



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

# scenicVISTAS

May 2012

## 40 Years and Still Soaring



Greens Lake, Camp Wathana

### **Since 1972 -Your Legacy with Your Local Conservancy**

For forty years, NOHLC has preserved the natural resources of the headwaters areas of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers and surrounding areas. This year we are raising funds to protect the entire 250 acres of Camp Wathana -its wildlife and water resources and its future as an open space that children and adults can enjoy far into the future.

NOHLC's \$250,000 campaign will secure this spectacular setting. A generous grant from The Carls Foundation will match the first \$100,000 raised, enabling NOHLC to purchase a perpetual conservation easement from Camp Fire USA Southeast Michigan Council and to plan for permanent stewardship.



Over 50 percent of children's camps in Southeast Michigan have closed. Camp Wathana in Rose Township contains two pristine lakes, acres of unbroken forest canopy, two bogs, and historic camp buildings amid a large swath of undeveloped greenbelt. Since 1926 Camp Fire has taught reverence for nature and service following its "Today's Kids. Tomorrow's Leaders" motto.

NOHLC is excited by the opportunity to purchase a conservation easement from Camp Fire USA SE Michigan Council. Camp Wathana offers a win-win partnership aimed at preventing this camp from closing and preserving a disappearing native environment while providing a natural venue for character development and future leaders.



### 100 Years of Camp Fire USA

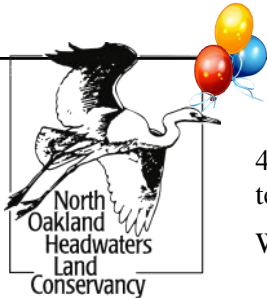


The Carls Foundation has awarded NOHLC a matching grant of \$100,000 in a commendable vote of confidence for our undertaking.

We have until September 30, 2012 to raise another \$100,000 in matching funds. Gifts to the Comprehensive Wathana Campaign will:

- protect these 250 acres from development forever
- sustain the stewardship needed to care for this unique setting
- rejuvenate Camp Fire's mission
- support NOHLC's efforts to preserve additional neighboring high quality property

Your contribution in this key 40<sup>th</sup> year campaign will mean a lot for NOHLC, setting us on a course to complete a 10,000 Acre Challenge in the next decade. Donations can be made to NOHLC, P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347 or electronically on our website at [www.NOHLC.org](http://www.NOHLC.org).



### NOHLC is Celebrating 40 Years of Land Conservation

40 Years of Preservation! Celebrate with us August 23. There will be refreshments and an interpretive walk into scenic Bridge Valley at the head of the Clinton River in Clarkston.

Watch for more information on our website [www.nohlc.org](http://www.nohlc.org) and Save the Date.

### Sue Topping awarded Thomas J. Bullen Award

The Tom Bullen Achievement Award was presented to Sue Topping during the 2012 January winter annual meeting. Sue has joined NOHLC's elite group of Bullen Award winners who exemplify standards of vision, service and continuing support to land conservancy.

Sue is a former NOHLC executive director, an author, a fantastic volunteer, co-chair of the Wild Night Out auction and a mother of three. Sue continues to give us her wisdom and encouragement as a current Board Auditor.



## NOHLC Members, Donors & Partners

NOHLC would like to thank each and every donor who has supported NOHLC this past year. Whether you gave us donations of financial, in-kind or your valuable time - we thank-you for sustaining the most important cause of conserving our treasured & unique environment here in the headwaters areas of the Shiawassee, Clinton, Flint and Huron rivers.

*We make every effort to include all who donated and volunteered. If we have omitted a name, please accept our sincere apologies and kindly notify the office so we may correct the error.*

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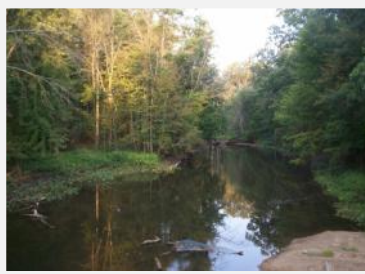
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**Susan Jones: Super-Duper NOHLC volunteer!**  
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*Thank-you Sumajo!*

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**Your membership makes a difference!**

Renew your membership. You are the power behind local conservation.

[www.NOHLC.org](http://www.NOHLC.org)  
 or call the office  
 at (248)846-6547



*Volunteer Rick McAvinchy marks a boundary at Eaton Wet Meadows.*

## Do You Love Being Out In Nature ?

Looking for the perfect volunteer opportunity that is short term and gets you out there? Join us for one of our new Inspector Training classes where you will learn how to ‘inspect’ one of our beautiful properties.

We will give you the information, the forms and the know-how to do the job. You will also receive a map to a property. One of our already trained inspectors will go with you for your first visit to the property.

If you have any questions about training, please email [mail@nohlc.org](mailto:mail@nohlc.org) or [lperk10460@aol.com](mailto:lperk10460@aol.com) or call the NOHLC office at (248) 846-6547. Hope to hear from you. Lora Perkins.



*Gill Landing; One of NOHLC's easement properties.*



**Congratulations** to the students from Oakland Technical Campus high school on winning the local **Envirothon** competition.

NOHLC has helped two teams prepare for the state-wide competition, teaching them about wetland ecology, wildlife identification, and geology at the Knorr Preserve. The teams won first and third place at the regional competition and at least one team will go on to the state-wide competition this spring. The team plans to sample macro invertebrates and nutrients in surface water and sediments in the wetlands at Knorr.

### Nosh for Nature



The following generous local restaurants will contribute a percentage of sales to NOHLC at these dates and times. Enjoy a family dine-out and benefit the preservation of Camp Wathana, the 250 acre camp for children in a spectacular natural setting in Rose Township.

#### Leo's Coney Island

(May 16th, 5-8 pm)  
6325 Sashabaw  
(2nd Plaza S. of Waldon Rd)  
Clarkston, MI 48348

#### On the Border

(June 20th, 11am-10pm)  
3930 Baldwin Rd  
(S. of Great Lakes Crossing Drive)  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Join the Conservation Conversation at the **FROG BLOG** on [www.NOHLC.org](http://www.NOHLC.org)



### Please Save the Date:

- **Private Tours of Camp Wathana**  
NOHLC is now scheduling **private tours** of 250 acre Camp Wathana that we are working to preserve.
- **Wild Ride in the Countryside**  
motorcycle ride w/ Boomers Roadhouse to promote land conservancy awareness. **JUNE 10**
- **Great Blue Heron Golf Outing**  
NOHLC's annual golf outing. At Atlas Country Club. **JULY 31**
- **Wild Night Out - Birthday Bash!**  
Annual Auction & dinner. Springfield Oaks, Davisburg **SEPT 29**



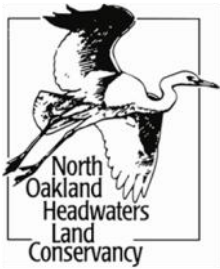
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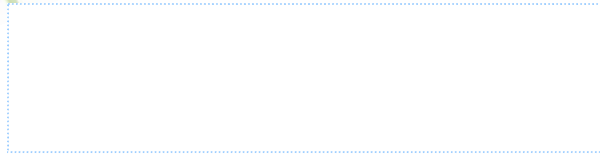
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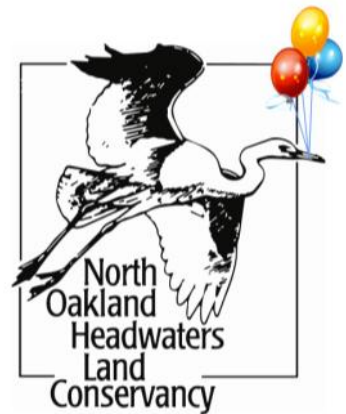
**Motorcycle Ride**  
with Boomers  
**June 10, 2012**



See [www.NOHLC.org](http://www.NOHLC.org)  
for more information!



**Golf Outing**  
at Atlas Valley Country Club  
**July 31, 2012**



**Wild Night Out**  
**BIRTHDAY BASH!**  
**September 29, 2012**