



Protecting Upper Peninsula Lands and Places for a Sustainable Future

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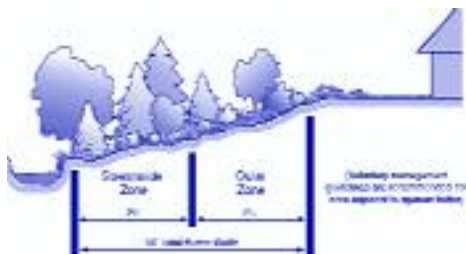
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Riparian Buffer Restoration Project Update

Two 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 have been chosen, the installation of a native plant buffer will be installed in the spring and summer of 2005, and a conservation easement will be placed on each site. These sites will serve as demonstration and educational sites for the



Demonstration site on the Orianna Creek



Example of an ideal riparian buffer

public. Each site will have signage explaining what the project is and why native plants were used, and an explanation of what a conservation easement is.

Riparian vegetative buffer strips are crucial for water quality protection. They not only act as filters but are critical in maintaining the integrity of freshwater riparian ecosystems. If you are interested in learning more about this project or want more information on buffer strips and native plants, please contact Heidi at the CLSLC.

Award from USFS

In November 2004, Rick McVey from the Ottawa National Forest presented the CLSLC with an award for helping to preserve significant recreational property on the Presque Isle River in the western UP.

The National Forest Service (NFS) currently owns the bulk of the land surrounding the preserve and will ensure access and enjoyment to all those who recreate on the Presque Isle River. Funding for the project came from a wetland remediation program that works to restore and protect significant aquatic features in the



Rick McVey of the Ottawa National Forest presents Board President Jim Cantrill with an award

Great Lakes Basin. The CLSLC used the funds to purchase the property and then transferred ownership to the NFS for recreational management.

The CLSLC would like to thank the Upper Peninsula office of The Nature Conservancy for brokering the deal, and the Ottawa National Forest Service for their desire

to protect this land for recreation. Creating inclusive protection focused partnerships such as this helps illustrate that the forestry and non-profit realm can work together to keep resources intact.

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 2005!

2004 Members - Thank you!

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Anonymous Foundation \$20,000

**Indicates New Members*



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Donor Thank You Reception

On June 29th, the CLSLC held a Donor Thank You Reception at the Marquette Federation of Women's Clubhouse. The evening featured wine, cheese, desserts and mingling among the staff, board of directors, and our donors. This was a great opportunity for us to thank our donors for their support while learning what the CLSLC has been working on to protect land in the Upper Peninsula!



Greetings from the Board of Directors



As we approach the end of 2004, the Board of Directors for the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy wants to once again thank each of you for supporting our efforts. Due to the work and generous contributions of Conservancy members, we have continued to protect significant lands in our region and have expanded our conservation efforts on behalf of those living in the Upper Peninsula. And 2005 promises to be an even more productive year as we adopt new standards developed by the Land Trust Alliance, further promote regional cooperation through the Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership, finish work on several conservation easement agreements now in progress, and add to our membership base. Of course, your Conservancy continues to depend on the financial support of people like you and I want to remind you that there is still time to additional tax-deductible contributions to our cause. But, just as important, I hope that you continue to think about conservation as you count your blessings this holiday season. Much remains to be accomplished in preserving the natural heritage of our homeland!

Here's wishing you and yours the very best of Yuletides and glad tidings for the New Year.

Jim Cantrill, *President*

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Do we have permission to print your name in our newsletter or other materials?

YES

NO

Complete both sides of this form and return to:

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Wegwas Lake Preserve Stewardship Monitoring

The Wegwas Lake Preserve is a six acre preserve located in Chippewa County. This property was transferred to the CLSLC by private landowners in 2002 and includes significant wetland habitat. In October, the Board of Directors spent an afternoon clearing the trail through the property and repairing the existing bridge.



The CLSLC conducts stewardship monitoring on an annual basis for all of our properties. Monitoring properties could include trail or boardwalk development for visitors, marking boundaries, recording data, and the development of a stewardship management plan. This is essential for the protection of the land in which the landowners entrusted to us and to provide a great experience for people visiting the properties. For more information on stewardship monitoring please contact the CLSLC.

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.

Please accept my financial donation for the following category of membership of the Conservancy:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 - \$29 | Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 - \$49 | Regular Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 - \$99 | Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - \$249 | Supporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 - \$499 | Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 + | Benefactor |

Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy is a 501 (c) (3) organization established May 1999. Contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy.

- I own land in the Upper Peninsula and am interested in learning more about how I can help protect the natural beauty of our area through the establishment of a conservation easement or land donation.
- I am interested in volunteering for the conservancy.

Complete both sides of this form and return to:

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Land Trust Alliance Rally 2004

By Heidi Volkhardt

As the Protection Coordinator (and only staff member) of the CLSLC I had the very fortunate opportunity to attend the National Land Conservation Conference (“Rally”) in Providence, Rhode Island in October. More than 2,100 land conservationists from all over the U.S. and beyond came together to learn, share, network, and meet a lot of great like-minded people.

The conference provided educational and networking opportunities which included 146 workshops, 21 day-long seminars, and 10 field trips (one of which I attended). Staff and board members of 505 land trusts, conservation organizations, public agencies and foundations, shared cutting-edge strategies for protecting America’s threatened open spaces while renewing their commitment to private land conservation.

For me, the result of the conference was a renewed sense of enthusiasm for the important land protection work that the CLSLC does, and will continue to do in the years to come. I was re-energized and excited that I could bring back ideas and suggestions to my Board of Directors for our work in 2005. This was by far the most beneficial conference I have been to in my professional career. The LTA Rally will be in Madison, WI in 2005. For more information regarding “Rally 2005” please visit www.LTA.org.

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 Heidi for more information.



Board Vice President Bill Davis and his dog Babe

~ CLSLC Winter Events ~

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 27th, 2005 at UpFront & Company
More information will be available soon!



WINTER SNOWSHOE FIELD TRIP!

Saturday, March 19th, 2005 10am
Ford Eagle Preserve

Join the Conservancy staff and Board of Directors on a snowshoe hike through one of our preserves. We’ll discuss what the conservancy is doing to help protect land in the Upper Peninsula while enjoying a beautiful hike in western Marquette County. Please bring your own equipment. For more information about this hike, please contact Heidi.

WINTER FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday, April 1st, 2005 at UpFront & Company
More information will be available soon!

Thank You to our
Intern and Volunteers!

INTERN:

Janie Belmore

VOLUNTEERS:

Maryanne Johnson

Autumn Beyer

Deena Etter

Last
chance for
2004 tax
incentives!



The CLSLC has another \$10,000 Matching Challenge Grant thanks to a generous private Foundation. This is the second year that the CLSLC has this challenge. We are very close to our \$10,000 goal! Once we reach our goal we will receive the match—in other words all donations received in 2004 will be doubled! For any first time or increased private donation given to the CLSLC will be matched 100% up to \$10,000. Donors can designate their donation to either the CLSLC’s operating fund or endowment fund through the Marquette County Community Foundation. There’s still time left in 2004 for your gift!

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Mission 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.

Conservancy Wish List:

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

