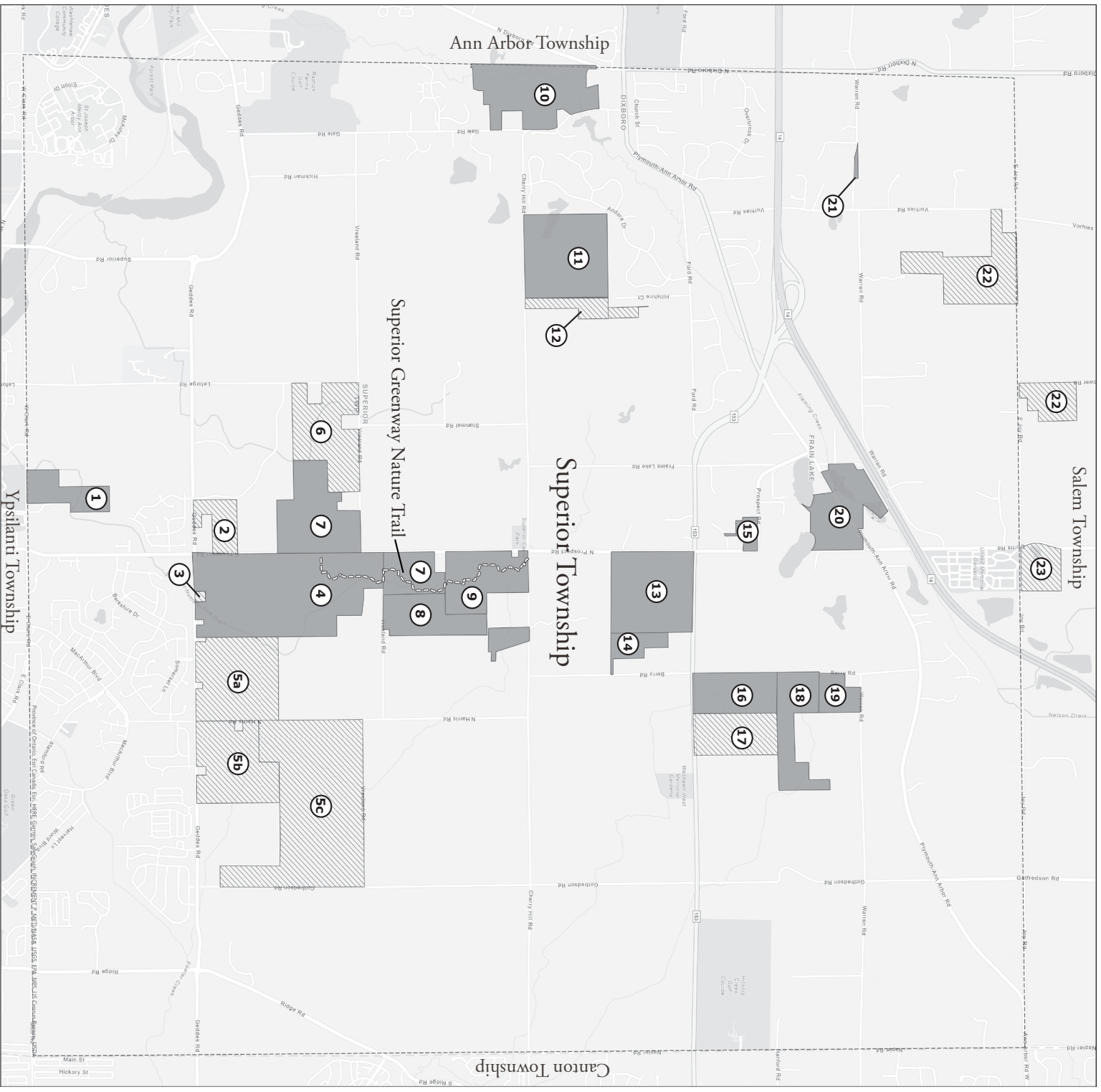


The Superior Greenway

A Greenbelt between Ann Arbor and Detroit



Key to Protected Properties in the Superior Greenway

Map Number	Property	Owner or Easement Holder	Acres
1	Highland Nature Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	53
2	Conservation Easement	Superior Township	40
3	Conservation Easement	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	3
4	LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	325
5a	Farm Easement	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	158
5b	Farm Easement	City of Ann Arbor	136
5c	Farm Easement	State of Michigan	369
6	Conservation Easement	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	129
7	Meyer Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	183
8	Conservancy Farm	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	99
9	Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	100
10	Matthaei Botanical Gardens	University of Michigan	194
11	Cherry Hill Nature Preserve	Superior Township	160
12	Conservation Easements (3)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	35
13	Kosch Headwaters Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	160
14	Springhill Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	30
15	North Prospect Park	Superior Township	15
16	Secret Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan and Conservancy	80
17	Conservation Easement	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	82
18	Weatherbee Woods Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	84
19	Schroeter Park	Superior Township	33
20	Staebler Farm	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	98
21	Wing Preserve	Washtenaw Audubon Society	2
22	Farm Easement	City of Ann Arbor	165
23	Conservation Easements (2)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	42

All Preserves open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset.

■ Nature Preserves and Parks - Open to the Public
 ▨ Protected Private Land - No Public Access

Please respect owners of private property by only visiting property open to the public.

Contact Information:

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.....(734) 484-6565
- Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program.....(734) 794-6210
- Superior Township Parks and Recreation Department.....(734) 480-5502
- Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.....(734) 971-6337

Map is for general reference only. Property data provided by Washtenaw County, accessed August 2021. Aerial image provided by ESRI.

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The Superior Greenway Partners

The Superior Greenway was envisioned by SMLC Founder, Jack R. Smiley, to be a greenbelt between Detroit and Ann Arbor, one that would preserve wildlife habitat and facilitate public access to nature. That vision was embraced by each of the following partners:



Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people. www.smlcland.org



The Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program

(commonly referred to as the Greenbelt Program) was approved by City of Ann Arbor voters in November, 2003 to provide funding for the preservation and protection of open space, natural habitats and working landscapes both inside and outside the city limits. www.a2gov.org



Superior Charter Township is a vibrant and diverse community that is committed to protecting the outstanding natural areas, productive farmlands



www.superiortownship.org

Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program purchases unique natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all County residents: plants, animals and people! The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission also partners with other land preservation organizations to find creative ways to protect and preserve natural areas.



<https://www.washtenaw.org/939/Natural-Areas-Preservation-Program>

Kosch-Headwaters Preserve

3268 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198 (park onsite)

The preserve shares a beech-maple woods and hiking trail with the adjacent Springhill Nature Preserve and boasts an abundance of spring wildflowers such as bloodroot, trillium, geranium, and spring beauty. It lies in the headwaters of the Rouge River and hosts wetlands, seasonal



streams and a spring.

Cherry Hill Nature Preserve

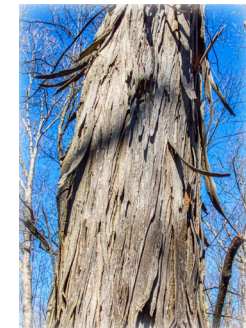
6221 Cherry Hill Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198 (park along road)

This quiet preserve features a heavily wooded glacial moraine, wetlands and meadow. The wildlife population here is as diverse as the terrain, with a resident owl population and many other bird species.



Secrest and Weatherbee Woods Nature Preserves, and Schroeter Park

8730-8776 Warren Road, Superior Township, MI 48170 (park onsite at Schroeter Park or the Secrest Nature Preserve – anticipated in 2022)



This northern Greenway complex includes a 2-mile public trail that meanders through stunning oak-hickory woods and rolling topography along the Rouge River tributary. The 80-acre Secrest Nature Preserve is the newest addition to the 278-acre contiguous protected area.

Facts at a Glance

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has been protecting land in the 7-county southeast Michigan region since 1988.
- SMLC's Superior Township Chapter (STC) was established in 1991, and is helping preserve the rural character and natural habitats of Superior Township.
- The Superior Greenway Partners have protected more than 2,700 acres, with over 1,600 acres available for public access.
- The Superior Greenway Nature Trail begins at SMLC's Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve and meanders through Washtenaw County's Meyer Preserve to the south where it connects with existing trails at SMLC's LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve. The Trail is approximately 1.75 miles in length and trail users can access it from Superior Township Hall and Vreeland Rd.
- SMLC is a certified IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit; charitable donations to SMLC are tax deductible.
- To receive SMLC's volunteer and event announcements, please email info@smlcland.org.



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Highlights of Key Nature Preserves

LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve

2384 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198 (parking onsite off Prospect Rd.)

This popular preserve protects 325 acres of farmland and natural habitat. The site represents a variety of southern Michigan habitat types, including wetlands, grasslands, forests and swamps. Trails wind through these diverse habitats including the beautiful "LeFurge Woods" allowing for some of the best wildlife viewing in the Detroit-Ann Arbor region.



Conservancy Farm

8383 Vreeland Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198 (parking onsite)

Located in the heart of the Superior Greenway, this 99-acre site consists of peaceful woods, grasslands, and farm fields. The historic farmstead includes SMLC's office, an early 1900's brick farmhouse, the original 1830's settlers' log cabin and the iconic post-and-beam "big red barn". Popular activities include the Community Organic Garden program, birdwatching and photography.



Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve

8080 Cherry Hill Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198 (park at Superior Township Hall)

The preserve is named after SMLC's founder and marks the northern end of the Superior Greenway Nature Trail. The trailhead includes an ADA-accessible overlook area and native plant and insect gardens. Scenic views along the farmland Trail include two stream crossings and several wetland restoration areas before the Trail crosses onto the adjacent Meyer Preserve.



The Superior Greenway

