



Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy

WATERSHED EVENTS

CONSERVANCY IS PROUD OWNER OF ANOTHER PRESERVE



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A 38.5-acre parcel in Pinconning Township is a haven for wildlife, and now the public can savor it as well. Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy took ownership of the property as a nature preserve and opened it for non-motorized public use, such as walking, hiking, nature viewing and fishing.

It is located west of Pinconning and Two Mile Roads, just a short walk from the Pinconning County Park and includes 2,165 feet of frontage along the Pinconning River. The Preserve is made up of pristine wooded wetlands and open meadows. Flora and fauna found there include black ash, sugar maple, red maple, sumac, verbena, iris asters, songbirds, waterfowl, white-tailed deer and reptiles. It's a nature-lover's dream.

The nature preserve also will be a benefit to the County Park which has 50 campsites and six cabins. "It's another fun thing for people to do out in our area," said Senior Ranger Steven C. Humphrey. "It will probably bring some new people into northern Bay County and into the Pinconning area."

The Conservancy also owns a nature preserve in Standish that is opened to the public. For more information contact us.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

The Conservancy has scheduled its first Guided Nature Tour for Saturday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. You are all invited, and it is FREE. The tour will take place on the Pinconning Preserve obtained last year by the Conservancy.

Meet at Pinconning Park located at the end of Pinconning Road, to the east of I-75. The Pinconning Nature Preserve is a short walk away from the Park. Wear comfortable shoes, bring your binoculars, some insect repellent, and in case of inclement weather, some rain gear along. Don't forget to bring family and friends as well.

STEWARDS OF THE LAND

The Conservancy has a legal responsibility to take care of land and easements that it owns. In November of 2004, several supporters of the Conservancy volunteered to serve on the newly formed Land Stewardship Committee. The committee will make several visits a year to monitor the Conservancy's preserves, to be sure there is no loss or damage to the conservation values of the property. And they will develop a management plan for such things as controlling invasive species and determining permitted uses.



Pictured on their first trip to the Pinconning Preserve from left to right are Committee Chair Larry Frisch, Bill Wright, Land Protection Specialist Nancy Parachini, Pat Trahan, George Shaw, Tom Burk, Charley Curtiss and Britt the dog.

PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR LANDOWNERS

Last year the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy began buying permanent easements on pre-selected farmlands enrolled in Conservation Reserve Enhancement Programs (CREP). The CREP practices are designed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. The permanent easements protect the land from ever being developed, guaranteeing opened spaces that filter run-off and thereby improve water quality. Do they work? The easements have reaped obvious signs of success for wildlife habitat as pheasants, turkeys, song birds and other wildlife have made their homes in the native grasses and wildflowers. And landowners are saying the water in the adjoining drains is clearer.

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy now owns 14 permanent easements on CREP practices totaling over 500 acres.

Over the next few years, the Conservancy expects to purchase approximately 3,000 acres that will be permanently protected.



The Stec property located in Tuscola County is a prime example of a wetland restoration and filter strips consisting of natural grasses and wildflowers.



Conservation Reserve Enhancement practices provide a perfect habitat for the return of pheasants and turkey.

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