



Door County Land Trust

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Welcome Emily Wood: Door County Land Trust Selects Executive Director

Sturgeon Bay, WI— Door County Land Trust has appointed conservation leader Emily Wood as its next executive director. Wood will lead the Door County Land Trust in its mission to preserve, maintain and enhance lands that contribute significantly to the scenic beauty, open space and ecological integrity of Door County.

Since 2017, Wood has been Executive Director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. In this role, she has been a key player in regional conservation efforts including the Great Lakes invasive carp strategy and Indiana's monarch butterfly conservation plan.

Wood has also served as a wildlife and natural resource conservation advocate working at the local, state and federal levels to pass bipartisan legislation such as the Great American Outdoors Act, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

"The Door County Land Trust board of directors voted unanimously to appoint Emily Wood to be our new Executive Director," said Donna Hake, president of the Door County Land Trust Board of Directors. "We believe that Emily's experience and record of outstanding achievements, her energy, and her passion for the natural world makes her the right leader for the Land Trust's skilled team of dedicated conservationists."

Prior to leading the Indiana Wildlife Federation, Wood served as Director of GreenSpace for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., an environmental and community organization that works with neighbors and volunteers to plant trees and native landscapes, create community spaces, and engage students of all ages in nature. During this time, she also launched a youth professional development program in partnership with the City of Indianapolis providing horticulture maintenance for the city's pilot green stormwater infrastructure projects. Previously, she worked as a Horticulturist at the historic Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Gardens in Indianapolis and at the Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens.



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"The need for land protection has never been greater—and the Door County community has shown its dedication by conserving Door County's wild lands," said Wood. "I am honored to work with you—and for you—as we protect the beauty, ecology, and rural landscape of this part of the world."

Among her many professional and volunteer activities, Wood is Chair of the Indiana Monarch Conservation Planning Committee, Development Chair of the Indiana Conservation Alliance, and Co-Chair of the National Wildlife Federation's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice Task Force. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Wood will assume her responsibilities as Executive Director of Door County Land Trust on August 1, 2022.

Door County Land Trust engaged Kittleman & Associates to conduct a search for its new Executive Director. Kittleman & Associates is a national executive search firm that specializes in the recruitment of CEOs for tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, public charities and philanthropic organizations. Kittleman recruits leaders for the entire nonprofit sector including conservation, environmental education, public gardens, foundations and historic sites. For more information visit www.kittlemansearch.com.

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.doorcountylandtrust.org.

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