

## Highland Conservancy E-Newsletter

Greetings! Attached is our 2009 Annual Report.

### Explore Highland's Waterways

We just completed our planning session for upcoming events this year. We decided to bring back a version of our discovery hikes, only this time we'll explore areas of Highland by kayak and canoe! Two events are planned for 1pm on the second Saturdays in June and in August – one to Dunham Lake and another to Dodge 10/Pettibone Lake. These will be family events with a chance to picnic and socialize – exact details will be included in future newsletters.

### Stop Asian Carp E-Petition

Please take a moment to visit [StopAsianCarp.com](http://StopAsianCarp.com) to sign the online petition to help protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp. If these hyper-aggressive invasive species enter the Great Lakes, thousands of jobs, the lakes' unique ecology and our way of life here in Michigan and other Great Lakes states will all be at risk.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and other environmental groups are working hard to convince federal and local authorities to take measures to protect the ecology and health of our Great Lakes. Let's all do what we can to help! Click on the link below for more information, videos and a link to the petition:

<http://www.stopasiancarp.com/videos.html>

### Natural Features Preservation Ordinance

We will continue to strive for changes to Article 15 of Highland Township's Proposed Zoning Ordinance. Thank you to those who expressed their concerns to the Planning Commission both by letter and in person. We encourage everyone to let the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees know that the proposed language should **not** be accepted until it is revised to provide specific requirements and guidelines to preserve trees and stop unnecessary grading. Simply put, keep the land in its natural condition by permitting tree cutting and top soil removal only for construction of roads and installation of public utilities. There is no reason strip and degrade an entire building site (the current practice). The value of the lots and intrinsic beauty of the development is only increased by leaving them intact.

Click on <http://www.highlandconservancy.org/docs/newsletters/hcenewsletter2010-0104.pdf> for our last newsletter with more specific details or visit our website [www.highlandconservancy.org](http://www.highlandconservancy.org) and click on newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Sincerely,

Katheryn Krupa, Editor

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