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Michigan's First True Natural Burial Cemetery

The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery introduces true natural burial to Michigan. The land is left in its natural state, with mowed paths to invite visitors in. Only biodegradable materials are allowed and fieldstones from the prairie mark loved ones' graves.

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy supports the concepts and principles of preservation in this endeavor including the use of native plants, natural grave markers, biodegradable containers and other eco-friendly procedures.

Members of the Conservancy who choose to support natural burial at The Preserve, will be given \$100 off the cost of a grave when pre-arranging before January 31.

For more information on natural burial or to schedule a tour, please call (800) 989-9633 or visit www.michigannaturalburial.com.



The Preserve
AT ALL SAINTS CEMETERY

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Conserving the woods, fields, streams, wetlands and other natural resources in the headwaters of the Clinton, Flint, Shiawassee, & Huron Rivers.

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**You Get
CLEAN WATER,
CLEAN AIR,
LOCAL FOOD AND A
HEALTHY COMMUNITY
Because You Commit To LAND CONSERVATION**

“What’s a wetland?” “You mean WE are going to build a walkway and a bridge? Cool!” ...

excited words of youngsters who were about to discover that the health of a wetland was connected to their own health, and that the wetland forest at NOHLC’s Kimball Preserve helped keep their water clean.

This teachable moment happened because local Albion alumni and their families adopted an NOHLC property for a “day of service” and funded the project. ▶

Helping Them Dream In Color -Mostly Green!



◀ Three high school students listened attentively and one said “Man, I’d like to do something like this when I graduate!” Oakland Technical Center students are interning for NOHLC under the Guidance of NOHLC land steward Emily Duthinh and aspiring Steward, Ricky Ostrowski,. Like many young people, they are eager to get “boots on the ground” experience for future “dream” jobs in conservation. Gifts to the NOHLC general fund and the Fred Roeser Stewardship fund help these kids dream “big”.



Lora Perkin’s retirement dreams are coming true as ▶ a Land Steward for NOHLC. A retired Teacher’s Union President, she dreamed of enjoying nature with like-minded people in a LOCAL group. Volunteering with NOHLC “gives me a chance to do what that I love to do. I love the people. It’s a gift to learn about animal and plant habitats right here in my own community.”

“I meet with others, go to these spectacular, sometimes hidden, properties. They’re remarkably different, filled with wildlife, and most of all, so beautiful. Each one has its own appeal. I get to do my favorite three things – research, writing & being out in nature!”



Retirement Dreams Come True

Conservation work is transforming. “People just don’t want to work – they want to be involved – to be better people because they produce meaningful results.”

Which would YOU choose to preserve?



So many places we love...could you list for your friends, neighbors or even your kids what’s the **most** important land to protect where you live? The four places shown here could still be protected.

To help find answers NOHLC partnered with Oakland County Planning. We’ve identified priority parcels in our area based on these three criteria:

- 1) **ecological quality**,
- 2) **connecting green spaces** to create larger natural areas,
- 3) **preserving river corridors** for wildlife (*70% of terrestrial wildlife uses river corridors for food, shelter and migration*)

CALL US to let us know the places you love most at (248.846.6547) or email us at mail@nohlc.org. Ask us about activities that will help you preserve the places you love.



Want to squelch the aliens that threaten your backyard habitat?

YOU, the homeowner, can take action on your own properties. We have kits and “how to’s” to help you find and rid your property of phragmites, buckthorn and other problem plants. Check out the home page of our website: www.nohlc.org.

Please Save the Date:

Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 29, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

Public Welcome!

The Way To Good Health for Plants, People and Places Near Us

We make this promise to you: We will care for the land we protect FOREVER. We call that “the audacity of perpetuity”. When NOHLC acquires a property, nature continues to change the habitat. Sometimes that change can be rapid and destructive- changing wetlands, overwhelming woods.

The “you snooze, you lose” theory applies to our protected land. One third of Michigan plants are now alien species. **Why win this conservation battle where our properties are under siege?**

- wetlands stay wet to act as “lungs” for our water
- lovely flowers in a forest return each spring
- native plant & animals have what they need to survive, even thrive
- trails remain useable
- open fields don’t become thorny thickets

Here’s some GOOD NEWS: When you give to the Fred Roeser Stewardship Fund your help is coupled with volunteer hours so, together, we can fight and win this battle. With 1100 acres to monitor and protect, your land conservancy can’t be caught snoozing!



◀ Invasive Swallow-wort can crowd out the milkweed this monarch butterfly needs to survive.

Photo taken at Suzanne G. Knorr Preserve at the Parks at Stonewood in Clarkston

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