

# Making a Difference that will Last for 100 Years - and Beyond



## Washtenaw Land Trust - A History of Success

- Michigan's oldest land trust
- Over 2,100 acres of natural areas and rural landscapes protected
- Serving south-central Michigan: Washtenaw, Jackson, and Ingham counties
- A history of land expertise, experienced staff, and long-range stewardship

Protecting open spaces, here where you live, for~  
 Connection to nature • Air quality  
 Water quality • Recreation • Wildlife habitat  
 Viewsheds and vistas • Public access linkages  
 Sense of community • And more



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## Patterns of Place

### The opportunity:

Over half the land in our community – more than 250,000 acres of land – remains undeveloped and unprotected.

### A strategic response:

Ensure that the most important lands are protected – forever!

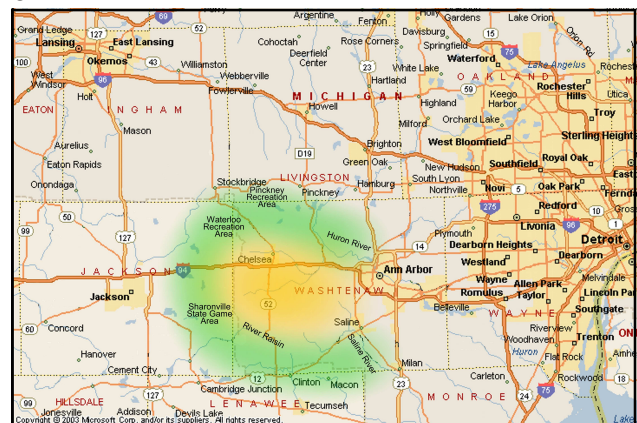
- Target important lands
- Educate landowners and local governments
- Build new partnerships
- Be flexible; react rapidly

### The priorities:

**Waterloo/Pinckney arc** – the largest block of public protected land in the Lower Peninsula, increasingly at risk of development

**Farmland** – working farms and rural landscapes, an important part of our local heritage, our sense of place, and our economy

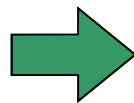
**River corridors** – the Huron, Saline, and Raisin rivers, invaluable sources of drinking water, natural habitat, and recreation opportunities



Washtenaw Land Trust Priority Areas

### A 100 Year Vision

The best opportunity to make a lasting difference is within the next 3-10 years. However, whether the Land Trust purchases development rights, acquires and manages land outright, accepts conservation rights, or helps landowners steward their lands, there is a cost.



### But first – A jumpstart for 2006-2007

- Diversify and expand operating funds
- Provide opportunity funds to protect threatened land
- Prepare for a longer term capital campaign

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Committed funds} & + & \text{New dollars needed} & = & \text{Total} \\ \$1,500,000 & + & \$1,000,000 & = & \$2,500,000 \end{array}$$

# The Land is Forever. The Opportunity is Now.