

# COUDERAY WATERS REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Protecting & Promoting the Natural Environment of Northwestern Wisconsin

## Mark your Calendar:

### Annual Watershed Paddle Tour & Annual Meeting @ Deerfoot

Saturday, July 21st  
Paddle 9am-2pm - Sign up for the annual paddle is through the Natural Resources Foundation Field Trip Program. Seine net survey demonstration and refreshments at 2pm. All are welcome to attend the annual meet & greet beginning at 2pm!

## Financial Goals

To move the organization toward financial sustainability:

\$24,000 - Conservation Easement Protection Fund

\$15,000/annually - Work for conservation easement development, education & outreach

Would you be able to help?

More information about upcoming events and conservation easement work can be found at [www.couderaywaters.org](http://www.couderaywaters.org)

## Protected Forever



From left to right: Jim Coors with Greta, and Ann Pollock (with maul), and board member Dennis Claggett representing CWRLT.

New signs were installed at one of Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust's first easements. The sign reads: "Protected Forever: This private property is conserved forever with a Land Protection Agreement, thanks to the cooperation of this landowner, all future landowners, and the Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust."

In attempting to express the feelings they hold for their land, the family noted that words alone are inadequate. Rather, the smells, sounds, sights and feel of the place in the mind's eye are what makes the family home special. For them, a conservation easement establishes an enduring mark by which they can gauge their impact on what nature has provided. By stepping forward, the property owners wish to provide a stewardship model for others.

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## The Year in Review

*From Tom Heinrich*

November, and the beaver moon works across our northern landscape...ephemeral ponds freeze, ciscos move towards gravel shorelines to spawn, summer heat steams from rivers, dogwoods drop leaves protecting our shorelines from erosion... all places cast into the rhythm of the seasons of the northland, all places that Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust has helped protect.

Our land trust is a private, nonprofit organization that depends on the support of generous donors, landowners, and volunteers to do our work. At the moment, we hold five easements, use our volunteer crew to monitor the lands, and work protect more land that will preserve the character of the Northwoods. Currently, we are putting the final sentences to a conservation easement of forty acres of oak, maple, and basswood... beyond that, our board has surveyed lands for new easements in the Grindstone/ Couderay watershed, creek bottoms that hold valuable spawning grounds and shorelines lined with white pine and hemlock.

This year we've worked hard to tell our story: thanks to your interest we've spoken about our lands, tying forests, lakes, rivers, ponds and wetlands to human needs, adventures, and economic values. In front of curious listeners at the Sherman Weiss Library, the Izaak Walton League, lake associations, and Wisconsin foresters we've told of forestry hikes, canoe trips, and preserving the landscape around us.

For the fourth consecutive year we've sponsored a Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin field trip, this year paddling the West Fork of the Chippewa, telling of its fisheries, discussing its history, viewing hemlock stands, and bumping across rapids of glacial erratics while explaining our sponsorship of the Moose Lake Legacy project.

In the spring, we celebrated ice out, green up of the earth by helping clean up the Namekagon River...then meeting in Hayward for our bi-annual film festival of worldwide adventures in mountains, great lakes, large rivers, and hidden trails. This year over 100 people viewed this menagerie of landscapes and the people working to keep them wild.

Always we read to the youth at libraries, share Halloween stories of the landscape that blend traditions with natural phenomena, plot walks along trails, and show the wonders of fishing, water ecology, and the joy of being outside.

Your contributions in money or in time help our efforts grow. Conservation easement writing takes time, lawyers' expertise, and surveyors' maps. As we reach more people, write more easements and take on more community activities, the need for a full time director grows.

Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust (CWRLT) is a nonprofit land conservation organization that works with landowners in northwestern Wisconsin to protect and preserve the natural resources of their property...we hope you can contribute to our efforts in the coming year as we grow our land trust.





## Board of Directors

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Carol Heinrich - President  
Dennis Clagett - Vice President  
Geary Searfoss - Treasurer  
Tom Heinrich - Secretary  
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## *Be part of the northwoods legacy*

Protecting land through conservation easements can be a lengthy process and requires thoughtful consideration from all parties. Several easements are currently in various stages of the process. Do you have a unique property you would like to see protected? Perhaps you have trails on your property you would like to guide a tour on, or a special place you'd like to share. There are many ways to inspire others by creating the opportunity for outdoor experiences. [What is your story?](#) [Contact us to share!](#)

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*When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe. - John Muir*

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## *Thank You for your support!*

**There are many ways to support the work of your local land trust!**

- Return the enclosed card with your 2017 membership support if you haven't already, or if you would be able to make an additional gift this year to help us protect & promote natural land.
- Consider making a donation to further fund easement work, education, and outreach.
- Do you have a piece of property you'd like to donate?
- Give a **gift membership** to your friends, a great gift idea!
- Visit the website: [couderaywaters.org](http://couderaywaters.org) and click on **Donate!**
- Designate Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust as your charity of choice on **Amazon Smile**.
- Make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one.
- Remember CWRLT in your will and estate planning.

***Thank you for your commitment to the natural environment of northwestern Wisconsin!***



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## A message from the Coordinator

Hello! I invite you to visit the Couderay Waters website:

[couderaywaters.org](http://couderaywaters.org) where you can view event photos, a slideshow, and information about the properties that we currently protect through conservation easements. The CWRLT board is working diligently on

easements and we look forward to announcing land that has been protected

forever by landowners whose love of the outdoors and connection to the land fuels their motivation to see natural environments protected. **Your experiences with natural places have likely shaped you as well**, and I invite you to find out more about your local land trust. Follow the website and Facebook page to stay on top of the latest news!

*~ Kelly Nechuta*