



Land Protection Highlights 2004

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Annual Meeting To Dedicate Kennedy Preserve

The Chippewa County Land Conservancy's 2004 Annual Meeting will feature the dedication of the Susan Kennedy Polder Preserve, which was recently donated to the Chippewa County Land Conservancy. The Meeting and dedication will take place on Tuesday, May 11, at the Pickled Trout on Hwy. 40 east of New Auburn, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Pickled Trout overlooks the Polder Preserve, which consists of a wetland on the east side of Larrabee Lake. The preserve consists of 40 acres of wetland and open water; it was donated by Dr. Gordon Polder to honor his late wife, Susan Kennedy Polder.

The Conservancy will also provide a progress report to its members on the activities of the past year, and elect board members.

Please join us and help celebrate our accomplishments in the past year as well as honor those who are protecting our endangered wild landscapes.



Polder Preserve at Larrabee Lake

Polder Preserve Protects Large Wetland In Larrabee Lake

Diners at the Pickled Trout restaurant look out over a wilderness-like setting across Larrabee Lake in Chippewa County's Town of Sampson. Yet the surrounding area contains extensive development, especially on area lakes such as Long, Round, and Chain. While development pressure is great on many lakes, Larrabee Lake has remained largely undeveloped. A major portion of the east shoreline consists of a "poor fen" which is now owned by the Conservancy.



While the property was somewhat protected by its wetland status, it is now fully protected through ownership by the Conservancy. Donating the parcel offered Dr. Gordon Polder an opportunity to memorialize his late wife, Susan Kennedy Polder, and find a long-term home for the property, easing his burden of long-distance ownership while living in the State of Oregon.

The property is mostly separated from the upland by a moat-like waterway. Along with the grasses growing on the property are several evergreen varieties of mosses and shrubs, as well as pine, spruce, and tamarack.

There is currently no public access to the property.

Annual Meeting
6:30 pm, Tues., May 11
Pickled Trout, New Auburn

Please Renew Your Support!

All memberships in the Chippewa County Land Conservancy are on an annual basis, so *your membership is now due for renewal*. Please send your renewal and contribution in the enclosed envelope today. If you're not currently a member, please join us! **THANKS!**

Thank You To Our Contributors!

Our organization requires funds for the expenses involved in conserving land. So far we have been fortunate to have many expensive services donated, but this is not always the case. We appreciate the financial support of the following donors in the past year:

Individuals: Ann & Michael Arneson, Gerald & Jerilyn Brost, John & Glenda Delamater, Bruce Hayhoe Sr., Joe Joas, Dianne Jones, Bill & Karen Lea, Sally L. Lewis, Richard A. Magyar, Dan Masterpole, John C. Molloy, David Nashold, Dave Raihle Sr., Alison Sazama, Don & Mary Schaefer, Richard B. Smith, William Sprague, Steve M. Thaler, John Thurman, and Robert & Ellen Wing.

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Please renew your support today! *Contributions to the Conservancy qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions.*

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Evelyn Joas and Boyd Park

Late in 2003 the CCLC lost a good friend with the passing of Evelyn Joas of Chippewa Falls. Evelyn's support has inspired all who had the good fortune to work with her on her dream of creating Boyd Park as a memorial to her family, a place for nature study and reflection.

Her death was especially untimely as it prevented her from seeing the realization of the Boyd Park dream which was close to completion at the time of her death. The project is a 24.45 acre wooded parcel in the Town of Lafayette which is surrounded by development and within a block of Chippewa county park land.

The project is a donation/sale using grants received from the Wisconsin Stewardship Fund and Chippewa County. We continue to work with the family to complete the purchase.

Two Directors To Be Elected

Two directors will be selected at the annual meeting. The terms of Dave Nashold and Richard Smith are ending. The board meets monthly, and welcomes your participation!

Many Ways To Care For The Land

Local land trusts promote a variety of conservation options that provide permanent protection for significant areas. Most often, these options target land and water resources with natural, recreational, scenic, historic, or productive value. For conservation-minded landowners, such protection strategies are both practical and essential to preserving the land.

In order to ensure permanent protection, a landowner may choose to donate property or a conservation easement to a land trust. An easement places protective restrictions on present and future uses while the landowner retains ownership and use of the land. In all cases, the land trust and landowner work together to create a protection strategy that meets the conservation needs of the land as well as the financial needs of the landowner.

For more information, contact the Chippewa County Land Conservancy (723-1999).

New Website Spreads Conservancy Message

A new website is growing to tell the story of private land conservation and the activities of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy. The site is still being developed, but we are confident it will increase visibility of our organization.

The site development and design work was done on a volunteer basis by Jonathon Kinney, a student at UW-EC who offered his services as a result of hearing a presentation by Alison Sazama.

You can access the site at: <http://www.chippewaconservancy.com>. There you can read about our organization, learn about conservation options, learn how to join our organization, and link to other informative sites. In the future we will include more information about our projects.

As you explore the site, please let us know what you think should be added or how it can be improved!



Volunteers Always Welcome!

CCLC has no paid staff, and all work is done by volunteers. Would you like to help? Contact Alison Sazama to find out what you can do.

Our new properties need property stewards. If you'd like to participate in developing plans, monitoring, or maintenance at one of our projects, we'd love to hear from you! The Boyd Park project near Lake Wissota will especially need volunteers.

Steve Thaler Continues Tradition

Steve Thaler loves trees. He especially enjoys tree farming. As a result of his passion, he has assembled quite a few parcels of land.

Steve also believes in conservation easements as a way to insure that the wildlife and forestry practices that he tries to achieve on his land will continue into the future.

In Chippewa County, he has already donated a conservation easement on a parcel adjacent to Lake Wissota State Park, guaranteeing that no development will occur in this buffer area adjacent to the park. Now he has added another parcel, just a short distance northwest of the park.

Steve's contribution to the Conservancy of these conservation easements helps to insure that in the years to come the park will not be surrounded by a ring of subdivisions. Having a buffer ring around the park will also give wildlife a wider berth in which to live and travel as the trees mature.

Our thanks go to Steve Thaler for this generous conservation easement donation, and for showing how this tool can be as useful to the tree farmer as his chainsaw!

For information on conservation easements, contact Alison Sazama, president of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy, or see the article on our website, www.chippewaconservancy.com.

Join (or Renew Your Support) Today!

Yes, I want to continue to support private land conservation in the Chippewa County Area as a member of the Chippewa County Land Conservancy!

Membership Level:

- Individual (\$25) Senior/Student (\$15)
 Family (\$35) Corporate (\$100)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I'd like to volunteer. Please contact me.

Please use the enclosed envelope or return to Chippewa County Land Conservancy, PO Box 884, Chippewa Falls WI 54729. Thank you!



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Annual Meeting

6:30 pm Tuesday, May 11, 2004

The Pickled Trout

27895 Hwy 40, New Auburn

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