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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Kay Meyer*



It seems that throughout 2021, I've found myself continually weary over the divisions I see in today's society. The constant gridlock from opposing sides not finding a middle ground from which to move forward and begin to solve problems is distressing.

One would think that conserving our natural spaces would be that place where all could agree on the benefits of limiting development of some of our lands and water, but sadly, that isn't the case. Commercial interests too often take precedence over

conservation values. Reduced tax revenue from the lowered tax base on easement properties can lead to resentment, and occasionally aggression when the shared pleasure found in the preservation of lands for all to enjoy is lost.

But it turns out that conservation easements developed through land trusts like NCCT are designed to respect both sides of the issue. This was made clear to me this summer as NCCT began the process of creating a conservation easement for an area organization who wishes to protect and conserve over 300 acres bordering their business property. That's right, they are balancing their business interests with a conservation project. It's been incredibly meaningful to observe.

Most conservation easements do that same "balancing act." A small part of the easement is designated as a building site or perhaps a trail, while the majority of acreage is protected in various degrees from use and development that would be detrimental to its conservation value.

People with their intentions in the right place for leaving the world a better place are figuring out that, with a little compromise, a lot can be gained.

If you'd like to spread the word about our mission and the benefits that can be had from conservation easements I encourage you to pass this newsletter to a friend or neighbor. Talk us up!!

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Chris Radford*



Thanks to you, the North Central Conservancy Trust has had quite a year.

First of all, I want to thank everyone who attended our Annual Dinner fundraiser/friend-raiser this year at the Bukolt Park Lodge in Stevens Point and contributed to its success. I'm always amazed by the generosity of friends like you, NCCT's faithful supporters. Thank you!

Secondly, and most important, because of your support, we were able to protect another 241 acres of land in Central Wisconsin, bringing us to a total of 4,646 acres permanently protected by NCCT's conservation easements. With several more projects underway, we could very well reach the 5,000-acre milestone within the next year or two. Celebration anyone???

Additionally, you also helped raise the funds to purchase and install a 3.4 kW solar array at the office, also known as the Land Conservation Center. Our fundraising effort kicked off with a very generous anonymous donation, and the goal was expeditiously met with the help of our generous members and supporters. To celebrate, many of you attended an outdoor appreciation event held at the Land Conservation Center. It was so good to see many of you there.

Another highlight from 2021 includes the installation of a brand new, American-made, furnace and air-conditioning unit for our Land Conservation Center thanks to a very generous donation from Shirley Klapperich and Bill Clendenning.

I was also very thankful to have some help at the office last spring from UWSP senior, Molly McGuire. She did a great job helping with all things NCCT, and we were very fortunate to have her as a part of the team. Her internship included \$1,500 of financial support through the UWSP Pointers Connect Program, led by Sue Kissinger, and academic support from NCCT board member and UWSP professor, Anna Haines.

Speaking of NCCT staff, I'm very excited to introduce you to the newest member of our team, Becky Wadleigh. Becky joined us in August as our Outreach & Development Coordinator and Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) Liaison. Becky is doing an amazing job, and we are really happy to have her on the team. In this full-time position, Becky spends half of her time on NCCT projects, and half on Ice Age Trail Alliance projects (IATA provides



financial support for their portion). In addition, NCCT recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin (CFCWI) to further support Becky's outreach efforts!

Last year, the CFCWI awarded NCCT more than \$2,000 to fabricate and install an interpretive sign encouraging volunteer environmental stewardship and recognizing the partnership between NCCT, the City of Stevens Point and the Green Circle Trail organization, who came together to purchase, manage, and protect our 5-acre property adjacent to Bukolt Park in Stevens Point, along with the nearby island in the Wisconsin River. In September, a joint unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony officially recognized the partnership and opened the new section of the Green Circle Trail that traverses across the property.

Finally, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross of Merrill, Tamara Stone and Art Colburn, to those of you who have also developed conservation easements on your property, and to all of you for your continued support for NCCT.

You have all helped make NCCT's numerous 2021 achievements possible, and we couldn't have done it without your support, care, and generosity. I'm looking forward to the many great things we will accomplish together in 2022 as we continue to pursue our mission of protecting land in Central Wisconsin for future generations.

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM, BECKY

Becky Wadleigh joined the NCCT team in August as Outreach & Development Coordinator and Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) Liaison. Becky grew up in Racine, Wisconsin, and received her bachelor's degree in Land Use Planning and master's degree in Natural Resource Management from UWSP. Becky has more than five years of land trust experience in stewardship, education, and land protection, including previously volunteering on NCCT's Properties Committee. Becky is happy to be back in Stevens Point, and working to support two incredible organizations that do so much for land and resource conservation in Central Wisconsin.



Becky's role with NCCT is to help maintain and build relationships with members, public and private partners, and other organizations within NCCT's eight-county service area, in addition to engaging new interest in the organization and our conservation mission. One of Becky's goals for her position is to focus outreach efforts on parts of NCCT's service area where we have historically been less active. Becky and Chris will also be working to expand NCCT's development and membership programs and enhance NCCT's fundraising capabilities to help support and grow our mission to protect land in Central Wisconsin. Becky spends half of her week working with IATA, where her primary duty is to strengthen relationships with current and potential future trail hosts in the north-central region.

Since starting, Becky has been busy learning more about her new position and getting oriented to NCCT and IATA. She has enjoyed some great opportunities to get to know more members and volunteers through field trips, volunteer workdays, and NCCT's Annual Dinner. Becky has also been keeping busy with grant-writing, mapping, field work, property monitoring, and more.

Fall is a busy and exciting time for land trusts, and NCCT is no exception! Becky is looking forward to some "quiet time" over the winter months to continue her orientation and make plans for the upcoming year. She is excited to work with NCCT's Public Relations Committee to create more opportunities to engage existing supporters, volunteers, and other stakeholders, as well as introduce new folks to NCCT!

If you have any questions for Becky, please feel free to call our office at 715-344-1910, or email her at [outreachncct@gmail.com](mailto:outreachncct@gmail.com). If you would like to support NCCT during this exciting time of growth, please consider becoming a member or making a year-end contribution!

## 190 ACRES PROTECTED BY THE SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE HOLY CROSS OF MERRILL CONSERVATION EASEMENT, GUIDED BY LAND ETHIC STATEMENT

In August, the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross of Merrill signed a conservation easement with the North Central Conservancy Trust, forever protecting their 190-acre property in the Harrison Hills of Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The Sisters first contacted NCCT in 2019 after they began exploring land protection options for their cherished property, which they've owned since 1964 and used primarily as a retreat and recreation area.

To help guide the development of their conservation easement, a committee of Sisters and their associates crafted a Land Ethic Statement, stating that:

"As Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross, our Franciscan heritage urges us to embrace all of creation and its possibilities for the future. We know that creation, connected from the smallest particle to the most complex, is interdependent for survival. As stewards of the gift of creation known by us as Lake Florentini, we support that this sanctuary remain peace-filled and treated with respect and care.

"Our founder, Father Theodosius Florentini, taught us that the need of the time is the will of God. And so, we endeavor to address climate change and care for the earth. We commit to safeguard this land as a healthy and sustainable environment."

The Sisters conservation easement protects the property's conservation values by assigning each area of the property to one of three different "levels" of protection. Each level defines the uses and activities that can and cannot occur within that area.



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The maximum level of protection was given to the sensitive habitat types on the property, such as lakeshore and wetlands, to limit the activities that can occur in these areas to minimize disturbance and maintain "wild" habitat conditions. The buildings and other structures on the property all lie within a small area given a "minimal" protection level, which allows for a wider variety of activities and uses to occur while remaining subject to certain constraints. The majority of the property was assigned a "standard" level of protection, which limits disturbance while allowing for

some land management-based activities to occur that don't compromise the properties' conservation values, such as forest management.

The protection of the Sisters property is especially significant based on its location within the landscape. It complements thousands of acres of Lincoln County forestland to the north, east, and south. Large forested corridors such as these provide important buffers that many wildlife and plant species depend on for habitat.

The Sisters shared that they, "are committed to stewardship of the earth's resources and are very happy that the Franciscan values and care for creation are guaranteed on this beautiful property in perpetuity."

NCCT would like to thank the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross of Merrill for protecting their property with a conservation easement, and welcome them to our growing community of conservation easement landowners in Central Wisconsin!



L-R: Bob Freckmann, Kay Meyer, S. Pat Cormack, S. Peggy Jackelen, Chris Radford .

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## TAMARA STONE CONSERVATION EASEMENT SIGNED, PROTECTING LAST UNDEVELOPED PARCEL ON LAKE ARBUTUS IN CLARK COUNTY

Tamara Stone and her husband, Art Colburn, first contacted NCCT in 2019 after being inspired by an article about a conservation easement project in Clark County. Tamara inherited the 50-acre property from her parents, and like so many landowners, has always loved it and didn't want to see it developed in the future.

The Stone property features upland oak and maple-dominated forests, tamarack bog, sedge meadow, and seasonal wetlands. The property is bounded to the southwest by Lake Arbutus and the East Fork of the Black River, and to the east and west by hundreds of acres of Clark County and state-forest land. The setting of this property within a forested corridor, combined with its diverse habitat types and frontage on Lake Arbutus, make it extremely significant for conservation.



Similar to the Sisters easement, the Stone easement defines the types of uses and activities that are allowed within different areas of the property to protect its conservation values. The easement will allow Tamara and Art to continue their successful management of the property using sustainable forestry practices in an effort to promote wildlife habitat. Tamara and Art host a Snapshot Wisconsin (a statewide volunteer-based project for wildlife monitoring) trail camera on the property, and through it have observed black bear, bobcat, fisher, otter, porcupine, striped skunk, coyote, beaver, and other species.

### *From the landowner:*

*by Tamara Stone*

My family has had cottages on Lake Arbutus for the last 100 years. My great-grandparents, Harry and Nellie Van Gorden, bought 12 lots in Hatfield on Thunderbird Lane in 1920, and the following year built three cabins. My paternal grandparents, Archie and Hazel Van Gorden, built their cabin across the lake by Dead Man's Island in 1939. My maternal grandparents, Herman and Helen North, built two cabins down from the Van Gorden cabin right across from Dead Man's Island. I spent all my summers growing up at the cabin and would frequently walk down the beach to visit my other grandparents, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Many of the Ho-Chunk in the neighborhood, whose traditional land we now occupy, were friends with my family. Some of them served in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Red Arrow Infantry Division of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. My stepdad Bud (Delbert) Struble, my uncle Pink (Heron) Van Gorden and grandpa Red (Archie) Van Gorden also served in the Red Arrow. My family has always had a lot of respect for the Ho-Chunk. The fact that many served with my relatives helped solidify this respect.

In the late '60s my maternal grandparents sold their cottage, and my mother and stepdad (Bud and Pat Struble) bought the cabin at the end of Arbutus Drive. Originally, the cabin was on the corner of a 40-acre parcel owned by Herb Smith, also of Red Arrow Division fame, and the cabin was built and owned by Allen Wuethrich, a co-founder of Grassland Butter. These two were good friends, so apparently this was enough for one to build on the other's land. Bud and my mother bought the cabin from Allen in 1970, and had a ten-year lease of the land from Herb, eventually buying it 10 years later. The waterfront parcel was leased until NSP sold off lots in the 1990s. At that point my parents picked up quite a bit of acreage. They sold some of this to a couple of their friends at various times.

I read the *Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold when I was in high school, and it had a profound impact on me. We are at the northwestern edge of his Sand Country. The original outlet of Glacial Lake Wisconsin was the present East Fork. Remnants of the boulder trains are on the property. These boulder trains are where the glacial lake drained.

One of my favorite quotes: "The greatest gift we can leave this

world is the forest and the sea the way we found it, separate and the same, the oldest home of all, older and more beautiful than all the things industrious people pride themselves in building." -Kim Heacox

**I wish to save the last remaining major undeveloped parcel on the lake that my mother gave to me because I love this lake and all it represents to my family and me.**



*L-R: Chris Radford, Art Colburn, Tamara Stone, Bob Freckmann.*

NCCT is grateful to Tamara and Art for entrusting the conservation values of their beloved property to us. We welcome you to our growing community of conservation easement landowners in Central Wisconsin!



## 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES & DEVELOPMENT

- NCCT and the Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) collaboratively held an invasive species workday at one of our conservation easements in Portage County. Thank you to easement landowner and NCCT committee member Doug Henderson for hosting the workday at your property.
- Chris and Becky joined Paul Skawinski, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Educator with Extension Lakes, in leading a Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin field trip kayaking on Mission Lake. Paul helped the group brush up on their aquatic plant identification skills while NCCT talked about our number one land protection tool – conservation easements!
- NCCT received a donation of 332 native plants thanks to Paul Skawinski, our local Wild Ones chapter, and Farmshed; and a volunteer planting day was held at the Land Conservation Center to plant all of the plants. Thank you Paul and our out-planting volunteers!
- NCCT joined the City of Stevens Point, Farmshed, and UWSP's Students for Sustainability to plant fruit trees at the NCCT property adjacent to Bukolt Park.
- NCCT purchased a new solar array for the Land Conservation Center thanks to your financial support, along with a \$2,676 grant from RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program, a \$500 gift from Northwind Solar, and a rebate through Focus on Energy.
- NCCT's Annual meeting was held in September at the Land Conservation Center. The Board focused on strategic planning and organizational growth.
- An Energy and Efficiency audit was conducted at the Land Conservation Center by Steve Bohachek and Accurate-Airtight Exteriors, who donated their time and resources to help make our building as energy efficient as possible.
- NCCT's Annual Dinner took place on October 7 at the Bukolt Park Lodge in Stevens Point. Approximately 120 members and supporters attended. Thanks to you, we raised a total of \$3,921.84 in support of our mission.
- The City of Stevens Point generously waived the fee for use of the Bukolt Park Lodge for NCCT's Annual Dinner.
- The Stevens Point Area Co-op donated \$433.23 to NCCT as part of their 1% Friday's program. They generously donated 1% of all proceeds during the month of February 2021!
- From January 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021, NCCT received \$28.92 from participation in the Amazon Smile program.

## NCCT HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER!

**Our Directors serve a 3-year term with the option of extending to 6 years, followed by a 1-year break, with the option to serve another 3 to 6 years (a total of 12 years).**

### Sharon Schwab

Sharon joined the NCCT Board of Directors in October 2021. Sharon's love of the outdoors ironically started in a big city, where her mother wisely enrolled her in summer classes at the Dayton Museum of Natural History. Following that, she spent most weekends volunteering in their live-animal section caring for snakes, owls, and other native Ohio animals. A family move to Wisconsin and eventual enrollment at UWSP for both a B.S. (wildlife management/biology) and M.S. (natural resources) sealed her life-long interest in conservation. Sharon joined NCCT in 1999, and served as Chair of the Properties Committee for more than a decade.



Sharon has had a meandering 30 plus-year career with positions affecting groundwater, farm safety, fisheries, botany, and wildlife conservation. Select projects sent her to work with international, federal, state, and county governments, and in Wisconsin's non-profit arena (including an eight-month stint as Interim Executive Director of NCCT). She served as the Coordinator of the Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area Partnership for eight years, and continues some of this work as volunteer co-chair of the recently renamed Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival. She served as Chairperson for the Portage County Town of Grant board for 14 years (2005-2019) and was re-elected to that position in April 2021. Sharon serves on the Board of Directors for the Dane County Conservation League, which is the owner of more than 4,000 acres of state-managed land within the Buena Vista Wildlife Area. She is a volunteer for Clean, Green Action (Wisconsin Rapids) that works on sustainability projects, and the Wisconsin Rapids Area League of Women Voters.

In her spare time, Sharon likes to read, garden, remodel, take long walks with her beloved Labrador, and spend precious time with family. Travel, both domestic and international, is another passion, but due to Covid has been restricted to the "camp" in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and family locales. Sharon is married to NCCT member Greg Dahl and has a daughter.

## Two NCCT Board Members step down in 2021

### Justin Regnier

Justin recently stepped down from the NCCT Board of Directors after completing a 3-year term. He served on the Board from October 2018 through October 2021 and was invaluable as the Board Treasurer. Justin was born and raised in Central Wisconsin, and currently works in the financial services industry as a portfolio manager. Justin is still very active with several non-profit organizations, currently serving as a board member for the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin and the Green Circle Trail. Thank you for all of your contributions to NCCT, Justin!



### Robin Rothfeder

Robin served on the NCCT Board of Directors from July 2020 through August 2021. He is a former Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he was teaching in the Natural Resource Planning program and conducting outreach and community-engaged research through the UW-Extension Center for Land Use Education. Robin and his family relocated from Wisconsin to pursue new employment opportunities. Thank you, and good luck with your future endeavors Robin!



## Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin Awards NCCT \$10,000 Grant!



We are thrilled to announce that the North Central Conservancy Trust was awarded \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin to help support our outreach & development efforts. We are incredibly grateful that CFCWI supports our mission to conserve the natural heritage of Central Wisconsin through the protection of land. Thank you so much for this generous support!

## 2021 Annual Harvest Dinner, Friend-raiser, and Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported this year's Annual Harvest Dinner! We were grateful to spend an evening surrounded by NCCT supporters, enjoying a delicious meal prepared by our friends from Primitive Provider, and listening to two wonderful presentations delivered by Kevin Thusius, Director of Land Conservation for the Ice Age Trail Alliance, and Patty Dreier, author of the book *Empowered: One Planet at a Time*. Special thanks to all who attended, donated to the dinner, and participated in our silent auction. We're also grateful for the support of the City of Stevens Point, which donated the use of the Bukolt Park Lodge! Your support means the world to us!



NCCT members reconnect at Bukolt Park Lodge.



UWSP Music Student Trio: Kadin Yach, Hunter Krolow, Carly Behrens.



Outdoor seating at the Bukolt Park Lodge.

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## MY GOOD OAK

Bob Freckmann



The “Good Oak” was one of the most memorable essays by Aldo Leopold in his *Sand County Almanac*. In that chapter, he tells the story of an old oak on his land that had been struck by lightning a year earlier (around 1940) and subsequently cut into three cords of firewood to heat his weekend retreat called “The Shack.” He speculated that the oak had sprouted in the 1850s along a road being used by settlers as they moved westward. In that essay, he recounts Wisconsin history during the oak’s 80 or more years of life.

I have an old oak that has lived through the history of my land from pre-settlement to the present. In February 1839, Joshua Hathaway surveyed a east-west line in Portage County establishing the border between Towns 23 North and 24 North. In his notebook, he described crossing a marsh, marking the distance from a section corner and noted a white oak on the western bank on what is now my land. If my large white oak growing at the spot is the same tree, it would now be around 200 years old, having witnessed many events.

In 1859, Moses Strong purchased a parcel from the government that included my land. Strong was a man of many talents: a pioneer, surveyor, businessman, and eventually state geologist. He laid out streets for Plover and Madison. Strongs Avenue in Stevens Point is named after him. Around 1867, a new property owner built the first cabin along that town line, about 50 feet west of the oak. A red-fox den now marks that spot. The town line became a trail/road that ended at a spring on the bank of the marsh next to my oak. The marsh is in the ancient channel of the Wisconsin River. Three times in the 46 years I have owned the property, the river has overtopped its bank north of Stevens Point and reclaimed its former bed. I have seen carp swimming around my oak. About 20 years ago, beaver built a dam downstream and flooded the marsh. Beaver cut my aspens and dragged logs on the town-line trail. Cranes have nested in the wetland every year, and a family of raccoons has occupied a den in a nearby tree for years. Thus, the old oak continues to mark the center of my wildlife paradise. I hope that with the protection of my conservation easement, this tree will for many more years continue to be my good oak.

## FRECKMANN’S FERN FACTS



**Bracken fern** (*Pteridium aquilinum*) is common in Wisconsin and can be found growing in forest clearings, barrens, and other sites with little tree canopy. Did you know that *the exact same species of bracken fern grows on every continent in the world except Antarctica (yet, according to Bob), and has more cumulative biomass than any other species of plant in the world? Yes, even more than the largest trees! Bracken ferns have an extensive network of underground rhizomes, helping them gain their fascinating claim to fern fame!*

**Cinnamon fern** (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*) is a large fern that is common throughout Wisconsin and typically grows in more moist habitats. Did you know that *cinnamon fern is the oldest, unchanged living species of plant in the world? 180 million year-old cinnamon fern fossils found in Sweden are absolutely identical to the present-day living cinnamon fern!*



## TOOLS AVAILABLE



This volunteer is using an Extractigator tool to remove invasive species from an NCCT conservation easement. Several Extractigator’s were recently donated to NCCT by David Worth. Tools like these are available for you to borrow for your invasive species removal projects, just call the office!

## SUPPORT NCCT & GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to get involved with NCCT. Here are just a few suggestions:

### Volunteer with NCCT

- Volunteer to visit an easement property near you as a property monitor. Board member Nichole Good serves as our monitoring coordinator, and she is an expert at matching our volunteers to easement properties that are close to home. This is a great way to get outside and enjoy some of these beautiful places while helping out the organization.
- Help out at our office: Social media, marketing, website development, landscaping, gardening, and more!
- NCCT is seeking new Board members. If this is something you might be interested in, please call the office to learn more.

### Community Workdays

We have community workdays throughout the year and we need your help! Please join us as we mobilize our volunteers to help steward and care for the land we work so hard to protect. Community workdays typically involve invasive species control and/or habitat restoration at various locations throughout Central Wisconsin.

### Earth Week 2022

Earth Day is April 22, 2022 and we will be planning events to celebrate with you all week long! As the day approaches, take a look at our website for the latest event schedule.

Don't forget, when you shop at Amazon, use **Amazon Smile** and select North Central Conservancy Trust as your non-profit. NCCT will automatically receive 0.5% of the purchase price as a donation at **no cost to you!**

## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE JANUARY 1-OCTOBER 31, 2021\*

*\*Because we recently changed our fiscal year from July 1-June 30 to now follow the calendar year (Jan 1-Dec 31), we did not include the full financial report in this newsletter. The contributions will be updated & reprinted in our Spring newsletter to reflect year-end contributions made October 31-December 31, 2021. We will also include the full financial report in the Spring 2022 newsletter. **Please consider a year-end donation to move into the next gift-giving level. Thank you!***

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