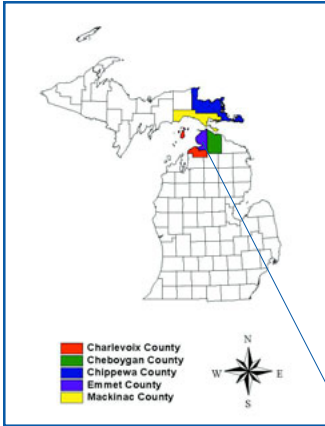


# map of Emmet County Preserves



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# EMMET COUNTY'S The Headlands

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**Acreage:** 600 acres

**Frontage:** 2½ miles on the Straits of Mackinac

**Characteristics:** The largest and least disturbed forest tract in the Mackinaw City vicinity. The property also includes two facilities for public rental (contact Emmet County for more information).

**Accessibility:** A paved road takes you to the facilities and the trailhead to nearly 4½ miles of trails. Cross-country skiing, hiking, birdwatching, mountain biking, and picnicking are all available at the Headlands.



Flanked by the Straits of Mackinac, the Headlands property is indeed a special piece of land. Thanks to a lack of major disturbance over the years, the land has remained relatively intact, providing for a great deal of plant and wildlife variety.

The property is a very important resting stop and staging area for raptors and neotropical birds migrating across the Straits. It is also home to the endangered Dwarf Lake Iris and is thought to be habitat for the threatened Lake Huron Tansy and Pitcher's Thistle.

In 1996, the Conservancy assisted Emmet County in acquiring the Headlands with a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

**Directions:** From Mackinaw City, take Central Avenue west to its end. Turn south (left) and go ¼ mile to the entrance road on the right.

# Allan and Virginia McCune Nature Preserve

**Size:** 168 acres

**Frontage:** 3,400 feet on Minnehaha Creek

**Characteristics:**

Dominated by hardwood forest, the property includes red pine plantations, meadow, creek, and a significant cedar swamp.

**Accessibility:**

A small parking area leads to a system of three trails totaling roughly three miles of easy hiking. A guided brochure corresponds with trail markers on the Minnehaha Trail.



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This beautiful property was donated to the Little Traverse Conservancy in 1984 by Allan and Virginia McCune of Petoskey. Old two-tracks wind their way through the preserve as remnants of past logging days. The spring-fed Minnehaha Creek, which provides habitat for fish such as brook trout, flows tranquilly through the preserve on its way to Crooked Lake. A footbridge was constructed in 1997 across the east branch of the creek with funds from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation in memory of Ellen Pray Bondy.



**Directions:** From Petoskey, take Mitchell Road east to Maxwell Road. Turn right and go about ¾ mile to the preserve sign on the right side of the road.

# Oden Island Nature Preserve

**Size:** 50 acres

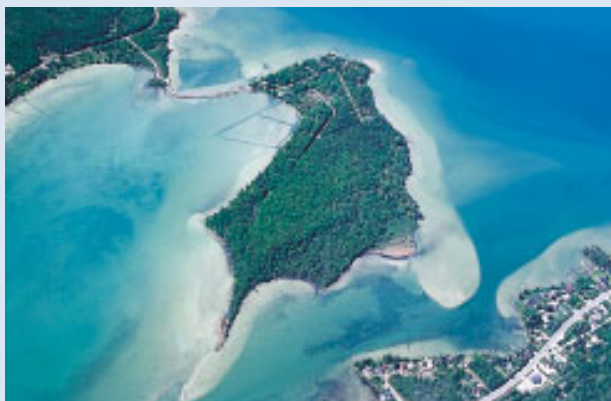
**Frontage:** one mile on Crooked Lake

**Characteristics:** This preserve is composed of large old-growth trees and fragile wetlands.

**Accessibility:** Unestablished foot trails meander through the property to the shore. A parking area and established trails are scheduled for completion in 2003.

A successful fundraising effort in 2000 resulted in the Conservancy's purchase of this rare, undeveloped waterfront property. The purchase closed the door on a controversial 34-unit subdivision that had been proposed for the site. The protected property plays a role in maintaining the water quality of Crooked Lake, which lies near the upper portion of the Inland Waterway, a 40-mile navigable waterway that eventually drains into Lake Huron in Cheboygan.

The protection of this property was a wonderful example of a community coming together. A window of only three months was available to raise almost \$1 million for the purchase. The result was an outpouring of support from many individuals including a family foundation and Littlefield Township.



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**Directions:** From Petoskey, take US-31 north to Pickerel Lake Road. Turn right and follow until Pickerel turns into Channel Road. Follow Channel Road to Oden Island Road and turn left. Once on the island, turn right on Leeward Drive. Where Leeward meets a "Y" and takes a sharp left is a good place to park to enter the preserve property. Trails are planned for 2003.

# RESORT TOWNSHIP'S East Park and West Park



**Acres:** East: 35 acres West: 33 acres

**Frontage:** East: 2,500 feet on Lake Michigan  
West: 600 feet on Lake Michigan

**Characteristics:** These are highly accessible parks located just outside of Petoskey, flanking Bay Harbor on both ends.

**Accessibility:** Both parks include large, paved parking lots and access to Little Traverse Bay. East Park includes a large picnic pavilion (seats 50-60), flush toilet, and an observation deck overlooking the bay. The Little Traverse Wheelways (bike path) runs through Petoskey to East Park and continues past West Park to Charlevoix.

What was once property owned by the local cement plant is now recovered, in part, by the existence of these two parks. The Conservancy worked with Resort Township to obtain a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase and protect the land. The public parks are owned and managed by the township.



**Directions:** From Petoskey, take US-31 south to Bay Harbor. West Park is located off Quarry Road. East Park is accessible from Townline Road.

# Round Lake Nature Preserve

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**Size:** 60 Acres

**Frontage:** 2,500 feet Round Lake

**Characteristics:** The preserve itself is wooded except for a wetland before the lake access. A self-guided brochure corresponds with features along the main loop of the trail.

**Accessibility:** Parking is next to the Conservancy office. Easy trails cover less than one mile.

Land that is now the Round Lake Preserve was once used by Native Americans as part of the Inland Water Route, which travels 40 miles through several lakes, eventually emptying into Lake Huron in Cheboygan. The original 40-acre preserve was donated to the Little Traverse Conservancy by the Wrigley Offield Family in 1980 with additional acreage purchased in 1984-86 by the people of L'Arbre Croche. The vegetation includes mixed hardwoods and conifer forest, lowland cedar swamp, and marshlands along the lake. These habitats provide homes and food for a variety of wildlife including raccoons, deer, woodpeckers, loons, and many others.



**Directions:** From US-31 in Petoskey, take M-119 about 1½ miles north to Powell Road. Turn right on Powell and take the first driveway on the right, which is the entrance to the Little Traverse Conservancy office. The trailhead is directly off of the parking lot.

# BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP'S Spring Lake Park



**Acreage:** 22 acres

**Frontage:** all the Spring Lake frontage along M-119

**Characteristics:** The park includes a paved parking lot, gazebo, boardwalked overlook, and an interpretive wetland trail.

**Accessibility:** A direct pull-off is located off of M-119, between Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

Spring Lake Park marks the beginning of the “Gateway to Harbor” corridor, a high priority land protection region for the Conservancy which stretches along M-119 between Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Located across from the Indian Hills Trading Post, the park is a favorite place for fishing, picnicking, and observing the swans and other wildlife frequenting the area.

Approximately half the lake frontage was obtained by Bear Creek Township in 1988 with Conservancy help. A Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, obtained by the Township and Conservancy in 1995, enabled the Township to purchase the remaining half of Spring Lake frontage on M-119. Aided by a donation of a quarter of the property’s appraised value from the property owners, the acquisition was completed using monies from special set-asides for transportation enhancement projects through a federal highway program. With the additional land obtained, the park now includes all the lake frontage along M-119. Another grant was received in the late 1990s by the township to develop the parking area, restrooms, and the interpretive trail.



**Directions:** From US-31 in Petoskey, take M-119 north less than ½ mile. The park is on the right.

# Stony Point Nature Preserve

**Size:** 50 Acres

**Frontage:** 3,000 feet  
on Paradise Lake

**Characteristics:**

One of the largest stretches of undeveloped shoreline on the lake.

**Accessibility:**

Parking is off of the road.

Jutting out into Paradise Lake (also known as Carp Lake), Stony Point is the

most prominent and unique point along the entire shoreline. Locals, who were concerned about a proposal to place 24 cottages on the site, contacted the Conservancy to explore alternatives to its development. In 1999, a local grassroots effort worked with Little Traverse Conservancy to successfully raise the majority of funds needed to purchase the property and rescue it from development. Since that time, local citizens have assisted with the preserve's caretaking and have erected an eagle nesting platform to encourage the successful fledging of young eaglets.



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An unusual cedar tree growing on the preserve (left). Local residents and Conservancy staff celebrate the property's protection at a dedication ceremony in 2000.

**Directions:** From the intersection of US-31 and Gill Road in Carp Lake, turn toward the lake and travel left along Paradise Trail for several miles. Turn right on Paradise Lake Road and travel to Lakeshore Drive. Approximately ½ mile down on the right, look for the preserve sign and parking area.

# STATE OF MICHIGAN'S Sturgeon Bay Dunes

**Acreeage:** 750 acres

**Frontage:** 4,100 feet on  
Lake Michigan

**Characteristics:**

Unquestionably one of the most beloved public beaches in northwestern Lower Michigan.

**Accessibility:** Established parking is at the center of the property's length where pit toilets are available.



In 1991, Sand Products Corporation sold this one-of-a-kind property to the State of Michigan, adding significant and much desired acreage to Wilderness State Park. The property includes habitat for the endangered Piping Plover and three or possibly four threatened species of plants (Lake Huron Tansy, Pitcher's

Thistle, Pumpell's Bromegrass and possibly Houghton's Goldenrod).

The driving force behind the acquisition was a grassroots effort mobilized in the 1970s by Little Traverse Conservancy co-founder John Tanton. Tanton proposed expansion of the boundaries of Wilderness State Park to include the land, and worked with a number of people to document the area's ecological importance and recreational potential. In addition to Tanton and the Conservancy, others involved in the protection of the dunes included: The Nature Conservancy-Michigan chapter, Petoskey Regional Audubon Society, Michigan and Petoskey Garden Clubs, Trout Unlimited, Save Our Bay, Ducks Unlimited, and countless other individuals.

This stretch of beach is definitive of northwestern Lower Michigan and generations yet to come will be forever grateful for its protection.



**Directions:** From Cross Village, follow M-119 north along the coast approximately five miles and you will enter the park and soon be at public shoreline.

# Stutsmanville Bog Nature Preserve

**Acreage:** 65 acres

**Characteristics:** One of the best examples of a classic bog in northern Michigan, this property is especially beautiful in the fall.

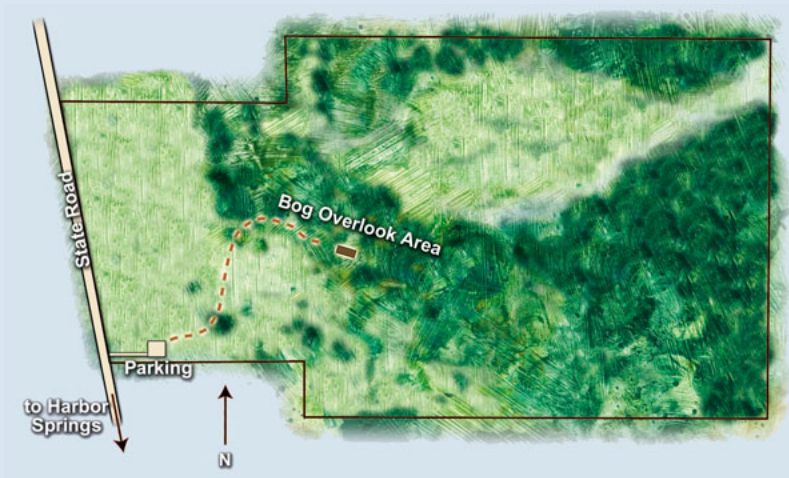
**Accessibility:**

A rustic parking lot is available as well as a ¼ mile woodchipped trail which leads to a bog overlook.



In 1999, the Conservancy purchased a large portion of the beautiful Stutsmanville Bog, an area that has been the subject of many well-known and published studies. The acquisition was made possible, in part, by a bargain sale from the sellers and with funds from the family of Julia Wells Terry.

A bog is a unique type of wetland dominated by organic soil known as peat. Bogs are also known for unusual plants such as the carnivorous pitcher plant and sundew which receive their nutrients by entrapping and digesting insects! Wetlands are extremely important for filtering water that flows through them. Please be sensitive to the fragile nature of this ecosystem when visiting. Even mild foot traffic off of the trails can permanently damage the vegetation.



**Directions:** From Harbor Springs, take State Road north approximately five miles. Look for the preserve sign on the right-hand side of the road. Parking access is just before the sign.

# WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP'S Thorne Swift Nature Preserve

**Size:** 30 Acres

**Frontage:** 300 feet on Lake Michigan

**Characteristics:** Includes the Elizabeth Kennedy Nature Center, boardwalked trails through swamp, beach frontage, a dune observation platform, a pond observation platform, gazebo, amphitheatre, and seasonal guided programs.

**Accessibility:** Easy parking is found in front of the nature center. Three trails total 1½ miles.



In 1981, Elizabeth Kennedy donated Thorne Swift's 30 acres to the Little Traverse Conservancy. The Conservancy agreed to lease the property to West Traverse Township for management so that township residents and others could enjoy the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, cedar swamp, and other natural features of the property.

The preserve and nature center are open daily 10 a.m. to ½ hour after sunset from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Parking fee is \$3 for non-township residents. Call (231) 526-6401 for information about current programs.



Elizabeth Kennedy  
Nature Center



**Directions:** From Harbor Springs, take M-119 northwest approximately four miles to Lower Shore Drive. Follow Lower Shore Drive for about ½ mile. The preserve is on the left.

## Other Preserves in Emmet County



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### Arbaugh Nature Preserve

Joey and Ted Arbaugh donated 40 acres adjacent to the Bryan Preserve in 1998. The Arbaughs further protected the land with a conservation easement that restricts uses to conservation and education.



### Bartley Nature Preserve

This preserve, donated to the Conservancy in 1985 by John and Jane Bartley, is a 1.9-acre parcel scattered with young conifer trees. Part of the Gateway to Harbor Project, the Bartley Preserve borders the North Schachinger Preserve and has 125 feet of frontage on M-119.



### S.A. Bissell Nature Preserve

This preserve, which adjoins the A.C. Fischer Preserve, is a 9½-acre triangular shaped parcel at the intersection of Beach and Bridge Roads. Also part of the Gateway to Harbor Project, it consists mainly of cedar swamp with some upland woods.



### Brill Nature Preserve

Brothers Don and Sam Brill donated eight acres of land within the Crooked Lake watershed in 1995. The land lies south of the village of Alanson and within a very short distance of Crooked Lake.



### Bryan Wildlife Preserve

Some 141 acres of wooded wetland dominated by tag alder and black ash make up the Bryan Wildlife Preserve. Located within 300 yards of Douglas Lake, this swamp aids in maintaining the water quality of the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Garth P. Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Garth M. Bryan donated

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the original 80-acre property in 1984. Since then, the Conservancy has purchased an additional 40 acres, and two 10-acre adjacent parcels were donated by Steven and Jane Roberts (1998) and Brad and Cynthia Claes (1999). In 1994, Warren and Beverly Krapohl donated .6 acres providing access to the land. Bordered by the Arbaugh Preserve, the land is also contiguous to thousands of acres of state land and land protected through the University of Michigan biosphere reserve.



## Burley Nature Preserve

Jack and Jacqueline Burley donated this three-acre parcel in 1985. They wished to protect the natural beauty along the Gateway to Harbor. Like several other preserves in this area, the Burley Preserve is a densely wooded cedar swamp with some upland woods.



## Joseph Clements Nature Preserve

Almost 16 acres of hardwood forest including maple, beech, birch, ash, and hemlock make up this preserve located two miles southeast of Alanson. The parcel provides wildlife habitat and a splendid view of Crooked Lake. Forrest Clements wished to preserve the natural beauty of the forest and left the property to the Conservancy in his will in 1992.



## Harold Covert Nature Preserve

This preserve, which borders Resort Pike and Lake Grove Roads near the north arm of Walloon Lake, spans 62 acres of diverse habitat including woodlands, rolling hills,

a wetland, and a meadow. Mrs. Dorothy Covert donated the preserve in December of 1980 in memory of her husband, Harold.



## Cranmer Nature Preserve

In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. William Cranmer donated 4½ acres with 200 feet of M-119 frontage to become a scenic buffer and preserve. This property includes a high bluff above road level, and is located a half mile south of Cross Village on the east side of the road.



## Edwards Nature Preserve

Donated in 1987 by Herbert and Lorraine Edwards, this long, narrow three-acre strip of land is located below the bluff on Lower Shore Drive, 3 miles west of the city of Harbor Springs and directly across from Thorne Swift Nature Preserve.



## Enje Nkweshdat Wat Nature Preserve (‘Meeting Place’)

Donated in 1991 by Sarah McPharlin, this 35-acre parcel is located ¾ of a mile southwest of Cross Village on M-119. The rolling, wooded terrain—occupied by American beech, white birch, and other hardwoods—contributes to the M-119 scenic corridor and provides habitat protection and open space in a developing area.



## Fairbairn Nature Preserve

Like other preserves in this area, the five-acre Fairbairn parcel consists of upland hardwoods and a cedar swamp. It is located

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next to the A.C. Fischer Preserve. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fairbairn, Sr. donated this piece of land in 1982.



## A.C. Fischer Nature Preserve

The Fischer Preserve, donated in 1973 by Mrs. C.G. Fischer, was the first parcel donated to the Little Traverse Conservancy and the first Gateway to Harbor Preserve. Located along Beach Road in Harbor Springs, these 42 acres are comprised of conifer lowlands and swamp.



## Walter Fisher Family Nature Preserve

The Walter Fisher family donated this beautiful 41-acre nature preserve two miles north of Cross Village. Forested sand dunes give way to a fragile sand bluff with a quarter mile of frontage on Lake Michigan. The development rights to this property were purchased by the State of Michigan in the first transaction of its kind ever completed in Michigan. The remainder interest was donated to the Conservancy in 1995.



## Fisk Nature Preserve

Most of this five-acre preserve is bordered by the Burley Preserve on the west and the Fischer Preserve on the south. Another small piece of the preserve borders the north side of M-119. The Fisk Nature Preserve was donated in 1980 by Margaret Fisk.

## Five Mile Creek Swamp Nature Preserve

Located across from the old Five Mile Creek Schoolhouse, this M-119 preserve consists of more than 60 acres. An original gift of 27 acres was donated in 1997 from William and Cheryl VonValtier. A second gift of 24 acres came in 1998 from Joyce Smith. In 2000, the Conservancy purchased an additional 9½ acres. This beautiful area which lies adjacent to the Horner Preserve, harbors large populations of wildlife and protects the watershed of the small creek which runs into Lake Michigan.



## Fochtman Nature Preserve

At 243 acres, this property was one of the largest undeveloped blocks of land remaining between Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Over ¼ mile frontage on Round Lake includes a stream that forms the headwaters of the Inland Waterway. The preserve also runs adjacent to ½ mile of US-31 frontage near Conway. The Conservancy purchased the property at a significant bargain sale from the Fochtman family in 2001.



## Gateway to Harbor Nature Preserve

The Conservancy purchased 40 acres in 1997 to create the Gateway to Harbor Preserve. Located across the road from the M-119 Menonaqua Woods and Kramer Preserve, this property is found just north of the Conservancy office between Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

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## Goldman Nature Preserve

Within the Gateway to Harbor corridor, this three-acre property is a thick cedar swamp. Along with the nearby preserves, the Goldman Preserve adds protection to the large span of wetland along Beach Road. Mr. and Mrs. Max Goldman, Sr. and J. Goldman, III donated the land in 1983.



## Bob and Virginia Horner Nature Preserve

In 2002, Robert and Virginia Horner donated 30 acres adjacent to the Five Mile Creek Swamp Nature Preserve. This beautiful property includes nearly a half mile of M-119 frontage.



## Dan and Ruby James Nature Preserve

Two acres of thick cedar swamp with a stream flowing across the property constitute the James Preserve. Includes 800 feet of frontage on the south side of Beach Road in Harbor Springs. Many spring wildflowers abound here. Dan and Ruby James donated this parcel in 1984.



## John Preserve

The John Family donated this 11-acre parcel within the M-119 corridor in 1997. Entirely wooded, the land provides a scenic buffer along the corridor.



## Elmer Johnston Nature Preserve

Once tilled farmland and more recently used for pasture, the 220-acre Johnston

Preserve boasts a rolling hardwood forest and meadowland. Beech, sugar maple, and red oak dominate the hardwood forest. The hilltops offer magnificent views of Lake Michigan and Beaver Island. Mrs. Elmer Johnston donated this property in memory of her husband in 1982.



## Kalman Nature Preserve

Established in 2001 by a donation from Andrew Kalman, these 58 acres adjoin the A.C. Fischer Preserve, completing the protection of a large area of fragile and beautiful wetlands. The preserve includes more than 400 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline.



## Kinglet Preserve

As part of its US-31 Scenic Protection Program, the Conservancy purchased this 40 acres with ½ mile of highway frontage in 2001. The preserve lies parallel to other protected land near Bay Harbor and will provide a scenic buffer for travelers.



## Kramer Nature Preserve

This two-acre cedar swamp wetland parcel is adjacent to the Menonaqua Woods Preserve located along Beach Road and M-119 in Harbor Springs. The property was donated to the Conservancy in 1993 by the Elizabeth Kramer Trust.



## Leslie Nature Preserve

A mixed conifer-deciduous forest and cedar swamp make up the five-acre Leslie Preserve, located between Glenn Drive and Second Street in Harbor Springs. A

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stream, fed by underground springs, runs through the property eventually spilling into Lake Michigan. The preserve was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Leslie in 1981.



## MacDonald Scenic Preserve

Once farmland, this 14-acre preserve borders Clayton Road and M-119, protecting 1,320 feet along a scenic corridor. Murray and Catherine MacDonald donated this parcel in 1990. A former Scotch Pine plantation on the property is being replanted with native species to re-establish a natural forest.



## Maple River Beach Preserve

These 40 acres with over a quarter mile on both sides of the Maple River provide a buffer to excellent trout habitat. The Conservancy purchased the property in 1993 through fundraising efforts, and later transferred it to the DNR.



## Meadowgate Nature Preserve

Joining the Sanford Preserve on its western border, Meadowgate is an 11-acre preserve located along M-119, 4½ miles from US-31. This preserve is mainly a large open meadow functioning as a greenbelt along M-119. William Fischer, Lois and Elmer Desimpel, and JoAnn and Charles Donnelly donated the original 10-acre property in 1978. A 1.3-acre addition was gifted in 1991 by FIDODE Associates.



## Menonaqua Woods

This parcel is the largest of the Gateway to

Harbor preserves spanning 102 acres on both sides of Beach Road near M-119. The Menonaqua Corporation obtained ownership in the 1930s and donated the property to the Conservancy in 1977. The steep terrain consists of a sand dune ecosystem with a dense forest of beech, maple, and hemlock, as well as a cedar swamp boasting numerous wildflowers.



## Morley Nature Preserve

Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Morley donated this property in 1980. The preserve is three acres and its southern boundary joins the Fischer preserve. It is part of a large hardwood-conifer swamp with rich soil and thick vegetation acting as a water filter and helping to maintain a constant groundwater supply.



## Orchis Fen Nature Preserve

Once locally known as Kruzel's Bog, this 38-acre fen provides important wetland habitat and significant plant diversity. A lush forest of cedar, tamarack, and black spruce surround the sphagnum moss and sedge mat of the site. Pitcher plant, sundew, bladderwort, Labrador tea, and at least 19 species of orchids are among the many plant species found here. The University of Michigan Biological Station has used this fen as a teaching site since 1964. The Conservancy acquired ownership of this property in 1984 after jointly purchasing it with the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 1983.



## Ponshewaing Nature Preserve

Covering five acres of wetland with ap-

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proximately 315 feet of frontage on US-31 and 315 feet of frontage on Crooked Lake, the Ponshewaing Preserve serves as a greenbelt for the highway and lake. Steven and Martha Shuman, James and Mary Wimer, and William and Janet Maile donated this property to LTC in 1989.



## Naas, Mauger, Raunecker Nature Preserve

This preserve was donated in the late 1980s by the Naas and Mauger families in memory of Richard H. and Lydia Naas Raunecker. Forty acres of cedar swamp, plus a flowing well and pond located on the western portion, characterize this preserve. These wetlands, located between Second and Fourth streets in Harbor Springs, provide shelter for numerous birds, other animals, and a diversity of plant life. They also filter nutrients and sediments from runoff, protecting water quality.



## Readmond-Friendship Township Park: Church Beach

The Conservancy assisted Friendship and Readmond Townships in their 1997 and 1998 purchases totaling nearly five acres of land with 540 feet of Lake Michigan frontage in Good Hart. The majority of funds for this public beach came from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.



## Roaring Brook Nature Preserve

In 1997, the Conservancy purchased these 20-acres with funds from the Offield family foundation. The preserve lies along

Sylvan Avenue within the Roaring Brook Association near Harbor Springs.



## Rockwell Nature Preserve

This six-acre triangular shaped piece of land near M-119 is one of the Gateway to Harbor Preserves. The land is primarily a hardwood-conifer swamp with wet mucky soil and lush vegetation. Jerrie and Martha Rockwell donated the preserve in 1981.



## Rocky Point/Crooked Lake Nature Preserve

Accessible only by boat, this 27-acre preserve is predominately swamp consisting of northern white cedar and balsam fir. It has 2,000 feet of frontage on Crooked Lake. The Conservancy purchased this parcel from the estate of the late Aileen Marshall in 1986 to preserve the valuable wetland and lake frontage.



## Ryan Nature Preserve

Half a mile of M-119 frontage, including the famous "Tunnel of Trees" is protected in this 50-acre preserve which was given by Marion W. Ryan in 1998. It protects one of the most beautiful portions of M-119, enhancing the efforts of property owners, local government, the state, and the Conservancy to protect this scenic route.



## Sandford Nature Preserve

This one-acre preserve was donated to the Conservancy in 1978 by Carolyn and Robert Sandford. The preserve consists largely of sugar maple and beech trees.

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## Schachinger Nature Preserve

Two parcels totaling four acres donated by John and Helen Schachinger in the 1980s compose this preserve. Lying just outside the Harbor Springs city limits between M-119 and Pennsylvania Avenue, the land provides a natural haven and wildlife habitat amidst surrounding development.



## Shumway Nature Preserve

This flat, wooded parcel was donated to the Conservancy in 1991 by Frank and Catherine Shumway. Its four acres are located at the foot of a bluff on Beach Road, within the Gateway to Harbor corridor.



## Shurtleff Scenic Preserve

Located between M-119 and Lower Shore Drive in Cross Village, this .4-acre preserve sits on a bluff offering a magnificent view of Lake Michigan and Sturgeon Bay. Mary Shurtleff, wanting to establish a scenic outlook among the growing development in the area, donated this property—part of her father's estate—in 1977.



## Sims-Moffat Forest Preserve

This 70-acre preserve, located near Levering, is primarily upland hardwoods with a 17-acre red pine plantation on its northern end. Listed under the Commercial Forest Act, the land has been managed to produce commercial lumber and will continue to be managed in the same fashion by the Conservancy. It was donated in 1986 by Mrs. Marion Moffat.

## South Round Lake Nature Preserve

The Conservancy purchased this land in 1991 with a generous gift from an Ohio family foundation and with a gift of interest in the land from the seller. It consists of six acres of wetlands with frontage on Round Lake and is recognized by the Michigan Loon Preservation Association as habitat for the endangered Common Loon.



## Watson Family Nature Preserve

John and Jan Watson donated 77 acres along M-119 in 1998. Twenty-five of the acres were transferred to the county for recreational fields and administrative buildings, with the remaining 52 acres forming the preserve. Approximately 20 acres of the preserve is open meadow, with the remaining land wooded.



## Weimer's Lake Nature Preserve

Elizabeth Kennedy donated this 12-acre parcel in 1987. A lake and hemlock grove characterize the preserve which is adjacent to Thorne Swift Nature Preserve.



## West Wequetonsing Nature Preserve

Located between Ottawa Stadium and Pennsylvania Avenue, this 14-acre preserve was given in 1973 by Jean and Janell Everest. The property was first leased to the Conservancy and acquired later with the help of the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Once adjacent to the Carey Lumber Mill, the land was left undisturbed during the lumbering era.