

DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the protection and preservation of natural areas in Dane County through conservation easements, land donations and education.

Winter 1994

Chuck Cell Donates 49 Acre Conservation Easement

By Gail Shea, DCNHF Board Director

Another extraordinary piece of Dane County has been preserved in perpetuity through the donation of a conservation easement by Chuck Cell of the Town of Oregon. Chuck's Storybrook Farm, a 49 acre parcel in southeastern Dane County, contains a glacial drumlin surrounded by a shallow marsh, springs, and Story Creek. The springs provide headwaters of the creek which feeds Tipperary Marsh. Protecting the water quality of Story Creek is critical to restoring Tipperary Marsh to its

natural character. The Marsh and the Brooklyn Wildlife Refuge, to the south of the property, are a major source of natural habitat for wildlife, wetlands flora and fauna in this part of Dane County.

Chuck contacted the DCNHF office last summer expressing interest in the conservation easement program. Two members of the Stewardship Committee visited the property and reported that a substantial part of it had been maintained a relatively natural state. His efforts to preserve and maintain the ecological and aesthetic



Story Creek in southeastern Dane County

features of the farm in harmony with the natural environment and had preserved the natural habitat for flora, fauna and wildlife, and the groundwater systems. The conservation easement, granted to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation, insures that the property always will be managed to conserve its openspace character, its scenic quality and its natural habitat.

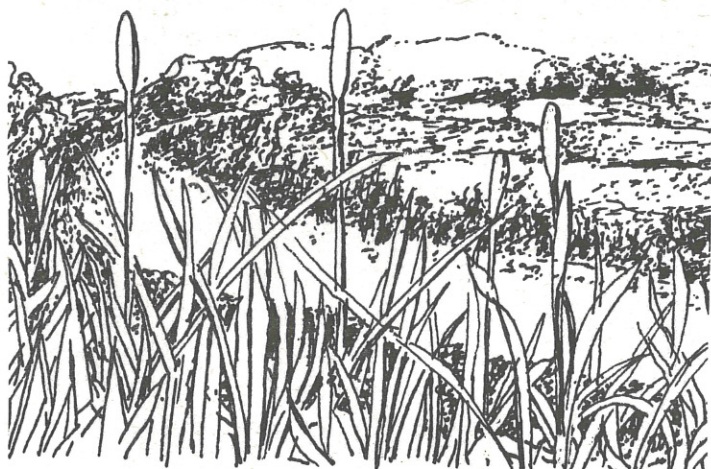
Chuck lives on the property in what was the homesite of the original settler in the area. This brick structure, which he has restored and modernized, is estimated to be about 140 years old.

"What's in A Name?"

The DCNHF board is considering a shorter and more descriptive name for the organization. We need your input! Please let us know if you think the name change is a good idea, call 258-9797 and leave your suggestions.

Wisconsin Land Trust Conference Held

DCNHF was one of several co-sponsors who organized a Wisconsin Land Trust Conference held January 21-22 in Door County. Informational sessions were held on land-saving tools and project selection, financing and implementation. We heard reports from around the state on land trust activities, and future directions for the land trust movement were discussed. Eighteen land trusts from around the state were represented.



Illustrated by Randall Smith

Foundation Receives EPA Grant

The Token Creek Streambank Protection Project has received additional support through the establishment of a position funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Fund. This is an innovative pilot project which could be used as a model for other non-profits involved in watershed projects. This grant was facilitated by the Community Assistance Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

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by Jean & Walter Meanwell

Prairie Restoration to be Dedicated to Wilke Family



Site of Future Wilke Family Preserve

Hazel Knudson, longtime resident of the Town of Vienna is making a significant contribution to establish the Wilke Prairie Preserve on land settled by her family. The restoration project is dedicated to the memory of her parents, Franklyn & Augusta Wilke and her brother, Clarence Wilke.

DCNHF in conjunction with the the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources plans to restore this area to its presettlement condition.

Matching funds for this project are being provided by the State Stewardship Fund.

The goal is to restore this 35 acre parcel as habitat for grassland birds and waterfowl. Management plans are being developed with the assistance of DNR specialists to protect this tributary of Six Mile Creek and to provide openspace in a rapidly developing area. This area will also be used as an educational and demonstration area.

DCNHF will be seeking volunteers to assist with site preparation and planting. Scout groups, 4-H Clubs, service groups and individuals are encouraged to contact our organization.

Wisconsin is one of only five states in the nation which provides matching funds for non-profit conservation groups. With the assistance of the DNR, DCNHF has received matching funds from the Streambank Protection and the Habitat Restoration programs of the State Stewardship Fund.



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Stewardship Awards Event to Feature Ben Logan

Promega Corporation will host the 1994 Stewardship Awards event to be held on Thursday, May 5 in their new building in the Fitchburg Research Park. This is a benefit fundraiser for the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation.

Featured speaker will be Ben Logan, author of The Land Remembers and Empty Meadow. His writing reflects strong connections between humans and the land through the generations. Ben Logan's books have been read on public radio's "Chapter a Day".

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

May 5 - Stewardship Awards with Ben Logan
August 27 - Token Creek Watershed Festival
September 11 - Robert Bateman Reception

1994 Stewardship Award Nominations Sought

Members and friends of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation are invited to submit nominations for the 1994 Stewardship Awards.

Award recipients should have demonstrated a longtime commitment to preservation and protection of natural areas in Dane County. Recipients exemplify the land ethic in their lives.

Past recipients include Walter A. Frautschi, Owen Gromme, Alice Watts, Norman Anderson, Joe Hickey, Bud Morton, Ice Age Trail, Lalor Road Community, Howard & Nancy Mead, Marian Kerr, Black Earth Creek Watershed Association and the State of Wisconsin.

Contact the DCNHF office (258-9797) with your suggestions.



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