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Celebrating Trails, Lakes and Prairies

By Jill A. Lewis, Executive Director

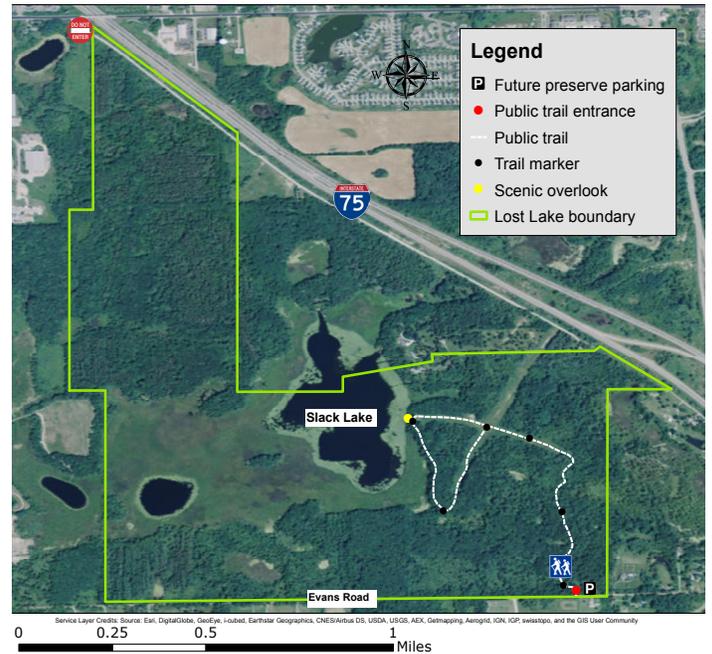
What does it take for local conservation efforts to be successful into the future? It takes a vision for where these efforts should coalesce, the resources to enact that vision, and public engagement with local residents and communities to support that vision. It is this latter aspect that can be the most important in order for land conservation to be valued and therefore, supported over time.

One way to connect people with nature is by facilitating public access at local nature preserves. Opening preserves up for hiking, scenic enjoyment, and learning activities is good for our health and spirit. For communities this benefit is akin to an environmental bottom line that can improve quality of life.

For example, I appreciate connecting with nature in simple and yet powerfully moving ways. For me, the sight of a visiting osprey at Lost Lake Nature Preserve became a highlight of my summer. During several visits I was greeted by its cries from high above as it seemingly circled near the sun and took flight from the forested wetland edge. Each time I heard it I would stop to watch, mesmerized, feeling excited and pleased at the same time. As I shared this experience with my colleagues and family, the richness of the experience deepened.

For SMLC's Office Manager, Wendy Pellerito, connections occur in solo sojourns and group hiking experiences which she shares via social media to encourage her friends to get outdoors. Her photographs are a window into another world.

Whatever the motivation is to appreciate nature, it's good!



Lost Lake Nature Preserve Trail Map.

Map by Erick Elgin

This year Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) opened three very different and locally significant nature preserves to the public for the first time. We celebrated trails, lakes and prairies at our 2015 Preserve Dedication Days and showcased what makes each place special.

Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve: home to the first leg of the new Superior Greenway Nature Trail, visitors will park at Superior Township Hall and enjoy a safe crossing over Cherry Hill Road to access the scenic

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*The Southeast Michigan
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enrich the lives of people.*



Message from the Executive Director

By Jill A. Lewis

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy has been busy preparing three of our nature preserves for public grand openings and our 2015 Preserve Dedication Days. Celebrating Trails, Lakes and Prairies is the theme of this issue (see pages 1, 3, 4-6 and 11).

Even though the Dedication events are now over the property-readiness work continues at all three sites. This year, SMLC was able to remove all of the historic trash at our Lost Lake and Sibley Prairie-West Prairie nature preserves and complete the house demolition and stable upfit projects at Lost Lake. These projects were funded and facilitated by the J. A. Woollam Foundation and Redwood Acquisitions, respectively. We are very grateful to both for their support.

In addition, The Nature Conservancy began the first phase of a multi-phase restoration project at West Prairie this past summer. And the Superior Greenway Nature Trail construction was completed and two wetland mitigation projects began at our Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve. You can read more about land restoration and SMLC's efforts on pages 6 and 7.

Why is this important?

For you, this means a more enjoyable experience when you visit these preserves. Cleaning up remains of buildings and other past human activity creates a safer place to visit and

improves the habitats that animals call home.

In addition to these activities, we also put serious effort into our trail planning for these preserves. This included locating where trails should go, clearing existing trails or constructing new ones, and signing and marking preserve trails.

All of this improves both the trail user experience and our management of those trails.

For more on the trails of yesteryear and today, see pages 4 and 5.

As our year comes to a close, SMLC will begin to shift our efforts to the work needed for our upcoming Land Trust Alliance Accreditation application. This will

be a dominant theme in 2016. We will also continue the public access work at the 3 preserves noted above, including the establishment of small parking areas at our Lost Lake and West Prairie nature preserves.

SMLC's mission remains our guiding force directing all of the work that we undertake. But it is your support that makes all the difference. Please take a moment to reflect on the importance of land conservation in your life and what being part of SMLC has meant to you. Please share this with others and give a generous year-end contribution. Your donation will count towards our "We Care" campaign and fund our annual operations.

Thank you!



Celebrate Trails, Lakes and Prairies

2015 Preserve Dedication Days

By Jill A. Lewis, Executive Director

SMLC celebrated trails, lakes and prairies this past summer and fall at our three public Dedication events announcing the grand opening of the Jack R. Smiley, Lost Lake and Sibley Prairie-West Prairie nature preserves and the Superior Greenway Nature Trail. Attendees learned about rare prairie plants, birding, and stream and lake invertebrates. Each event featured a preserve hike through different landscapes including a rare remnant prairie, farmland, wetlands, woods, and even a lake!

SMLC is excited that these preserves are now open to the public. However, due to current restoration activities, the Jack R. Smiley and Sibley Prairie-West Prairie nature preserves are TEMPORARILY CLOSED. Please stay tuned.

SMLC is very grateful to all of the event partners and sponsors who helped make our 2015 Preserve Dedication Days special and fun!



Hikers at West Prairie Nature Preserve Dedication Photo by Jill Lewis

2015 Preserve Days

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Celebrate Trails, Lakes and Prairies

Nature Trails: Paths of Serenity in an Urban Landscape

By Erick Elgin, Stewardship and Outreach Specialist



SMLC's Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve - West Prairie trail system is approximately 1.25 miles in total length and meanders through a globally rare lakeplain prairie remnant and an adjacent upland and lowland hardwood forest.

Photo by Jerry Jourdan

“Above all, do not lose your desire to walk. Everyday, I walk myself into a state of well-being & walk away from every illness. I have walked myself into my best thoughts, and I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it. But by sitting still, and the more one sits still, the closer one comes to feeling ill. Thus if one just keeps on walking, everything will be all right.”

- Søren Kierkegaard

Walking a meandering rustic nature trails allows our mind to wander. What is more relaxing than the stillness of a forest or gently rolling grasslands? Indeed, even a falling leaf can inspire a sense of awe. We all know that nature preserves protect land and enhance wildlife habitat. However, they also have the added benefit of providing local residents a place to find peace and discover nature.

These gems are hidden in our communities throughout the urbanized landscape of southeast Michigan. LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve, for example, contains miles of trails and is yet is close to Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Canton. In Wayne County you will find the Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve – West Prairie site. Trails on this preserve expose you to an ancient Michigan ecosystem called lakeplain prairie. In Oakland or Genesee counties, come visit the 538-acre Lost Lake Nature Preserve. The trails here provide views of Slack Lake and showcase the natural diversity and beauty of southeast Michigan.

SMLC has preserve rules to protect wildlife habitat and to foster that sense of serenity on our trails. For example, we ask that dog owners keep their animals leashed at all times. This reduces disruptions for animals, but for other hikers as well. Also, we do not allow bikes or horses on the trails for much the same reason.

We want you to be pleasantly surprised by wildlife, not startled by other things you see every day on the street. Hopefully, the quiet environment you find in a nature preserve is where you can discover a bit more about yourself and the world around us.



Trails of Yesteryear...and Today

by Jack R. Smiley, SMLC Founder

Today when we think of trails, we usually think of the recreational bike and hiking trails that have been established in many communities. But trails have been a part of the landscape for centuries.

An extensive system of Native American trails once criss-crossed the country, many being hundreds of miles in length. These trails provided the means for trade and commerce, for communication and for exploration.

One of the most important trails leading into Michigan was the Great Trail, probably so named because of its importance in Native American and pioneer affairs. It ran south of Lake Erie and branched into Boston, Delaware and the Chesapeake Bay. It connected with the Sauk Trail by way of two or three spurs as it bent around the west end of Lake Erie. The Sauk Trail, also called the Chicago Trail, is perhaps best known as the future route of U.S. 12, Michigan Avenue.

In fact, many of the Indian trails were used by European settlers and later became the framework for much of our present-day road system. The Grand River Trail followed the course that Grand River Avenue now takes from Detroit to Grand Rapids. The Saginaw Trail came from the south passing through Toledo, Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, along what became Dixie Highway. This trail led to Saginaw Bay and connected with the Mackinaw Trail which went to the straits.

Numerous other trails created a network throughout southeast Michigan. The Potawatomi Trail followed the Huron River from its mouth and passed through Ann Arbor. In Ypsilanti, it crossed both the Territorial Trail, which came over higher land to the south, and the Sauk Trail.

Near this intersection, another trail ventured north along present-day Prospect Road, connecting the Huron River and the Sauk Trail to a trail which became Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road. Coincidentally, the newly established Superior Greenway Nature Trail follows a path which approximates this historic Native American trail.

These are just a few of the many trails which were woven into the fabric of Native American life. The trails of old provided not only a means of sustenance, but also a deep connection to Mother Earth.

Today's nature trails can also provide a means to rekindle our connection to the land and with our remaining natural wonders. A quiet walk can yield wild turkey, mink, deer, soaring hawks...or perhaps an eagle or osprey. You can witness the miracle of migration in birds and monarch butterflies, or marvel at nodding trillium or the moss underfoot. All of these can be experienced with stealth and patience; qualities that were needed by past Americans as they traversed the trails of old.

Superior Greenway Nature Trail Update



Construction of the Superior Greenway Nature Trail Phase I in Superior Township began last year with the creation of an ADA accessible trail entrance and two bridges at SMLC's Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve.

This year, the trail was extended south 0.7 miles to Washtenaw County's Meyer Preserve. The native switchgrass trail is a leisurely stroll through the rural landscape of Superior Township. Phase II has begun, expanding the trail through the Meyer Preserve. When complete, the Superior Greenway Nature trail will be 3 miles in length and pass through 3 preserves including SMLC's LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve.

Land Restoration: Doing Good for Nature and You

By Mike Losey, Charter Township of Springfield

Across southeast Michigan, conservation organizations are working to improve the condition of our lands and waters for the benefit of nature and people. A healthy environment goes hand-in-hand with improved quality of life and economic growth opportunities. Therefore, protection and restoration of our local waters and lands are increasingly recognized as a key component of future regional viability.

As human development occurs in southeast Michigan, we have placed a number of stressors on the landscape which have led to a decline in the very things that attracted us to settle here long ago: clean water, abundant wildlife and natural beauty. Today, water pollution, air quality advisories, and a loss of plant and wildlife species all diminish the environment in which we live.

Land restoration can help to improve these damages. Restoration activities are often just the beginning, and then time, additional management, and patience must follow. Our removal of invasive species and prescribed fires can only do so much, but these actions restore natural processes that help an ecosystem to self-

heal. Fortunately, conservation groups like Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are initiating this healing process.

One example of a collaborative approach to land conservation and restoration is in Brownstown Township, Wayne County. There TNC and SMLC are working together to achieve lasting results that will hopefully have far reaching impacts on the human and natural communities. At SMLC's Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve-West Prairie site, restoration of the globally rare lakeplain prairie remnant located there began last summer. The site is part of a larger lakeplain prairie complex where TNC has been working to restore lakeplain prairie remnants on public and private lands. The goal is to maintain and increase the size of the current prairie areas. This has positive ramifications for southeast Michigan by preserving an important natural legacy and by increasing the natural greenspace in a heavily-urbanized area.

Land restoration is one way that conservation organizations address the negative changes to our environment and help nature by making improvements that benefit all of us over time.

Prairie restoration at SMLC's Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve-West Prairie.

Photo by Jerry Jourdan



Stewardship News

SMLC's Restoration Projects

By Erick Elgin, Stewardship and Outreach Specialist

SMLC is always hard at work protecting what remains of our natural areas in southeast Michigan, which often requires restoring what has been lost. Much of southeast Michigan has been altered in some way - the rich soils of the lakeplain prairie have been tilled and paved, the beautiful oaks cut down, and the extensive wetlands drained. SMLC's long-term objective on many of our disturbed properties is to usher back natural habitats that have been lost.

For example, SMLC's Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve – West Prairie site contains a rare remnant of a prairie type that is almost extinct in Michigan. Partnering with The Nature Conservancy, we began a long process of expanding the prairie from just under 2 acres to a hoped-for goal of 15 acres. The first step was to cut down and shred as many trees and shrubs from the prairie area as possible. The visual effect is jarring - it looks like small tornadoes tore through the area, leaving exposed soil where trees used to be. However, this will allow direct sunlight to hit the soil for the first time in decades, and thereby promote prairie seed germination that has been lying dormant for years.

For the West Prairie site, we are relying on this stored seed bank because vegetation was there only a few decades ago. But what if no seed remains in the soil and the landscape is completely altered?

Well this is the case on our Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve. The draining and tilling of wetlands long ago has removed the majority of native seed that was once in the soil. Using pre-settlement vegetation maps, we determined that much of the preserve was a wetland, but the hydrology and seed bank have been severely altered. Therefore, this property is an excellent location for constructing wetlands through a process called wetland mitigation. When a wetland is destroyed in one place, it needs to be replaced in another. Two mitigation projects are currently underway and should be completed by the end of the year. Once these wetlands establish native plants, they will help clean our water supply, provide critical wildlife habitat, and help increase wetland acreage in the area.

Our extensive restoration activities in 2015 highlight the sometimes extreme measures required to restore our impacted landscape. But, when you see the many different species come back to an area where they have long been absent, it is well worth it.



Local Chapter News

By Amanda Woodward, Chapter Steering Committee

On Thursday, I drove a friend to the Detroit airport. We took Ford Road through Canton to I-275 passing strip malls, big box stores, and subdivisions. We also passed new construction expanding toward Superior Township.

Then on Friday, I took my dog for a walk at LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve and remembered why I live here and volunteer for the Superior Township Chapter of SMLC. We saw wildflowers and birds in the meadow. Other critters scampered in the woods. We enjoyed the trails through open fields and shady trees. A Cooper's hawk circled overhead. Milkweed pods were doing what milkweed pods do. We greeted other walkers and my dog rubbed noses with theirs.

LeFurge Woods is part of the 2,400 acre Superior Greenway. This space is a buffer against the encroaching development.

Anyone can enjoy preserves that are located in the Greenway such as LeFurge Woods. The more people visit local natural areas the more they will appreciate the need to protect them. That's important for our conservation efforts to work.



To engage more conservation supporters we need to get the word out. One way our Chapter does this is by talking to people at local events about what SMLC does and why we do it. Another way is by

hosting guided nature hikes where family and friends can learn more about the Greenway.

If you are interested in local natural areas and want to spread the word about SMLC's conservation efforts give us a call. For more information contact Bill: 734-484-5957 or Brenda: BakerPartin@aol.com

In Honor of Jack



Superior Greenway Nature Trail ribbon-cutters: Peter Sanderson, Washtenaw County; Ken Schwartz, Superior Township; Jack R. Smiley and Bill Secrest, SMLC.

Jack Smiley is a well-known figure in local environmental circles. He has long been an advocate for saving the natural environment with a focus on land and bird habitat conservation, and Rouge River protection. Since he grew up in Westland, one of his favorite places to do this work is in Superior Township. He has shared with us many times the big differences between the local landscape of his childhood and what is left today. He is passionate about making a difference for wildlife and for future generations through this lens.

Jack's vision for southeast Michigan was to establish a greenway between Ann Arbor and Detroit; a green legacy amidst a growing and heavily urbanized landscape. This project was started by SMLC 25 years ago and today is known as the Superior Greenway. The Superior Greenway has now grown to more than 2,400 acres thanks to help from our partners: The City of Ann Arbor, Superior Township and Washtenaw County.

This past September we honored Jack's passion for local land conservation and the environment at our Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve and Superior Greenway Nature Trail Dedication. At the event, Jack shared how his love of nature started and his appreciation for those who have helped along the way.

Please join SMLC in thanking Jack for all his good work and as he would say, "getting us off to a good start!"

Page 8 photos by Jim Robertson



Conservation Profiles

JAMES T. WEINER

By Richard Kent, Land Protection Committee Chair

Jim Weiner joined the Board of SMLC in 2005 and soon became one of its important members, a position he still solidly holds. Jim is intelligent, hard-working, thoughtful, and not the least bit shy, particularly about introducing people to SMLC and inviting them to our numerous events. He has done a lot for SMLC as our main go-to environmental attorney especially for the Lost Lake Nature Preserve, Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve - West Prairie site, and numerous other examples while serving as Board President for six years.

Recently I asked Jim to answer a few questions about SMLC. His edited responses appear below.

Why do you think SMLC is important?

It is important to save nature where we live. SMLC helps us all by saving nature and open spaces throughout southeast Michigan. It provides opportunities for land conservation where governments can't (or won't). Furthermore I believe SMLC is a regional leader in land conservation because it works with everyone to achieve its mission: local, state, and federal governments and other land conservancies and organizations.

Why did you join SMLC?

As an attorney and former chemical engineer I was always interested in the environment. I went through the NEW Center's non-profit board training as a UofM MBA Alumni and decided I would volunteer at an environmental non-profit. SMLC seemed like a good fit since I do not represent developers and my involvement would not be a conflict with my legal practice.

How did you like being President of SMLC?

Being President was fun, exasperating and exciting all at the same time. The office allowed me to direct and shape the long term direction of SMLC and also have meaningful input into the day-to-day operations.

What did you do as President that makes you the most proud?

The things I am the most proud of are: how SMLC has grown from barely a "kitchen table" group to a fully functioning land conservancy with a competent

staff and a fully integrated and informed board that provides steady, meaningful oversight. I am also proud of SMLC's activities and acquisitions including the Superior Greenway Nature Trail, the Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve, and the Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve. Because of the Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve I am just now beginning to appreciate how unique and endangered lakeplain prairie is. I am especially proud of the Lost Lake Nature Preserve which is a spectacular property, a real treasure. I am also proud that SMLC has continued to work with other conservation organizations and is now known as a willing and valuable partner.



Jim and Richard are SMLC friends!

Photo by Scott Tyrrell

Would you say that being part of SMLC has been good for you?

SMLC has been good personally. Being President allowed me to lead the way I like - by motivating and directing people long-term and almost imperceptibly. Additionally, I am a much stronger attorney now by having an expanded background in real property law. Finally, I love the outdoors, always have, and numerous property site investigations have exposed me to areas of southeast Michigan that I would not have seen previously.

Jim has become a good and trusted friend of SMLC and to me too. On behalf of the SMLC Board I would like to thank him for his dedicated service and hope he remains on the Board for many more years to come.

Many Thanks...

To the **Event Planning Committee members** for their help planning, organizing, and conducting SMLC's 2015 Preserve Dedication Days.

To all the **Dedication events speakers and docents: Chris Bunch and Jim Lloyd**, Six Rivers Land Conservancy; **Melissa Prowse and Jonathan Schechter**, Oakland County Parks; **Peter Sanderson and Allison Krueger**, Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program; **Ken Schwartz**, Superior Township; **Bob Smith**, Michigan Botanical Club member; **Barrie Lynn Wood**, nature-enthusiast; and **Steve Woods and Lindsey Reinarz**, The Nature Conservancy.

To all of the Dedication events activities leaders: **Flint River Watershed Coalition, Friends of the Rouge, Genesee Audubon Society, Mary Ericson, Chris Fielding** and **Al Van Kerckhove**.

To the Dedication events volunteers: **Brenda Baker, Ashley Baldrige, Carla Bisaro, Jim McIntyre, Tom Pellerito, Bill Secrest** and **Amanda Woodward**.

And to **Meaghan Brownlee** for all her help with event and other SMLC marketing needs.

To the Landmarks newsletter guest writers: **Richard Kent, Michael Losey, Richard Simek** and **Amanda Woodward**.

To mailing volunteers **Joan Wheeler** and **Carla Bisaro**.

To the **DTE employees** who removed invasive buckthorn and to the **Arbor Preparatory High Schoolers** for removing invasive garlic mustard at LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve.

To seasonal stewardship volunteers: **Audrey Boike, Chris Fielding, Cameron McIntyre, and Scott Tyrrell**; and to **Gary Grosshans** for Conservancy Farm driveway improvements.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered with SMLC this year!

We are always looking for passionate people who want to help SMLC achieve our mission. For more information about volunteering, please contact Erick Elgin at eelgin@smlcland.org or call 734-484-6565.

Scenes from the Annual Picnic

This year's Annual Picnic at the Farm was a fun event featuring The Howell Nature Center's Creatures of the Night: Nocturnal program. Did you know that porcupines live in Michigan, but not in southeast Michigan? Or that an owl can swivel their head around 180 degrees (due to their fixed eye sockets)? Picnic attendees learned these fun facts as well as highlights of SMLC's year. We also enjoyed a BBQ potluck and saying hi to our SMLC friends. The kids' terrariums were a big hit as was the historic farm tour by SMLC Founder, Jack R. Smiley. Many thanks to all of our Picnic volunteers!



Above: Howell Nature Center's rehabilitated Saw-whet owl.
Middle: Ethan enjoys Conservancy Farm grass.
Bottom: The Jill and Erick Show
Photos by Jim Robertson



Wildlife Sightings

Ospreys at Lost Lake Nature Preserve!

By Richard Simek, Stewardship Committee Chair

Walk any SMLC preserve, and you will encounter wildlife species that indicate something about the quality of habitat and wildlife conservation value of that landscape. In the case of Lost Lake Nature Preserve (Lost Lake), the presence of osprey, or “fish eagle”, during the nesting season offers a dramatic example of that. An arrestingly beautiful bird of

prey known for its breathtaking plunges into the water to capture fish just beneath the surface, osprey have become a rare breeding species in southeast Michigan. More shy than their southern counterparts in Florida that nest on telephone poles near water, Michigan’s nesting osprey gravitate toward lakes and rivers that are mostly free of jet skis and power boats. With its undeveloped shoreline (amazing really when you think about it in light of the massive scale of shoreline development in our region) the preserve provides a safe harbor for osprey to raise their young and thrive.

Although no actual nest of an osprey has yet been found at Lost Lake, a sighting of osprey there this past summer indicates that the species is present at the preserve during its breeding season. That’s a very promising indication of habitat quality available there for the species, and also for SMLC as it develops a stewardship plan for the preserve. It also offers an opportunity for people in southeast Michigan to enjoy the fine experience of watching these magnificent birds of prey in a quiet, undisturbed lake setting. A win-win for both osprey conservation and people!



Erick looking for a potential osprey nest at the Lost Lake Nature Preserve. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requests that any osprey sightings in southeast Michigan be reported.

Photo by Jill A. Lewis

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overlook area via the handicapped-accessible trail entrance.

Lost Lake Nature Preserve: visitors will be able to hike more than 2 miles through rolling forested terrain, along scenic Slack Lake and across a historic prairie runway. Future plans include a small parking area off of the public trail entrance on Evans Road.

Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve-West Prairie: visitors will be greeted by a changing landscape that is stimulating expansion of the globally rare lakeplain prairie remnant found there. Future plans include a small parking area off of West Road near the public trail entrance.

SMLC looks forward to future preserve openings in our conservation priority areas: the Lost Lake region, Sibley Prairie and the Superior Greenway. Until then, we hope you enjoy visiting these preserves and experience what makes southeast Michigan’s natural environment a beautiful place to recreate.

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Wish List

Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy could use the following items:

- Mapping grade **GPS unit** (retail costs \$300)
- **Riding lawn mower** (retail costs \$1,000)
- **Brush hog** for tractor (retail cost \$300)
- Gas **push mower** (retail cost \$200)
- **Tool set** - ratchet set, screw drivers, etc. (retail cost \$150)
- Quality **leather gloves** (retail cost \$6 each)
- **Bottled water** for thirsty volunteers.

Please contact Erick or Wendy at the SMLC office if you would like to make our wishes come true!

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