



Door County Land Trust

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



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High-Quality Forests Protected for Wildlife and Migratory Bird Habitat on Chambers Island

Sturgeon Bay, WI – Door County Land Trust is pleased to announce the permanent protection of significant high-quality forests on Chambers Island. Two parcels totaling 60 acres are now protected, and a third parcel of about 20 acres will be protected before the year's end. The forest lands consist of a mix of sugar maple, red oak, hemlock, American beech, red maple, white pine, and basswood. The three forested lands add to and connect lands already protected within the Chambers Island Nature Preserve, which now totals nearly 800 acres.

Chambers Island is recognized by conservation partners at US Fish and Wildlife Service, WI Department of Natural Resources, and The Nature Conservancy to be of great significance within the North American migratory bird flyway for more than 170 species of birds. The island offers a much needed rest stop that is free of common hazards to birds, but also offers a diversity of forest and wetland habitats necessary for birds to forage and nest.

The three forest parcels have been enrolled and maintained in Wisconsin's Managed Forest program. Sustainable forestry practices on these lands, combined with an absence of deer on the island, results in a forest with a lush understory which further enhances the resilience of the forest. Sustainable forestry practices will continue under Door County Land Trust ownership, with a selective harvest planned approximately every 15 years.

Efforts to protect Chambers Island have taken place over the past 5 years as a partnership between island landowners and the Door County Land Trust. A group of islanders rallied fellow landowners around the vision to create the nature preserve and raised the private funds necessary for both the initial protection and long-term care of the property. In September 2019, these four islanders, Suzanne Fletcher, Mary Brevard, Barbara Frank and Mary Jane Rintelman, were recognized as 'Conservationists of the Year' by the Madison based organization Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Land Trust Alliance.

Land protection projects like this require strong, local land conservation organizations like Door County Land Trust. In partnership with the community, Door County Land Trust is able to assist in protecting the most ecologically and culturally significant landscapes on the Door Peninsula and islands.



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Door County Land Trust seeks support from the community to enable future land protection projects that benefit both the people and wildlife of the peninsula. Whether you hunt, fish, hike or enjoy a walk with your family, Door County Land Trust is here to Protect What You Love.

For the month of December all contributions from new members will be doubled by a generous matching gift. To become a member or make a contribution of support, call (920)746-1359 or visit DoorCountyLandTrust.org. Thanks for your help to protect Door County!

About the Door County Land Trust

Protecting Door County's Exceptional Lands and Waters...*Forever*. Door County Land Trust protects the wild places, scenic beauty, and ecological integrity that make the peninsula and islands so special. 14 featured nature preserves are open for hiking, and other low-impact, non-motorized recreational activities--all at no charge to the public. Trail maps and more information may be found at www.doorcountylantrust.org.
