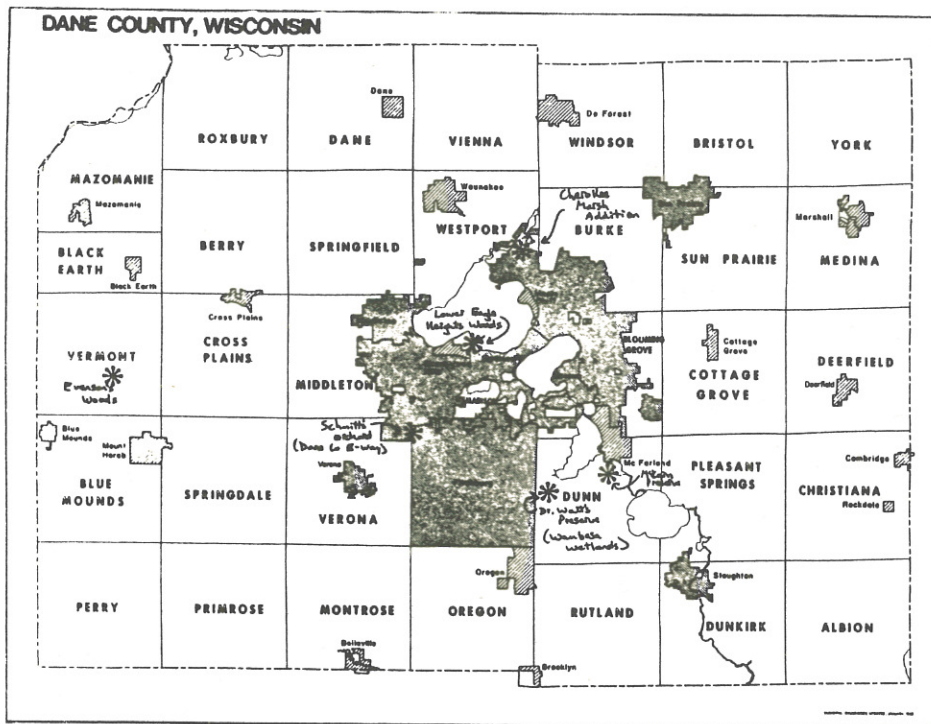


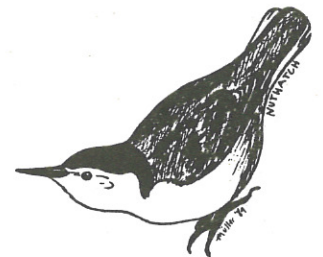
# DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Fall 1992



Dane County  
Natural Heritage  
Foundation

\* Protected  
Areas



From the President  
by William G. Lunney

With the support of a growing membership and the hard work of the Board of Directors and staff, our Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation is looking forward to continuing its work into a second decade. We have built on the initial "Save the Woods" Drive in 1983 to the creation of a permanent, financially - solvent land trust covering Dane County.

The past year has seen an expansion of programs to include a major, multi-year effort to preserve streambank areas in Token Creek. We are actively working with area landowners to educate and encourage them to preserve their land. This program is being led by a very dedicated group of Board members with assistance from several

consulting staff and has received financial support from the Madison Community Foundation.

The Foundation is actively looking forward to celebrating our Ten Year Anniversary with several special programs to supplement our Stewardship Awards Program. We hope to heighten community awareness of our efforts to encourage land preservation through voluntary land-owner actions and fund-raising for purchases of threatened areas.

We welcome continued active involvement from our membership. In addition, we look forward to continuing our participation in local and state matching grant programs for land conservation and preservation.

## Celebrating our 10th Year! 1983-1993

## Please consider...

One of the simplest ways to make a gift to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation is through your will. Bequests can be in the form of financial contributions as well as real estate.

We accept both restricted and unrestricted gifts. An unrestricted gift would be used to further the purpose of the Foundation and offers the advantage of permitting us to use your bequest in areas of greatest need.

If you would like to restrict your gift, please ask your lawyer to contact the Foundation office: 258-9797. Examples of restrictions might be "to be used only for wetland preservation" or "to be used only in western Dane County". Please consider us when doing your estate planning.



## In Appreciation

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation gratefully acknowledges a gift in the memory of:

Joyce Erdman  
Ted & Helen Iltis

## Special Thanks To:

Glenn & Diane Chambliss  
Marie McCabe  
Eugene Wilkening  
Margaret Van Alstyne  
Plymouth Congregational  
Church

## Citizen Advisory Group Meets

by Richard Kalvelage

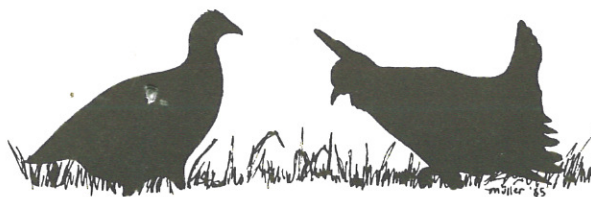
On Tuesday, September 15, the Token Creek Advisory Committee met at the home of John and Judith Hutchinson. The informal gathering provided an ideal setting for a comfortable evening when old friends and neighbors discussed their interests, the history of the area, and information about the Token Creek watershed area. A common interest in the future of the creek was apparent as members discussed their life-long efforts and their dreams for the future quality of this watershed.

Attending were Art Arnholt, Bud Graff, Ron Hennings, John and Judith Hutchinson, Rick Kalvelage, Ruth Oppedahl, Mike Slavney, Bernadine Smith, and Jan Zimmermann.

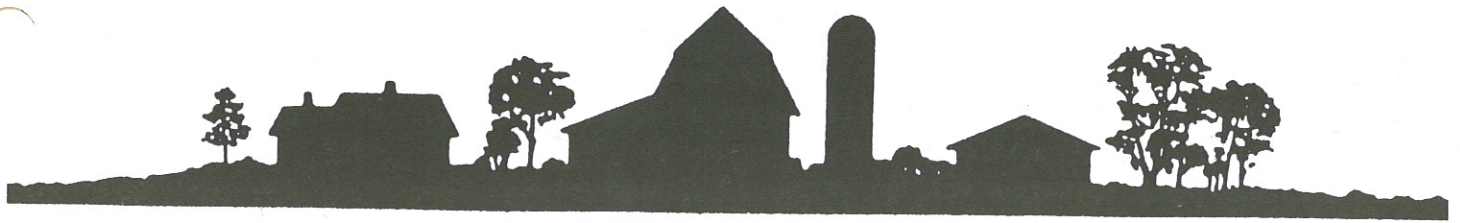
We would like to thank those who attended the meeting for their time and expertise as we begin the newest phase in our effort to maintain and improve the quality of this most important part of our rural environment.



*Pictured above is a parcel in the Token Creek watershed being considered for protection.*







## Farmland Preservation

Many of our members may not be aware that DCNHF protects not only natural areas, but also agricultural lands.

The American Farmland Trust (AFT) reported in their Summer 1992 newsletter that thirteen of Wisconsin's most productive counties are in or next to urban areas. Dane County is one of these counties with some of the richest farmland in the nation.

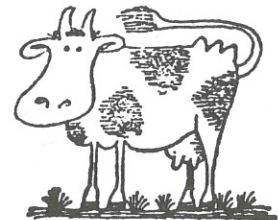
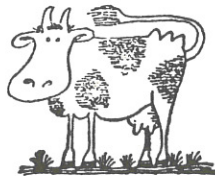
Farms near urban areas are under increasing development pressure; therefore a farmer who wants to keep the land under cultivation and pass it down to the children may have a difficult task. Often farmers on the urban fringe face inflated land values leading to high property taxes. If they want to leave the farm to their children, the children may be subject to high estate taxes.

importance of conserving prime agricultural areas, for they are the "bread and butter" for our local and world economies. One of the delights of life in Dane County is to experience the beauty of the rural landscape right outside Madison.

As a local land trust, DCNHF has worked with AFT in Dane County to preserve farmland through agricultural easements. An agricultural easement insures that the land is kept in farming through the generations. An agricultural easement, combined with careful estate planning, may lower property taxes and make it more possible for children to inherit the family farm.

If you are interested in finding out more about agricultural easements as a way to keep farmland in farming, please contact Ruth at our office: 258-9797.

Land trusts like AFT and DCNHF recognize the



----- cut and return -----

Please check your membership date on your label to see if it's time to renew your DCNHF membership. If there is no date, please consider becoming a DCNHF member.

- ☐ \$20.00 *Individual*
- ☐ \$30.00 *Household*
- ☐ \$50.00 *Sustaining*
- ☐ \$100.00 *Donor*

Please send me information on:

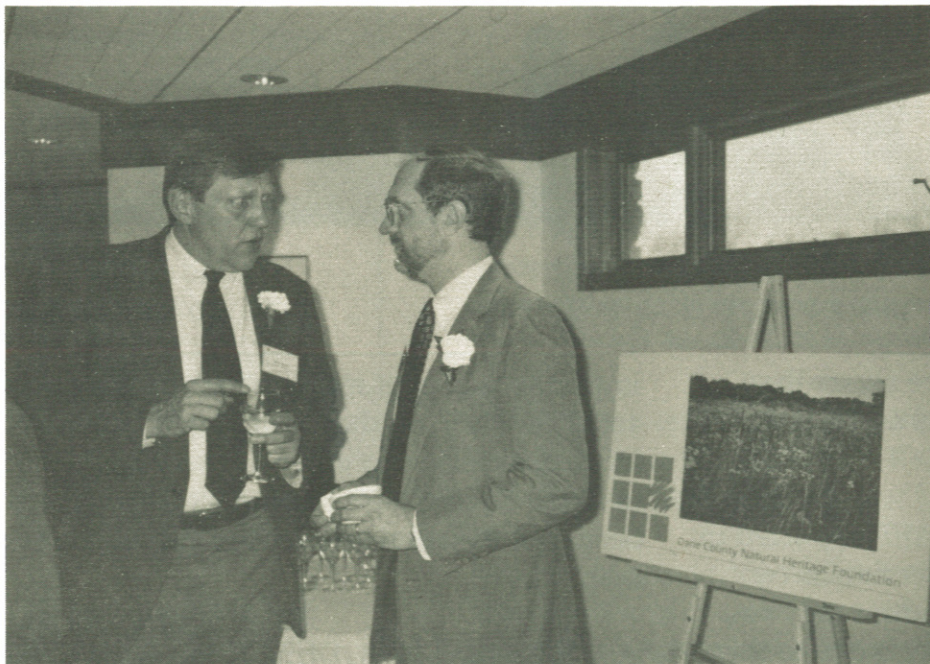
- ☐ How to make a gift through my will
- ☐ How to make a gift of real estate

Send to:

Dane County Natural Heritage  
Foundation  
333 W Mifflin, Suite 106  
Madison, WI 53703  
608-258-9797

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

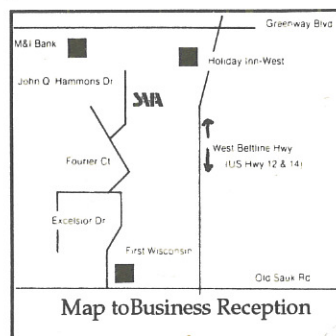
Contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.  
Please make checks payable to Dane County Natural  
Heritage Foundation. Thank you!



*Brent Haglund, speaker at this year's Business Reception, talking with Steve Born of the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association. Mr. Haglund will be speaking about the importance of non-profit organizations in land conservation work.*

## Business Reception

On November 18, the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation will honor its business members at a reception hosted by Suby, Von Haden & Associates. All current and potential members are invited to attend. Members at the \$500 level will be receiving a copy of Brent Haglund's book, *Wild Wisconsin*. The reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. and a short program will be presented at 5:00 p.m.



## Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

333 West Mifflin, Suite 106  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703  
608-258-9797

Address correction requested

William G. Lunney  
President  
John B. Hutchinson  
Vice President of Organization  
James C. Cummings  
Treasurer  
Robert M. Bolz  
Secretary

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

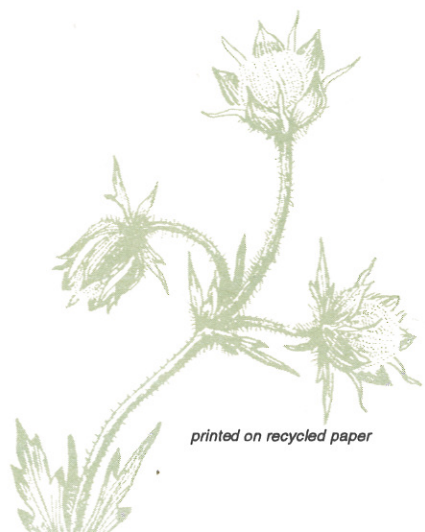
Norman C. Anderson  
Thomas E. Bolger  
Cal DeWitt  
Daniel W. Erdman  
Helen Henry  
Harold C. Jordahl  
Bea Kabler  
Richard Kalvelage  
Jane Licht  
Susan McDonald  
Jean D. Meanwell  
Michael Slavney  
Gail B. Shea  
Richard Zillman  
Janis L. Zimmermann

Ruth Oppedahl  
Program Director

William P. O'Connor  
Conservation Director

Jean Meanwell  
Ruth Oppedahl  
Newsletter Editors

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 245  
MADISON, WI



printed on recycled paper