



Mission

The 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.

SMLC Local Chapters

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Dear Friend:

You are receiving this letter because at some point your path crossed with Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy's (SMLC) path. We're very glad that it did because it gives us the opportunity to talk with you about SMLC, something we love to do!

SMLC is a nonprofit land conservancy that works to *save land, steward land and connect people with land* every day. During the past 23 years, SMLC has protected more than 2,700 acres in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties and we are actively working on projects in Monroe County.

Why is this important? By providing local green spaces and farmland, SMLC is improving wildlife habitat, keeping food local, offering accessible nature nearby, and contributing to the quality of our lives.

Here is one example: in February 2011 SMLC accepted a gift of a donated conservation easement from Mr. Harold Henry on 152 acres in Livingston County. The property is a combination of farmland and natural areas including a beautiful woods and wetlands. Mr. Henry's farm is also located adjacent to SMLC's 242-acre Morris-Reichert Nature Preserve and the State of Michigan's Lakelands Trail State Park. Mr. Henry wanted to see the family farm preserved and not subdivided into smaller homesteads so that it would remain part of the rural landscape he loves - examples of the value of placing a conservation easement on privately owned property.

Your membership with SMLC can help us keep more green places like Mr. Henry's rural farm - places that benefit all of us and wildlife too. Belonging to SMLC is being part of the larger land conservation movement right here at home. **Join with us now** to see your dollars at work saving land, stewarding land and connecting people with land.

Please see the enclosed membership form and **send in your gift today**.

Sincerely,
Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

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Enclosures