



Door County Land Trust

Protecting Door County's Exceptional Lands and Waters...Forever



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Door County Land Trust Announces Partnership Restoration Project at the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve

Sturgeon Bay, WI: The Door County Land Trust, in partnership with Bay Shore Property Owners Association, begins a multi-year restoration and buckthorn eradication effort on the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve, 5454 Bay Shore Drive, just south of Carlsville Road (between Sturgeon Bay and Egg Harbor). The **Bay Shore Blufflands Buckthorn Blast** will kick-off on September 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., as a community gathering open to the public with short presentations on invasive species and the unique geology of the preserve, educational giveaways, several hikes throughout the morning and recruitment of stewardship volunteers.

Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve protects 273 acres containing federally endangered plants, migratory bird nesting sites and high-quality wildlife habitat, and offers 2.5 miles of hiking trails that wind through open fields and young forest. Past disruption to the natural environment from roads, buildings and septic tanks has done its damage and created the opportunity for non-native, invasive intruders such as glossy buckthorn to take over.

Door County Land Trust Stewardship Manager Amanda Pyke says, "I always tell our volunteers why we are doing the work we are doing - why we are on our hands and knees pulling weeds. Everything is connected. Every action has a reaction. We have a long-term commitment to steward our lands to protect our exceptional lands and waters forever. As a community conservation project, the Buckthorn Blast creates a sense of place as we see we are making a significant difference in the landscape to the benefit of native species."

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About the Door County Land Trust

The Door County Land Trust's mission is "To protect Door County's exceptional lands and waters...forever." It is a nonprofit, community-based organization that actively works to conserve land via the purchase or acceptance of donations of land or conservation easements. Founded in 1986, the Door County Land Trust has protected more than 8,000 acres from Washington Island through southern Door County.

Trail maps for 14 featured Door County Land Trust nature preserves may be found on our website, hiking map and trail map apps. These preserves are open year-round to the public at no charge for hiking, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation, hunting, and other low-impact, non-motorized recreational activities. For more information and to become a Land Trust member visit www.doorcountylandtrust.org or call (920)746-1359.

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Photo: Denice and Ken Hubbard, representing Bay Shore Property Owners Association, present a grant award to the Door County Land Trust executive director Tom Clay for invasive species removal and restoration work at the Bay Shore Blufflands Nature Preserve, south of Carlsville Road.

(Left to right: Amanda Pyke, Tom Clay, Denise Hubbard, Ken Hubbard, Jeff Ottum)