



Land Protection Highlights 2007

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Kemper's Woods Is Feature Of CCLC Annual Members' Meeting

Chippewa County Land Conservancy's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 PM in Room 302 of the Chippewa County Courthouse. The meeting will feature a discussion of the Kemper's Woods project.

A group of local conservation organizations, including CCLC, have been working to

CCLC Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 8 – 7 PM,
Chippewa Co Courthouse
Room 302

purchase Kemper's Woods as a conservation area for public use. On Earth Day, a celebration and woodlot tour was held for the public on the site, and the significance of Dr. Charles Kemper's career contributions was recognized, including the almost one half century of bird breeding and migration data that Dr. Kemper has kept from his observations at Kemper's Woods.

At the CCLC Annual Meeting, Mike Dahlby from the Chippewa County Land Conservation Department will tell the story of the Kemper's Woods project, and Dr. Kemper will participate, drawing from his exemplary work with birds since 1953.

A beautiful framed and matted print

of autumn leaves, taken by John Lausen, will be given to the winner of a drawing that will take place at the meeting as well!

Two board members will be elected. Current members David Nashold and Richard Smith are seeking reelection to the board. David currently serves as Secretary, and Richard is Vice-President.

Invite your friends to come and enjoy this program and learn about how to be a part of the Kemper's Woods Project. Perhaps you will take home a beautiful print to remind you of why we protect special places like Kemper's Woods.

Our Conservation Scorecard:

- 5 Conservation Easements
- 3 Properties Owned
- 640 acres Protected

Kemper's Woods



Please Renew Your Support!

All memberships in the Chippewa County Land Conservancy are on an annual basis, and it is time to renew for 2007. If you have not already sent in your annual renewal contribution, please do so 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. We have received many donated services, but appreciate the financial support of the following donors during the period 12/31/2005-4/30/07:

Individuals: Pat Andress, Ann & Michael Arneson, Bob & Lois Bodeau, Gerald & Jerilyn Brost, Verene Crane, Ruth Anne Gilbertson & John Lauson, Robert & Constance Hartshorn, Marilyn Holte, Cyrus & Kerry Ingraham, Joe Joas, Bill Kroll, Ronald & J. Lynne Krueger, Bill & Karen Lea, Sally L. Lewis, Richard A. Magyar, Dan Masterpole & Kathy Lembezeder, David Nashold, R.M. & C.H. Pierce, Janine Polk, Karen Possley, Lorraine Richter, Ralph Ringlien, Alison Sazama, Don & Mary Schaefer, Richard B. Smith & Pat McKearn, Bill & Peggy Sprague, Steve M. Thaler, Roger & Jane Whiting.

Businesses: Northwestern Bank, and XMI Corporation.

Your membership support tells others that our goals are shared by a broad cross-section of the community!

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

Volunteering for Conservation

CCLC is a nonprofit, volunteer organization. There are opportunities for meaningful volunteering. Our thanks to the following for their help:

John Lauson & Ruth Gilbertson: Landscape photography & promotion

Ron and Lynne Krueger: Adopting Boyd property

Bill Lea: Installing signs on Heuttner property

Would you like to help? Contact Alison Sazama to find out what you can do.

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Board Member Profile:

Dan Simonson

Our newest board member is Dan Simonson. Prior to joining the board, Dan was employed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Eau Claire as a program and planning analyst in the Watershed Management Bureau.

Dan resides in Chippewa Falls and is currently employed part time with DNR. In the 1980s Dan was active in the Izaak Walton League in Green Lake Wisconsin as a local chapter president and participated in several environmentally protective land acquisitions in the Green Lake area.

Dan feels that the vast majority of land in Western Wisconsin is privately owned and individual landowners are critical to successful land conservation through their donations of land and easements. The Land Trust movement presents an important alternative to public land acquisitions by government programs and gives private landowners options to protect their valued assets into the future. That's why Dan supports the Chippewa County Land Conservancy and its opportunities to contribute to such an important public benefit as preserving ecologically useful land for future generations.

Dan has put his planning knowledge to work by taken a lead role in drafting a strategic plan for CCLC.

President's report

Another year has flown by and the Chippewa County Land Conservancy continues to develop and expand in all areas of its non-profit conservation efforts. We are pleased to announce that the CCLC has increased its land protection in 2006 to 640 acres! Without the tireless work of its volunteer board this would not be possible. If you happen to see one of these people out and about, please extend them a word or two of appreciation. I would also like to extend thanks to all our members who continue to support our work.

Following are three new properties that were put into conservation easements in 2006 through the generosity and progressive thinking of local business owner Steven Thaler. His desire to preserve open space and his knowledge of sustainable forestry will continue to benefit the community for years to come. We extend a big thank you to him as well.

The first easement is a 113 acre parcel in the town of Colburn. It is located about one half mile northwest of Pike Lake and about 8 miles northeast of the Village of Cadott. This property possesses a wide variety of vegetation, geologic formations and upland and lowland features. There is a small pond bordered by wetland vegetation and tamarack swamp, a large portion of mature timber consisting of a mix of deciduous trees and an open field in the northeastern section, that Steve will eventually plant in trees. Plant and animal communities will thrive in this wonderfully diverse parcel.

Easement number two is approximately 260 acres in the town of Goetz. It is located about 3 miles northwest of the Village of Cadott. Seth Creek and a small tributary flow from north to south along the east side of the property. The creeks flow through a marsh area that ranges from a few feet wide to up to several hundred feet wide. There are also some pockets of low lying areas scattered throughout the central and west sides of the property. The parcel is wooded with a mix of deciduous trees except for the marshy areas. Currently 209 acres of it are enrolled in the Managed Forest Law Open program. This property is excep-

tional in that it is a very large tract of land unbroken by streets or roads other than those needed for forestry management.

The third easement is located in the town of Woodmohr and is about 71 acres in size. It is located in western Chippewa County about 3 miles southeast of the City of Bloomer. The right of way for US Highway 53 is located along the southwestern border of the property. The topography of the property slopes downward rather steeply from north to south. There are no low lying areas on it and the property is about 80% covered in various types of pines and deciduous trees. There is a natural wildlife opening of grassland and forbs located on the northeast portion of the property that provides important wildlife habitat.

The CCLC is currently working on the Kemper Woods project, an 80 acre parcel in the Town of Hallie and in close proximity to the City of Chippewa Falls. It is owned by Dr. Charles Kemper, who is well known in the community as a medical doctor with a favorite pastime of ornithology. Dr. Kemper has banded birds for over 50 years and is also known throughout the state for his work in this field. He has banded nearly 87,000 birds on this property— 12 species of which are species of concern due to their declining numbers in the United States. The CCLC is applying to the State of Wisconsin Knowles/Nelson Stewardship fund for help in acquiring the property, along with help from the County and a local fundraising campaign. This property is one of the last undeveloped lots in the area and consists primarily of mature oaks and maples with wildlife openings that contain native grasses. These wildlife openings are bordered by pine, spruce, cedar and wildlife shrubs. As Dr. Kemper's work has shown, the property has excellent value as wild bird habitat.

We are very proud of what we have accomplished this year with your support and hope you will continue to support us by renewing your membership and telling all your friends and family about us! Check out our website as well: www.chippewaconservancy.com

Alison Szama

Telling Our Story

CCLC joined other exhibitors at Phoenix Park on Sat., April 21. It was food, festivities, and fun mixed with talk about environmental issues. CCLC's story is about protecting special places, and this was a

wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about our mission.

We told our story again on May 2 at the Beaver Creek Reserve's Environmental Forum, where scientists, naturalists and activists met to learn and discuss.

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)

Student (\$15)

Additional Contribution (_____)

Family (\$35)

Corporate (\$100)

I'd like to volunteer. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Thank you!



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