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Park land added to Cherokee Marsh

LAND TRUST MEMBER Vilja Lorenzsonn:
“I want to protect Cherokee Marsh because I live nearby. I have been walking there on and off for 50 years.”

LAND TRUST MEMBER Susie Clark:
“Supporting the Cherokee Marsh acquisition was the right thing to do.”

The first phase of a 260-acre acquisition at Cherokee Marsh was completed on May 30th, when the Natural Heritage Land Trust and the City of Madison purchased 23 acres from Cherokee Park, Inc. This parcel will separate new residential development on the north side of the golf course at Cherokee Country Club from the city conservation park. It protects 660 feet of shoreline on the Yahara River and will eventually include a biking/hiking trail linking Burning Wood Way with North Sherman Avenue. The second acquisition of 236 acres will happen later this summer.

Funding to purchase the Cherokee Marsh park land came from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Dane County Conservation Fund, and the City of Madison. In addition, many neighbors of Cherokee Marsh have made generous donations to the Land Trust to help make the acquisition possible. ■

25th Anniversary Challenge Grant

The Bradshaw-Knight Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 matching challenge grant to the Natural Heritage Land Trust in honor of our 25th anniversary. The purpose of the grant is to help the Land Trust raise its profile in the community and encourage more people to support land conservation. Between now and the end of the year, every dollar contributed by new members and every extra dollar contributed by current members will be doubled by the foundation's grant, up to \$15,000. With more members, the Land Trust will be able to protect even more of the land and water that makes this region a great place to live.

Now is an excellent time for new members to join the Land Trust. You can donate online at www.nhlt.org or use the membership form on the back page of this newsletter. All donations from new members will be doubled. Join today!



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Progress made during Black Earth Creek workdays

During the workdays along Black Earth Creek last fall and this spring, volunteers from the Natural Heritage Land Trust joined Trout Unlimited's Southern Wisconsin chapter members and the DNR to trim and pile limbs and brush, remove obstructions from the stream, add fish habitat, and burn brush piles. About 1,800 feet of streambank were improved during these volunteer days. In addition, DNR staff worked on over 3,600 feet of Black Earth Creek streambank with heavy equipment. Thanks to everyone who came out to help, and please stay tuned for more details about future workdays along Black Earth Creek and at other places where the Land Trust works.

Land Trust receives grant to update its GIS system

GIS stands for geographic information system, and it is what the Land Trust uses to create maps of our work. The Land Trust was awarded a grant of software from ESRI, a company that creates GIS software, to update our mapping capabilities. We hope that you will notice our improved maps in the future. Thanks to volunteer Crystal Buck for writing the grant application and helping us install and learn to use the new software.



2008 Stewardship Award Winners
Lee Swanson, Tom Kuehn, Jerry Goth, Pat Hitchcock, Bill O'Connor and Bill Lunney

A sea of trilliums at Evenson's Woods, a wooded hillside protected by a conservation easement since 1995. Evenson's Woods is one of the 40+ properties inspected by the Land Trust each year to ensure that the provisions of the conservation easements -- which are permanent land protection agreements -- are always upheld.





2008 Stewardship Award Winners

The Natural Heritage Land Trust presented its 2008 Stewardship Awards on May 1, 2008. Over 230 people attended the Land Trust's 25th Anniversary and Stewardship Awards Celebration at Monona Terrace in Madison.

Please join us in congratulating the 2008 Stewardship Award winners:

Pat Hitchcock

For her stewardship of Donald County Park
Award presented by Glenn Spaay

Bill Lunney

Bolz Lifetime Achievement Award for his conservation leadership
Award presented by Tom Bolger

Bill O'Connor

25th Anniversary Achievement Award for his instrumental role in the development of the land trust movement
Award presented by Tia Nelson

Jerry Goth, Tom Kuehn, and Lee Swanson (the "Swamplovers")

For establishing a conservation area in the Black Earth Creek valley
Award presented by Anthony Varda and Carla Wright

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Pat Hitchcock (r) receives 2008 Individual Achievement Award for her extraordinary stewardship of Donald Park from Glenn Spaay (l).

Thank you!

- Crystal Buck and Mike Miller for preparing and staffing the Land Trust booth at the Isthmus Green Day event on April 25th
- Kevin St. Angel for creating the new online giving section of our website
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- Jeff Strobel for layout of conservation easement storyboards
- Judie Pfeifer, Gail Shea, and Harriet Riley for their service on the 25th Anniversary committee



Now is the best time to join!

Through 2008 your **new membership contribution will be doubled by the Bradshaw-Knight Foundation.**
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