



CENTRAL LAKE SUPERIOR LAND CONSERVANCY

Protecting Upper Peninsula Lands and Places for a Sustainable Future

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**Acres
Protected
to Date:
1750**

Ford Eagle Preserve blowdown

This summer, a tornado-like downdraft cause substantial tree uprooting and damage at our Ford Eagle Preserve, as well as another CLSLC easement in Republic Township. The extent of damage was assessed by members of our Stewardship Committee with the assistance of District Forester, Chris Burnett. Based upon this assessment, our board decided



that the best course of action would be to clear some of the most damaged downed trees, if for no other reason than to allow reasonable passage through the preserve. Justin Miller, a private forester, was brought in to develop and maintain on-the-ground oversight of this partial "salvage" operation. We have concluded that the best course of action will be to harvest only

downed or mortally damaged trees 4" in diameter or larger that can be removed without incurring much ground disturbance. Our forester will ensure that the harvest will be done using the most benign procedures possible. For example, those contracted to conduct the salvage will maintain a 200 ft. buffer between their

operations and Squaw Lake and a number of standing dead trees will be left as nesting and forage habitat for birds. Although all limbs and woody debris associated with the operation will be left on-site, the marketable timber that is harvested will be sold with the proceeds going toward supporting the daily operations of your conservancy.

LTA Project complete

The Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy was awarded a grant through the Land Trust Alliance, funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, to identify and actively protect important natural and scenic areas around the Yellow Dog Plains Basin and the Michigamme Highlands. Through this grant, the CLSLC compiled a landowner database using existing GIS parcel data to identify areas of high protection priority such as wetland areas, riparian buffer zones, and threatened/endangered wildlife habitat. This grant helped to produce an educational brochure that went out to over 900 landowners. The CLSLC has had many inquires from interested landowners that may lead to additional land protection in this ecologically important area.

~ Welcome to our
New Staff Member,
Jackie Kosey ~

In May of 2005, Jackie Kosey was hired as our Protection Coordinator. Jackie is a veteran of the United States Air Force and a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a degree in Environmental Conservation/Biology. She has done a great job thus far and we are happy to have her as part of our team.



~ Events ~

The fall member appreciation on November 17th was a success. Members enjoyed wine and other tasty treats as well as great conversation. Hope to see everyone again next year!

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. The project was wrapped up in the fall and has successfully been completed. Native plant buffers were installed at the five sites throughout the course of the project. Conservation easements have been placed on each site and will serve as demonstration and educational opportunities for the public. Each site will have signage that explains the project and why native plants are so important to riparian restoration.

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 Jackie at the CLSLC.



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.

Yuletide Greetings from the Board

The holiday season is upon us already and we at the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy have just about wrapped-up our "field" season; yes, our working board is still out there establishing baseline measurements and ensuring that the remediation of riparian areas or the prudent management forests affected by the summer wind storm meet high environmental standards. In 2005, we welcomed our new staff member, Jackie Kosey, and added more expertise to our board. And we have significantly increased the number of acres held in conservation easements or donated to our organization to be held in the public trust.

Through the snowy months ahead, we will continue establishing easements, working in conjunction with various partners, and making new contacts with land owners in the Upper Peninsula. Along with the rest of the directors of your local conservancy, I am eagerly anticipating the start of our 2005 corporate sponsorship initiative. As you know, the Conservancy can only continue with the support of individuals like you, and we hope to enfranchise local businesses in the collective effort to protect our precious natural, scenic, and historical resources. Certainly, the search for charitable donations in a time when so many other worthy causes exist is something of a daunting task. Nonetheless, we at the Conservancy recognize that people like you value local, on-the-ground efforts to ensure sound conservation practices in our region. We know that we can count on you to help fund our continuing operations in the UP. What we protect today will be of so much more value tomorrow as our region continues to develop, and the best way we can make that happen is by maintaining ongoing support for our Protection Coordinator, the annual monitoring of conservation easements, and various educational projects. On behalf of all of us at the Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy, I thank you.

Here's wishing you the very best of seasons as you enjoy the holidays and the riches nature provides throughout the winter ahead.

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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**
- **Endowment to fund Protection Coordinator's position**



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

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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.

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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!**

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Address: _____

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

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