

## The Highland Conservancy November 2007 E-Newsletter

Greetings and I hope you are all enjoying the brisk autumn weather. I know I especially enjoyed the colorful fall leaves and my elementary students did too. We made so many clay leaf bowls that I fear I'll be loading and unloading the kiln for weeks!

### NEW HIGHLAND CONSERVANCY BLOG

The launching of the new blog has been a huge success! I am pleased at the comments that are coming in and the number of hits already is astounding to me. I hope you will take a moment, if you haven't already, to check it out. Our goal is to keep the material fresh and relevant so if you have ideas for articles, or even wish to write one, please call or email me. We'll do our best to post it as soon as possible. I'm still learning after a quick crash course from Mick Bell who created Highland-Live so I realize those are some big shoes to fill! Thanks to those who have contributed so far!

For the latest article on "Our Vanishing Night Sky" and other articles, please click on: [www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com](http://www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com)

### CONSERVANCY CONNECTIONS

Our president, Jim Lloyd, is on the board of the Oakland Land Conservancy and this new liaison has been a wonderful, learning experience for us. OLC is doing awesome work protecting and preserving many acres of land and we are pleased to have their expertise and assistance as we work on several upcoming land conservation projects. New developments in the concept of wetlands mitigation are just astounding and very exciting.

### UPCOMING CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS

Currently we are focusing our efforts on two major sites and will start with an inventory of the natural features and resources as we gather information for formal presentations. As was the case with Highland Oaks, sometimes we aren't able to share as much information as we desperately wish we could, but we promise to keep you posted as details are available.

**Please contact Jim Lloyd at 248-887-3952 if you are interested or need more information about preserving your property or that of family members.**

Surprisingly, in many cases you can still live on your property, build on it and will it to family members while still protecting its natural beauty through a conservation easement. Please call Jim for more specific information.

### DONATIONS

Thank you again to those who have donated this year. As this tax year nears an end, please consider supporting the important work of land conservation by sending your tax deductible donation to: Highland Conservancy, 205 W. Livingston Road, Highland, MI 48357 or log on to our website to donate online: [www.HighlandConservancy.org](http://www.HighlandConservancy.org)

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