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DRIFTLESS

A Newsletter from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy

“What makes a place special is the way it buries itself inside the heart, not whether it’s flat or rugged, rich or austere.... Every place, like every person, is elevated by the love and respect shown toward it, and by the way in which its bounty is received.”

- Richard K. Nelson



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CONNECTING COMMUNITY



In the 1990s, conservationists and residents in our area were learning about conservation easements and asking, "Why isn't there some sort of conservancy dedicated to Wisconsin's Driftless Area?" The idea for DALC was born. But rather than stop at "Protecting and enhancing the health and beauty of our natural and agricultural landscape" for our mission, these wise founders also added, "Improving people's lives by connecting them to the land and each other."

The healing power we get from connecting with nature and with our community is well known and feels intuitive. We need to get out on the land, and DALC is working to increase access to the hills and valleys of our area.

We acquired our first nature preserve, Erickson Conservation Area, in 2012, and now own 5 preserves that are open to the public. As you'll see on pages 6-7, 2022 was a stellar year for volunteers coming together to care for these special places, and we've already witnessed the same camaraderie and enthusiasm in the first months of 2023!

The next generation wants to get outside too, and we were so grateful to welcome New Glarus high school seniors to pitch in for a day of service at Spring Valley Tract. They jumpstarted wetland restoration on this beautiful site (page 7).

We'll also be opening more of the Driftless Trail this year - a public walking path that would not be possible without myriad private landowners willing to host the trail. John Muir once said, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than [one] seeks." Wisconsin is known for its abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities, but in our corner of the state, 97% of the land is in private ownership. During the pandemic, visitation to Governor Dodge Park increased by 72%! The Driftless Trail is a direct response to all this desire for people to get outside, welcoming newcomers to fall in love with the land.

With all these new projects underway, we are so grateful to those in our community who have always supported us. Several of their stories are featured in this newsletter. We hope to see you out in the Driftless too in 2023!



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"Improving people's lives by connecting them to the land and each other."

Emilee Martell



TWENTY YEARS, AND FOREVERMORE

In 2003, DALC completed our first-ever conservation easement. Now, twenty years later, our celebration of this milestone is bittersweet - the donors, Deane and Edith Arny, are no longer with us. But their tremendous legacy lives on in the Driftless area.

Their engagement with DALC followed an instructive path. They purchased the land, fell in love with the land, established a conservation easement to preserve the land, and chose the next owner to follow Deane and Edith's vision for the preservation of the land.

Deane and Edith purchased the property they named Valley Ridge Farm, located in Richland County, in 1970. For over forty years, they worked alongside their friends and family to restore the land. Rolling, wooded hills were enrolled in Managed Forest Law for sustainable timber harvest. Old farm fields were seeded to native savanna through CRP. Despite bustling careers and personal lives - Deane was a professor of plant pathology at UW-Madison, and Edith was raising five children - land management was always a priority. Planting trees, removing non-native species, and carrying out prescribed burns kept the Arny family busy.

The land was also a place of gatherings and celebrations. Big Thanksgiving dinners prepared on the wood stove in the century-old farmhouse and picnics and cookouts in the farm yard were shared with friends and family. Drinks were cooled in the only running water... a stream of spring water in the farm yard.

Deane and Edith loved this land and wanted to preserve and protect it into the future. This led them to the newly-minted Driftless Area Land Conservancy in the early 2000s. "I can remember going out there with a couple conservancy folks," says David Kopitzke, a founding member of DALC and secretary of the board in 2003. "Deane and Edith were well up in years, but still both very active. Deane took us up on the hill behind the house. I remember thinking, 'Oh, this is just the kind of land DALC is concerned with protecting. I'm so happy it's getting an easement.'"

Although the process of creating our very first conservation easement was nerve-racking for DALC - "We were completely at sea," David admits - the guidance

of Gathering Waters, Wisconsin's alliance for land trusts, made it possible. In 2008, Edith and Deane took another step toward their vision for preserving the land by donating Valley Ridge Farm to the Leonardo Academy, a sustainability-focused nonprofit founded by Deane and Edith's son, Michael Arny. All the Wisconsin-based Leonardo Academy staff are actively engaged in the stewardship of Valley Ridge, including Michael Arny, Barbara McCabe, and Tracy Spoeth. Most summers, the Arny daughters who live outside of Wisconsin, Peg and Carol, come to work for a week at the farm with Barb. Visiting Valley Ridge brings the Arny children many fond memories of their parents and their deceased brother Philip.

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Edith and Deane Arny - Courtesy of Barbara McCabe

Deane passed away in 2013 at the age of 95, and Edith in 2022 at the age of 102. But they had one final gift for the Driftless.

Last fall, DALC was honored to receive an incredibly generous gift from the estate of Deane and Edith Arny - one of the largest donations in our history. Their kindness, commitment, and foresight to include us in their will has given us

an amazing boost in capacity, enabling us to permanently protect more land in the Driftless region that Deane and Edith loved so much. "The first easement is when you're really brought face-to-face with the idea of perpetual protection," David recalls. "We were thinking, 'how are we going to be able to do this forever?'"

Twenty years later, as DALC continues to grow and thrive, we have our answer: we can protect land in perpetuity with the support, dedication, and generosity of our community. We will forever be grateful to Deane and Edith Arny for putting their trust in us, and paving the way for a bright future of land conservation in our treasured Driftless region.

Compiled by Emilee Martell (emilee@driftlessconservancy.org) with the generous assistance of the Arny siblings

OUT ON THE LAND: CHUCK BAUER, CHUCK BECKWITH, AND THE STORY OF RARE EARTH FARM

The Driftless area has always been home to incredible diversity, not just of plants, animals, and topography, but also of people, personal histories, and identities. In this new series, DALC is proud to share the stories of LGBTQ+ landowners and conservationists who care for our beautiful region and receive care from it in return.

Sitting in the warmly lit sunroom of his Madison home, Chuck Bauer laughs as he thinks back through the decades to 1969—the year of the Stonewall riots that energized the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and not long after Chuck himself had come out as gay. “I felt that at 22, I was so old.”

But of course, new chapters of life were only beginning. That was the year Chuck Bauer, a grad student in studio art at UW-Madison, met his future husband, Chuck Beckwith, a senior in art history. Just three years later, with a thousand dollars to their name, they opened a small business together: The Soap Opera. Today, its eco-friendly bath products are a staple of Madison’s State Street shopping scene.

Chuck credits this entrepreneurial spirit to always being “fiercely independent,” which in turn grew from concerns about being different from his peers. But the support of open-minded folks in Madison and at the university, including the Gay Liberation Front, helped create a community.

“After you come out you feel less isolated, and then you feel more a part of your generation,” Chuck says. “And a big part of our generation was ecological concerns, being gentler on the land, organic farming, things like that.”

Like gay rights, the “Back to the Land” movement was not mainstream at the time. But despite their shop in Madison, Chuck and Chuck wanted to live in the country, for much the same reason they’d started their own business: “To be your own boss, to be in a place with lots of space around you,” Chuck recalls. “Independence has been the whole focus of our lives.”

They rented an old farmhouse and a few acres in the town of

Perry for four years. Then, when out on a drive in 1977, they saw a “For Sale” sign in front of a farm west of New Glarus in Green County. It was love at first sight.

And luckily, even in a rural area far from Madison, being gay wasn’t a hindrance.

“Before you come out, you’re fearful,” Chuck says. “You hope the rules of society still apply to you, but you can’t be sure. [But] we never had any trouble. We were respectful to everyone and everyone was respectful to us.”



Stephanie Judge

He and Chuck have now lived on the property they named Rare Earth Farm at least part-time for 45 years. In the past 20, they’ve been glad to gain a handful of LGBTQ+ neighbors. Chuck also notes that the Driftless area has plenty of queer legacies, including Pendarvis, a historical and cultural site in Mineral Point that was developed in the 1930s by life partners Bob Neal and Edgar Hellum. Today, Mineral Point is among several small towns in the Driftless

that hold an annual Pride Weekend. Chuck was delighted to attend one of the very first.

On their own land, though, there was never even a question that they belonged. The 82-acre property features established oak woodlands, remnant savanna, remnant and restored prairie, and a creek feeding the headwaters of the Pecatonica River. The land’s beauty inspired countless paintings by Chuck Bauer, and provided a joyful gathering spot for friends, including a big annual Fourth of July party.

However, the journey to maintain that grace and beauty by restoring the land’s native ecosystems had a few stumbling blocks.



Blanchardville Landscape
1997 | Oil on canvas | Plein air | 11 x 14 inches
by Chuck Bauer (ctbauer.com)
From the collection of Bob Bergman & Nana Schowalter.

The philosophy of the 1970s, Chuck explains, was, “Nature knows best. Just get out of the way.” As soon as he and Chuck bought the land, they stopped renting it out for farming and let it revert back into a natural state.

Unfortunately, we know now that without good management, undesirable or non-native plants will quickly take over, pushing out a wide variety of species that provide vital habitat and food for wildlife. “With settlement, fire suppression, invasive species, monocultures, some things will hold on, but more conservative species won’t,” Chuck notes. “The thick tapestry of biodiversity is wearing thin.”

In the early 2000s, after an explosion of crown vetch that had been planted for erosion control, they began to learn

“To leave your land better than you found it is really the ultimate legacy,”

about the full scope of restoration that their land needed, and the potential it held for high-quality native habitat.

Chuck has an apt metaphor for the realization: “It was like coming out – oh, look at all the things I was only vaguely aware of, all the things I’ve been missing!”

With the help and advice of contractors, they threw themselves wholeheartedly into restoration work. As an artist, Chuck was greatly inspired by a quote from Andy Warhol: “I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want.”

Today, brush is cleared from the old oaks, planted prairies bloom with native flowers, and fire has been returned to the land. But as Chuck and Chuck had learned, managing native habitat requires continual work, oversight, and maintenance. To protect their beloved land not only from development, but also from neglect, they began the long, thoughtful process of pursuing a conservation easement and land management endowment.

“[An easement] requires you to see the future with great care,” Chuck says. As longtime members of The Prairie Enthusiasts, he and Chuck were encouraged by the growth of other conservation nonprofits in the region – including Driftless Area Land Conservancy. The strong support from our community gave them confidence that their land could be maintained in perpetuity.

To ensure protection and good management, Chuck is working with DALC and the Natural Resources Foundation to create a “three-legged stool.” Upon their passing, Chuck and Chuck will likely donate the land to a conservation organization. The Natural Resources Foundation will hold an endowment to ensure that there will always be funding for management. And DALC will hold the easement and help coordinate the spending of funds on restoration and maintenance.

“To leave your land better than you found it is really the ultimate legacy,” Chuck says. “You’re giving those who come after you the gift of time. You can’t wave a magic wand and have a twenty- or fifty-year prairie, but I can establish that now for future generations.”

In a similar way, the dedication and foresight of generations of elders has created today’s strong, diverse LGBTQ+ community. And, just as we continue to manage restored land, that dedication carries on in the fight to support one another and overcome setbacks. We’re proud to have Chuck Bauer and Chuck Beckwith in our DALC community, and to work alongside them for the land and people of the Driftless.

Emilee Martell (emilee@driftlessconservancy.org)



Farm from Top of Driveway
2003 | India ink & wash on paper | 14 x 19 inches
by Chuck Bauer (ctbauer.com)
From the collection of Trevor & Rose Stephenson

THANK YOU, DRIFTLESS VOLUNTEERS!

We had a HUGE year for volunteering in 2022 and want to thank each and every person who joined us. Whether you helped for three hours or thirty, the generous gift of your time added up to make a tremendous impact on the Driftless!

In 2023, we have tons of monthly volunteer workdays, adding up to over 70 opportunities to get outside and make a difference for the Driftless! Visit www.driftlessconservancy.org/volunteer for upcoming dates and to get on our volunteer mailing list.

2022 NUMBERS OVERALL

- 96 total volunteers, including 20 New Glarus High School students who joined us for a day of service.
- Over 1000 total hours worked by all volunteers.
- Plus, WisCorps Youth Conservation Corps service teams worked on Spring Valley and the Driftless Trail.

MORRISON PRAIRIE AND FOREST PRESERVE

2 VOLUNTEERS

- Surveyed for uncommon native flora and fauna, high-quality habitat, and potential invasive threats.
- Continued management efforts on a second-year, 1.5-acre planted prairie.
- Conducted follow-up management activities on approximately 5 acres, including addressing invasive shrub respouts and locating and dealing with larger berry-producing invasive shrubs.

ERICKSON CONSERVATION AREA

9 VOLUNTEERS

- Alongside professional botanists, surveyed the Erickson wetlands and discovered many previously undocumented plant and animal species. This information is vital to the proper management of natural areas and will help to define our future goals and how to achieve them.
- Cleared 1 acre of invasive shrubs and removed approximately 40 undesirable trees that posed a direct threat to a high-quality sedge meadow.
- Conducted regular management for invasive herbaceous weeds throughout an 8.5-acre planted prairie as well as a 3-acre oak savanna.

SPRING VALLEY TRACT

27 VOLUNTEERS + 20 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS + WISCORPS

- Cleared 5 acres of woody invasives on steep remnant oak savanna, prepping it for the return of prescribed fire in 2023.
- Controlled herbaceous weeds on 10 previously cleared acres.
- Carried out a 3-day fence clearing project that removed 500 yards of old barbed wire fence grown up with shrubs in the Spring Valley wetland as well as a 3-acre oak savanna.

DRIFTLESS TRAIL

20 VOLUNTEERS + WISCORPS

- Constructed a 32-foot A-truss bridge over Meudt Creek on the Knobs Road Segment of the Driftless Trail.
- Redesigned and reopened the 1.1 mile Weaver Road Trail. It is now what we call a “lollipop loop” - half is out-and-back along an ag field, with a great view, and half is a loop through a wooded valley framed by intriguing rock outcrops.
- Prepped 5 miles of trail for openings in 2023.



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CONSERVATION TOGETHER WITH SOUTHERN DRIFTLESS GRASSLANDS

Partnerships work because of a wise lesson I heard once while attending a partnership meeting in Kansas: “When we meet, we leave our cowboy hats, and therefore, our egos, at the door.” We may not wear cowboy hats here in the Driftless, but it takes a lot of willingness and comradery for partnerships to run smoothly.

Fortunately, that’s exactly what we’ve got with Southern Driftless Grasslands (SDG), a partnership of federal, state, county, and nonprofit organizations, including DALC. The mission of SDG is to actively support the conservation of grasslands in Southwest Wisconsin to benefit the region’s wildlife, water, farms, and communities.

The partnership team pulled together this fall for intense, high-level conversations to direct our efforts over the next five, ten, twenty years. We identified five collaborative, community-driven programs that together create a vibrant vision for grassland conservation in our region:

1. Re-grow the grass-based rural economy for the benefit of people and nature.
2. Secure the lands and habitat needed to sustain grassland birds, which are facing an urgent conservation crisis. Southwest Wisconsin is the best landscape in the upper Midwest to take on this challenge.
3. Grow a Prairie and Savanna Legacy Program that supports the management, enhancement, and protection of grassland biodiversity hotspots across the landscape.
4. Work cooperatively to establish a Southern Driftless Stewardship Program to triage management across public and private lands.
5. Accelerate land protection efforts across the southern Driftless landscape by working to secure regional and private funds.

That all sounds great, right? But just how will we accomplish that? Oh, the power of partnership!

Just a few of our projects in motion:

We continue to work closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Pheasants Forever, Xerces Society, and others to connect landowners with technical and financial resources. Thanks to the vision of regional partners like the Sand County Foundation, unique opportunities for federal funding have opened up. Interested in finding resources for your land? Head to www.driftlessgrasslands.org/landowner-services to learn more!

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Madison Community Foundation and a match from the FWS Migratory Bird Program, we are working with the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to develop an online mapping tool that will help accelerate land protection and more focused landowner engagement.

Regional partners are connecting farmers and ranchers with programs designed to assist with transitioning crop land into grazing land, and to support wildlife on working lands. Grasslands 2.0 is creating resources for farmers interested in grass-based agriculture and conservation practices such as prairie strips. Counties are working with Pheasants Forever to promote precision agriculture and the enrollment of marginal land into cost-sharing wildlife habitat programs. And, thanks to the persistent involvement of SDG leaders, Audubon Conservation Ranching is coming to town. You may soon have a chance to vote with your fork for local, grass-fed, bird-friendly beef!

Ultimately, partnerships thrive due to the collective efforts of all. The vision we created in 2022 is already being put into action throughout our Southern Driftless Grasslands community. Let’s continue to grow this good work together in 2023!

Cindy Becker (cindy@driftlessconservancy.org)

TRANSMISSION LINE’S FINAL RESOLUTION STILL IN QUESTION

Consistent with our mission, Driftless Area Land Conservancy continues to work with others in our community to oppose the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.



Emilee Martell

The transmission line developers – ATC, ITC Midwest, and Dairyland Power – are moving rapidly forward with construction even though U.S. District Court Judge William Conley has ruled that this huge high-voltage transmission line cannot cross the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Judge Conley

characterized the continuing construction as creating “an orchestrated train wreck.”

The developers appealed Judge Conley’s ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The court heard oral argument from the parties on September 28, 2022, but as of this printing in early March, 2023, has not yet issued its decision.

The Dane County Circuit Court finally heard oral argument on October 13, 2022 on our appeal of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission’s 2019 decision approving the transmission line. The Circuit Court is expected to issue its decision by early May 2023.

The transmission line developers recently informed the Commission that the construction costs will be even higher than they previously claimed.

DALC is committed to supporting less expensive, more environmentally-friendly means to provide reliably distributed clean energy that avoids carbon pollution in Southwest Wisconsin.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR A CLEA-N DRIFTLESS

Thanks to your generous support, DALC’s Iowa County Clean, Local Energy Alliance – Now! (CLEA-N) project continues to help folks take greater control of their energy dollars while supporting Wisconsin’s Clean Energy Plan and reducing energy costs.

Our 2022 Iowa County Solar Group Buy assisted seventeen area homeowners in adding solar on their properties. All told, these solar arrays are generating just shy of 100kW of electricity, reducing the owners’ energy bills and cutting carbon emissions.

On another front, CLEA-N continues to promote the Solar on Schools grant program. To encourage school districts to expand energy efficiencies in their schools and to consider solar, CLEA-N enlisted the help of students. The 2022 Clean Energy Transition essay contest awarded cash prizes for essays touting the benefits of forming a district wide team focused on energy efficiency and clean energy opportunities. Students from all five Iowa County high schools participated and were awarded cash prizes.

Having raised interest in energy issues with students and school administrators, CLEA-N’s current student contest is all about creativity. Students are creating projects, demonstrations, models, and displays signaling the need for their schools to take action in transitioning to a clean energy future. In another initiative, CLEA-N and Green Homeowners United are collaborating to sponsor discounted home energy audits and a basement sealing/insulation program.

We are grateful for your continuing support as we work to lower energy costs and develop clean energy options. Thank you for helping us foster a sustainable future for families throughout our beautiful Driftless Area.

Chuck Tennesen (charles@driftlessconservancy.org)



Barb Barzen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is just around the corner – we HOPE! Many of our members may have started restoration projects or have plans to do so soon. It's the season for planting native species, managing invasives, doing prescribed burns, and giving crop trees a boost by releasing them from the pressure of competing trees.

Whatever you choose to do – it should leave the Driftless Area healthier than doing nothing. Early last winter, I worked on releasing small- to medium-sized oaks (crop tree release) in hopes that they will thrive and become more dominant trees. We also have plans for woodland as well as native grass burns. May the spring weather cooperate!

We plan on having more events at DALC where we can safely gather and celebrate the Driftless Area. Last year

I enjoyed meeting several new members at our Spring Social as well as at Lowery Creek gatherings and the Legacy Society picnic. Segments of the Driftless Trail are open for you to enjoy. Our nature preserves (Erickson, Morrison, Sardeson, and Spring Valley) are open to enjoy at your leisure. A special thank you to the volunteer workers that are helping improve and maintain these properties (see pages 6-7).

Thanks to the staff, volunteer board, and members (both current and past), 50 conservation easements have been created and more than 8,000 acres have been permanently protected since 2001. Now, our goal is to DOUBLE the amount of land protected by DALC in the next 5 years. With your continued support, I believe we can achieve this lofty goal.

Sincerely,
Dale

NEW STUDENT BOARD MEMBER



We are excited to welcome and introduce Jake Pannell, our new Student Board member.

Jake is from the small town of Fulton, Illinois along the Mississippi River. He grew up in the outdoors, hunting and fishing from the age of six, and his passion for conservation is shared with his father. He plans to continue showing his love for the outdoors with his future career. Jake has always had his mind set on trying to influence his younger peers on how hunting and conservation go hand in hand, and how they are both important factors for the environment.

Jake is a Junior at UW-Platteville and studies Environmental Science and Conservation while minoring in Biology. After getting his bachelor's, he plans on attending UW-Stevens Point to further his academic career with a masters in Fisheries or Wildlife Biology.

Jake notes: "Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family which mostly consists of being outdoors or hunting with my father and two sisters. I had the great opportunity of having an internship with the Water Resources Biologists out of the Dodgeville DNR office in the summer of 2022. It was one of the best experiences I have had. I'm looking forward to a career where not every day is the same."



Melissa Roelli

Melissa Roelli



THE DRIFTLESS LEGACY SOCIETY

There are few places in the world as unique as the Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin. That is why protecting its critical habitat and beautiful spaces is vitally important. We gratefully thank our Driftless Legacy Society members for their commitment to this distinctive landscape. By including DALC in your estate plan, you too can protect and care for the land you love for generations to come.

If you have an interest in joining our Legacy Society please let us know by contacting us at (608) 930-3252 or email info@driftlessconservancy.org. We value such a profound commitment to our mission and would appreciate the opportunity to thank you in your lifetime.

Thanks to you, and to those who treasure these lands, the future looks brighter.

DRIFTLESS LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

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| Deane & Edith Army | Sharon Stark & Peter Livingston |
| Anne Bachner | Mary Trewartha |
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SPRING SOCIAL

April 13 | 4-6pm | Three Waters Reserve, Brodhead

Join Driftless Area Land Conservancy staff and board to celebrate spring and give thanks for our amazing community! Come socialize, enjoy a treat, and explore the savanna on a property recently protected with a conservation easement. No registration required.

BIRDING THE DRIFTLESS TRAIL

May 13 & 20 | 7-9am | Weaver Road & Knobs Road Segments, Dodgeville & Ridgeway

Explore two beautiful segments of the Driftless Trail with birding experts! A variety of habitats and bird species await, and all levels of birding skills are welcome. Registration is required on our website.

EVENINGS AFIELD IN THE LOWERY CREEK WATERSHED

Monthly starting in May | 6-8pm | Spring Green

This year's Evenings Afield sessions, on Thursday evenings, will include:

- Driftless Area Groundwater 101 (May 18)
- Restoring Your Woods & Prairie: Where to Begin (June, date TBD)
- Grass-Fed Beef: From Grazing to Grocer (July 20)
- Organic Farming and Perennial Crops (August 10)
- Agro-Forestry: Where to Begin (September 7)

Find details and registration information at our Events page or subscribe to our Lowery Creek email list.

Updates, registration and more details online at driftlessconservancy.org/events

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Our mission is to maintain and enhance the health, diversity and beauty of Southwest Wisconsin's natural and agricultural landscape through permanent land protection and restoration, and improve people's lives by connecting them to the land and to each other.

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