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*“When the winds of change blow, don’t build a wall.
Build a windmill.”*

— CHINESE PROVERB

MISSION STATEMENT

We preserve, protect,
& manage the natural
environment within the
Clear Lake Watershed
and Township for
future generations.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Together we give.

SAVE THE DATE

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

November 29, 2022



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OUR LETTER

THE ART OF TRANSITION & CHANGE



When I was a kid growing up in a town about the size of Fremont, I loved tracking Major League Baseball results. One of the stars at the time was Willie Stargell, legendary first baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates. I came across a quote from him recently: “Life is one big transition.” That quote captures 2022 for most of us!

The Conservancy is built for transitions. We adapt and change every day, just like the natural environment we manage adapts and changes. As sad as the news of Executive Director Bridget Harrison’s decision to leave Clear Lake made us, we gave thanks for her outstanding work, vision and leadership over seven-plus years and promptly set out to find our next executive director. Since then, Bridget has been working harder than ever to make progress on key projects and get us ready for the next executive director while she prepares for her move closer to family. A smooth transition.

Your support of the Conservancy is the steady hand that keeps our water quality projects, land stewardship and education moving ahead through every transition. Even as people and families come and go in our world, the Conservancy’s good work for the entire community is a constant. Thank you for this extraordinary gift. Your generosity is a core foundation for our shared natural environment as we transition from 2022 to 2023 and beyond.

Best wishes for the holidays and new year,

Karen Horrell
President

GOODBYE FROM BRIDGET



As we are coming to yearend, when I am leaving my position, I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Clear Lake Township for your support over the past 7 years.

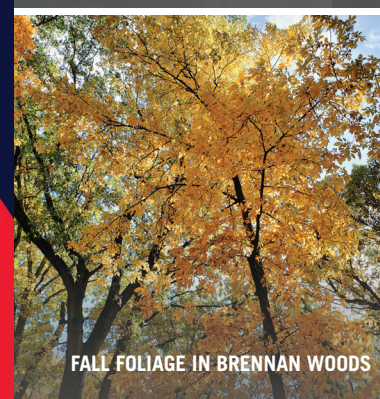
Together, we have worked to improve water quality, provide open spaces, and enhance the natural ecosystems of northeast Indiana. None of this would have been possible without a dedicated network of volunteers, supporters, partners, and friends. You are Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, and I am proud to have been a part of this amazing community.

With your continued commitment, I am confident that the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy will flourish in the years ahead.

With gratitude,

Bridget Harrison
Executive Director

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FALL FOLIAGE IN BRENNAN WOODS

LEGACY SOCIETY BEQUEST CHALLENGE

\$1,000 match will be donated
when you sign up

FIRST

One of our founders, Kathy Latz, shared news of a planned gift of land. Upon her passing, the “back lot” or the lake accessory side of her property will be donated to the Conservancy. This gift will provide easy access to our adjacent Elizabeth Hanna Nature Preserve and ensure protection from development in perpetuity. When asked what inspired Kathy to include the Conservancy in her will, she shared that during her career, she helped protect farmland, woodlands, and wetlands from subdivision and development. This is her way of continuing that work. The prior owner, Mr. Walter Strasser cared for this land by planting trees and keeping it natural. Kathy has the opportunity to extend that legacy by gifting this land to the Conservancy.

“There is something calming about walking, biking or driving around and seeing land that is open and I'd like to see that continue,” Kathy shared. The Conservancy will honor this wish when this land is donated to us. Kathy added, “I can see how much the Conservancy has grown. It has engaged the community and this gives me confidence that the Conservancy will be around in the future.”

Such gifts are iconic tributes to the Conservancy's mission of preserving this special place for generations to come. We are honored and grateful for this kind of long-term thinking and support.

We have two exciting updates to share!

Planned gifts are created for many different reasons. For some, it is a way to ensure their memory lives on. For others, it is a way to help ensure that the Conservancy is able to continue the important work here for years to come.

2 SECOND

You have an incredible opportunity to protect the Clear Lake Township and Watershed for the benefit of everyone. With the generous support of an anonymous donor, a \$25,000 grant has been created, of which \$1,000 will be donated to us for every new Legacy Society member who joins. This means your future commitment to preserve the beautiful corner of northeast Indiana can help RIGHT NOW!

Thanks to this challenge grant, if you include the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy in your planned giving today, a donation of \$1,000 will be made in your honor to support our work right now!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

STEP 1

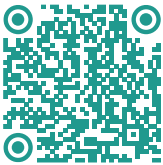
Name Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy in your will or living trust or as a beneficiary of your retirement or financial account. New commitments and previously established bequest plans qualify.

STEP 2:

View and print the Bequest Challenge form. Fill it out and mail it to our office.
- OR -
Download and save the Bequest Challenge form to your computer before filling it out electronically. Print, sign, and send by mail or scan and send it to our office via email.

STEP 3

Our anonymous donor will make a gift of \$1,000 right now to Clear Lake Conservancy in your honor. That's it. It's that easy!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET STARTED

The form is also available on our website under “Donate”

WHAT GIFTS QUALIFY

- Will/Living Trust
- IRA/Retirement Account
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Bank, Brokerage, or Other Financial Account
- Gifts of Land

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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