

# DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

Fall 1996

## The Big Hill Heart of Token Creek

In the center of the Token Creek watershed sits the "Big Hill". The hill was formed when the last glacier left 150 feet of rock and gravel in a pile as the ice melted. As the tallest landform around, the hill has provided guidance to travelers since human occupation. The hill marked Native American hunting camps along the creek. It provided a place where Civil War soldiers practiced riflery. It has served as a one-room school site, a ski jump location and a hunting area. Now, the western, undeveloped half of the hill has been donated to the Deforest School



*The Big Hill sits at the intersection of Portage Road and Hwy 19*

### A Working Forum for the Future... Token Creek Watershed You Decide ! March 13th and 14th, 1997

Planning for the upcoming forum is gaining momentum. A committee of respected residents is currently designing the event, which will seek agreement on strategies for future protection of the watershed. All those interested in the future of the Token Creek watershed are encouraged to attend.

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District by Bernadine and Cecil Smith for use as an environmental study area. The school district has begun their planning for the development and use of the area. The Big Hill will serve not only as a site for environmental education programs, but also as a permanent wildlife habitat area in the Token Creek corridor.

In addition, the Smiths have worked with the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation to place a streambank easement on 200 feet of Token Creek which flows at the base of the Big Hill. The easement ensures that the streambanks will be kept vegetated, helping to filter surface run-off entering the creek. Included in the three acre easement is a small wetland area with springs. This easement protects the natural beauty and the water quality of the creek at this highly visible site along Hwy. 19 in the heart of the watershed.

The streambank easement program compensates participating landowner's at fair market value for placing permanent conservation restrictions on land within 66 feet of Token Creek. If you are interested in learning more about the program please call the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation office at 258-9797.



## 1996 Stewardship Awards

### Remembering the Land

On October 3 the Foundation honored individuals and groups who have dedicated their lives to the stewardship and protection of natural areas. This year we highlighted the activities of those in the McFarland and Lake Waubesa area. This part of Dane County harbors rich wetlands, waterfowl habitat and Native American cultural sites.

*L to R: Doug Kornetzke, Jan & Scott Zimmermann and Judy Pfeifer of the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association, Bill Lunney, individual recipient, and Keith Weiss from the Village of McFarland*



Bob Birmingham with the Wisconsin State Historical Society opened the program with remarks about the Native American sites found in the Lower Mud Lake area. Patty Loew shared a wonderful Chippewa creation story. The program honored those who have been stewards of the land and inspired continued commitment from all.

A special Youth Stewardship Award was presented to Michael Young and Nathan Stier for their work restoring native vegetation and making a trail on an old landfill site in the Town of Sun Prairie.

*<--Awardee Jane Licht with husband Wes*

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*Youth Stewardship Award winners -->  
Michael Young and Nathan Stier with  
their families*





# News Flash!

December 23, 1996

## Foundation Signs Option for \$1,000,000 Purchase

90 Days to Secure Funding for Critical Greenway Acquisition

Today, the Foundation successfully secured a 90-day option to purchase a critical link in the Dane County E-Way. We are asking for your help. In the next 90 days, we must put together a funding package to finance the purchase.

**Over 200 acres of wetlands, woods and fields, on the outskirts of Madison...**

### BIKE TRAIL

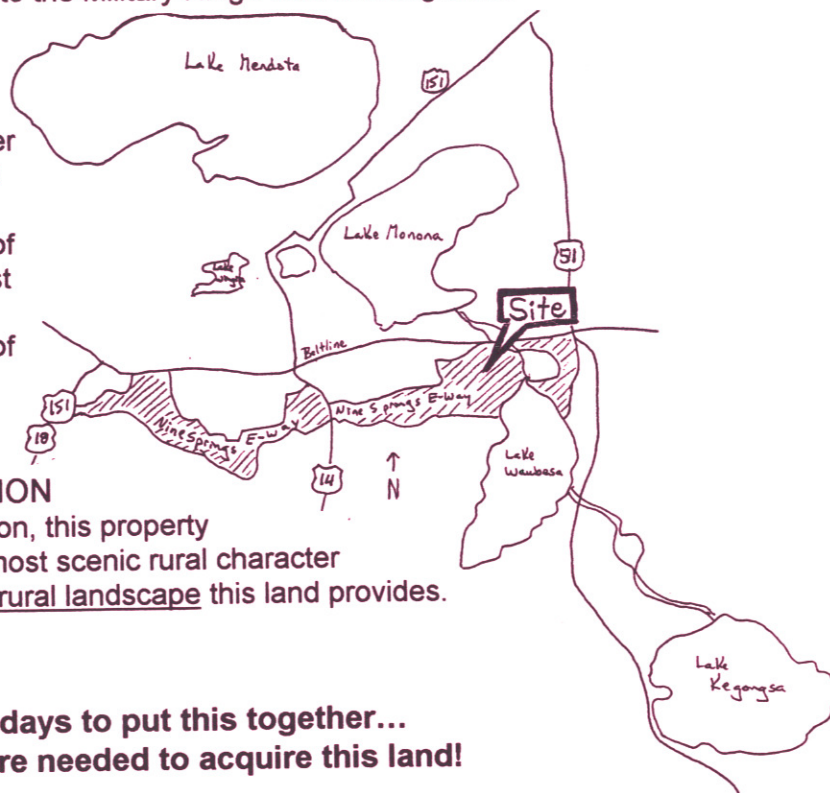
The area under option includes a crucial link for the Capital City State Trail which links the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail in Waukesha to the Military Ridge Trail in Dodgeville.

### GREENWAYS PROTECTION

This property has been long sought after in order to complete the east end of the Nine Springs E-Way. The E-Way is a natural corridor containing large areas of wetlands, sedge meadows, native forest and large springs. These features provide ideal habitat for a wide variety of plants and wildlife.

### RURAL LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION

Only 10 minutes from downtown Madison, this property has some of the richest farmland and most scenic rural character in Dane County. Help us preserve the rural landscape this land provides.



**We have 90 days to put this together...  
Contributions are needed to acquire this land!**

Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

Send to  
DCNHF  
633 W Main St.  
Madison, WI 53703-2633  
608-258-9797

**YES!** I would like to support this greenway purchase.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution is enclosed.

Contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.  
Please make checks payable to DCNHF.  
Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## Special Gifts

If you would like to remember a special person or occasion, what better way to honor those who appreciate Dane County's natural beauty than by helping protect the natural areas that make this area so unique. A donation to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation may protect a wetland, restore a prairie or preserve a woodland. We accept donations in honor of birthdays, graduations, marriages, anniversaries as well as donations in memory of loved ones. The honoree or family will be notified of your contribution, so please include a clearly written address.

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation has received donations in honor of the following:

**In honor of the birthday of Jane Licht**  
by Dane County Register of Deeds  
Office Staff

**In Memory of Chuck Cell**  
by Margaret J. McDonald  
Dorothy Larsen  
Rosemarie Lawry



### Natural Heritage Endowment: Investing in Natural Area Protection

A gift to the Natural Heritage Endowment provides for long-term protection and preservation of natural areas in Dane County. A contribution may be in the form of cash, requests, life insurance, securities or life income gifts. Gifts should be made to the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation and are tax-deductible as allowed by law. If you would like to discuss a gift to the Foundation, please call our office (258-9797).

## Everen Securities Makes Donation



*The staff of Everen Securities, from L to R: Walter A. Meanwell, Todd Wiedenfeld, Richard Tiedemann, Andy Witt, Walter E. Meanwell, Mark Frieler, Dan LaFleur.*

This fall the staff of Everen Securities raised over \$1900 for the Foundation as part of their Community Commitment Day. Each year the local office chooses a community group to which they donate a percentage of a day's revenue. Thanks go to Everen Securities for their support.

## Business Community Supports Conservation

Thank you to the 49 businesses who support the Foundation through annual contributions. Business memberships account for one third of our budget. We appreciate their continued support for the conservation of natural areas.

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Wisconsin Power & Light Foundation  
Wisconsin State Journal  
Wisconsin Trails Magazine



## Wilke Seed Collecting

This fall on a warm Saturday afternoon a small group of volunteers collected almost four pounds of evening primrose seed from the Wilke Preserve prairie. That seed was later exchanged for the seed of several species not included in the original planting. Wild rose and blue vervain, among others, will hopefully become a familiar sight on the preserve due to the work of these volunteers. The Foundation would like to especially thank Randy Albers who helped with clearing a trail through the preserve and eliminating several exotic weed species this summer.

## Special Thanks for Help with Token Creek

**James T. Krohelski & Barry Holmstrom** for gathering information on the water quality of Token Creek.

**Peter Klein, Bob Birmingham and Bernadine Smith** for the donation of historical information and photographs of the Token Creek area

**Peter Sample** for the donation of a beautiful map of the Token Creek watershed



*Volunteers Michael Smith and Teresa Girardi  
collecting seed on the Wilke Preserve*

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