throughout the Yellow Dog Plains area (Marquette County). This money will be used to create a database with landowner contact information, develop landowner brochure, and track landowner contacts. The Strategic Conservation Grants

Program for Land Trusts in the Lake Superior Basin provides grants of up to \$5,000 for projects that help land trusts increase strategic land conservation activities that protect freshwater ecosystems of significance to the Lake Superior Basin. Five land trusts throughout the Lake Superior Basin have received grants totaling \$23,270 for 2004. The program is implemented

and administered by the Land Trust Alliance Midwest Program and funded through a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. For more information on the program please contact the Land Trust Alliance Midwest Program at 269.324.1683 or for more information regarding the CLSCLC project please contact Heidi at 906.226.2461.

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When you shop at Down Wind Sports in Marquette donate your receipt to your favorite participating non-profit organization. Receipts collected at the end of 2004 will be added up and 1% of the total will be donated to the particular organization for in-store purchases.

CLSLC Merchandise: **BUG HATS!**



Photo: Heidi Volkhardt

Are the UP bugs driving you out of the woods this summer? Purchase a bug hat from the CLSLC! 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 summer in the UP! Choose from tan or dark green.

CONSERVANCY WISH LIST:

- Four-wheel drive vehicle to conduct fieldwork
- Lap-top computer and projector (used for presentations)