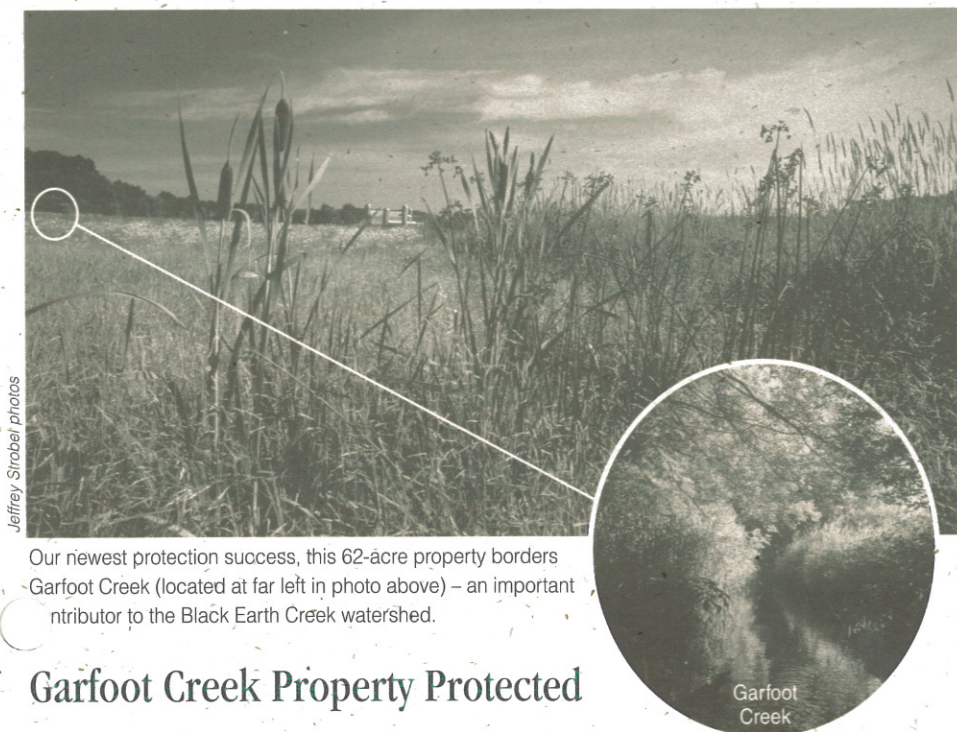




# DANE COUNTY NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

Summer 2001



Jeffrey Strobel photos

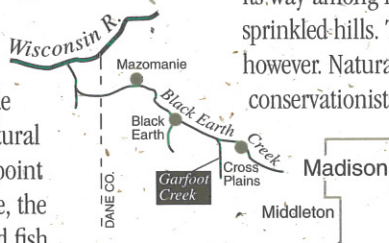
Our newest protection success, this 62-acre property borders Garfoot Creek (located at far left in photo above) – an important tributary to the Black Earth Creek watershed.

## Garfoot Creek Property Protected

Events like the recent major fish kill in Black Earth Creek provide a sobering reminder of the value of the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation's commitment to watershed conservation. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is working hard to determine the source of the kill, located primarily in the segment of the creek between Black Earth and Cross Plains.

Possible sources may include non-point urban or agricultural run-off, or other unknown point sources. Whatever the cause, the result was thousands of dead fish. Black Earth Creek is one of Trout Unlimited's "Hundred Best Streams" in the nation. Yet, even healthy streams like this one are not immune to environmental degradation.

Fortunately, DCNHF has now protected a large portion of Garfoot Creek, which flows into Black Earth Creek.



The Foundation worked with local farmers to acquire 62 acres of farmland that includes a large stretch of Garfoot Creek as well as wetlands. They allowed us to purchase the land for significantly less than the appraised value.

A small stream, Garfoot Creek gently winds its way among farms and rolling birch-sprinkled hills. The creek is not just beautiful, however. Natural resource managers and conservationists alike consider the stream regionally important.

The DNR has designated the creek as an Exceptional Resource Water, which means it must meet stringent water quality standards. The Black Earth Watershed was also one of the DNR's most successful Priority Watersheds. Over one hundred landowners have participated in environment-friendly farming practices, though continued efforts are crucial.

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Celebrating Local Conservation Heroes

## 2001 STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Tuesday, September 18  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The Madison Concourse Hotel  
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Natural Heritage Foundation at 258-9797

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Laurie Lewis photos

Hearty hikers soak up the Iowa County scenery.

## Bobolinks Bluebirds and More...

Picture it: the first warm sunny day in weeks, birds twittering, light breezes shifting, wildflowers swaying and lots of blue sky. —Sounds like a great day in the country, and in fact, it was.

Mary and Mark Trewartha hosted a tour of their 170-acre pending easement in Iowa County for the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation's summer field trip. Naturalists Wayne Pauly and Rich Henderson led a group of 26 participants on an educational hike of the Trewartha's land.

As hikers made their way through the prairie, they learned about the direct impact of land conservation on birds like bobolinks that were alighting in flight all around them. They learned about the cultural history of native plants like white campion and shagbark hickory as well. Perhaps most importantly, the hikers were able to experience the habitat restoration work the Trewartha's have put into their land, such as prairie burning and the elimination of invasive tree species in order to promote a more ecologically sound habitat. Participants were also reminded of the necessity for continued careful land stewardship as they rested in the shade of white oaks which are in danger of decline in south-central Wisconsin.



"Getting people out on the land, connecting to nature and learning about the environment right where they live is what our work is all about," says Outreach and Development Coordinator Laurie Lewis Robertson. "Making those tangible connections to the actual places we protect is what makes the work DCNHF does so rewarding."

Thanks again to our hosts and to all who participated.

Landowner Mary Trewartha discusses stewardship practices.



## Stewardship Award Spotlight: Don Tierney

Growth is occurring in our community, but it doesn't have to be done poorly. Fortunately, there are people within the development industry that care about how growth and development affect our environment, and they are doing something about it. One such example is local developer Don Tierney.

Don is the developer behind Waunakee's new Savannah Village and Arboretum Office Park, located in the south corridor of the village. Along with his partners, Don has created his developments with the idea of keeping natural areas incorporated into the design, but he doesn't stop there.

Don is a leader in managing storm-water runoff and erosion. Storm water runoff and erosion from development can be major threats to the environment, where run-off can increase water temperatures and damage cold-water fisheries.

According to Conservation Engineer, Jeremy Balousek of the Dane County Land Conservation office, "Don Tierney has developed new and better storm water practices and implemented them in his designs, even when they've not been required." In Savannah Village, Don installed a storm water basin with a tile line drain to manage run-off in the most ecologically sound manner as possible.

To find out more about Don and his work, please come to our Stewardship Awards Program (see pg. 1). DCNH is honoring Don for his holistic views and conservation-minded designs.



Don Tierney shows how natural areas are incorporated into Waunakee's new Savannah Village and Arboretum Office Park.

## Garfoot (continued from page 1)

The DNR is stocking Garfoot Creek with wild Brook Trout, (the native salmonid of Wisconsin and Eastern North America) to provide recreational opportunities and to encourage the reestablishment of a naturally reproducing population. Trout Unlimited has also agreed to help us raise money for the project, and community members are committed to keeping the area an open space.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has agreed to help restore the streamside wetlands through its Wetland Reserve Program. This will provide habitat for marsh plants, animals and birds and eventually improve the quality of the creek by reducing runoff and sedimentation. A healthy and sustainable Garfoot Creek fishery, protected by buffering wetlands, will contribute to a healthier Black Earth Creek watershed.

With the acquisition complete, the Foundation will transfer the property to the DNR soon. Public ownership opens up excellent opportunities for nature study and recreation.

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## Special Thanks

To Fontana Sports Specialties, Inc., John and Judith Hutchinson, for their generous donation to our work in the Token Creek Watershed.



## Welcome Aboard...

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation enthusiastically welcomes newest board members: Rob Gottschalk and Jeffrey Strobel.

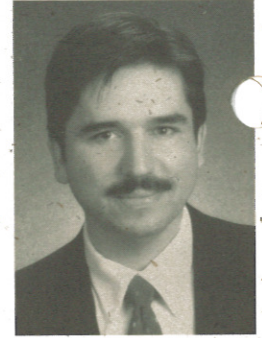
**Rob Gottschalk** is a Principal Landscape Architect and Urban Planner with Vandewalle and Associates. A native of northern Wisconsin, Rob is committed to creating innovative urban development solutions and to the conservation of Wisconsin's natural landscape and rural character. Rob and his wife Joy have a recent addition to their family, baby daughter Hannah. Rob grew up in Marinette, Wisconsin on Lake Michigan. He is an avid

outdoorsman who enjoys, hiking, skiing, fishing, hunting and travelling.

**Jeff Strobel** is Senior Artist at the UW-Extension Environmental Resources Center, where he designs statewide natural resources publications. Jeff has volunteered with DCNHF for two years and has been a member of the Outreach Committee for more than a year. He is also on the Strategic Planning Committee. During his time with us, Jeff has produced our newsletter and designed our brochure and new travelling display. He enjoys outdoor photography,



Rob Gottschalk



Jeffrey Strobel

hunting, fishing and dealing in antiques at a shop owned by a sister and her husband in Jeff's hometown, Plymouth, Wisconsin.



## Leading Our Outreach and Development

**Laurie Lewis-Robertson** is a recent graduate from UW-Madison with B.A. in English, a certificate to teach English as a Second Language and an Environmental Studies Certificate. She has been an outreach intern and assistant with us for six months and became

Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation's new Outreach and Development Coordinator in June. In July, Laurie married her husband Craig Robertson in a small outdoor ceremony in Montana. She is dedicated to promoting the mission and work of DCNHF.

## A Model Project: Token Creek

This past spring, Governor Scott McCallum and DNR Secretary Darrell Bazell visited the Token Creek Preserve in the town of Windsor to view a cooperative venture between the Department of Natural Resources, and public entities such as the Town of Windsor and Dane County, and private non-profits like the Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation and the Token Creek Watershed Association.

The DNR chose the Token Creek Watershed project, which was originally initiated by DCNHF, as a model project. DCNHF continues to conserve important features in the watershed. We can be proud of our efforts and the recognition that we have received.

DCNHF President John Hutchinson attended the event with a group of over 30 people who have been involved in putting this project together and continue to move it toward completion with the help of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of this "model project".



Touring the Token Creek watershed are (from Left): President of Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Bill Pielsticker, DCNHF President John Hutchinson, Governor Scott McCallum, DNR Rock River Basin Manager Ken Johnson, Town of Windsor Chairman Alan Harvey, and Judith Hutchinson of the Town of Windsor Park Commission.



## ...and Until We Meet Again

We give our utmost thanks to departing board members Emily Earley, Kristine Euclide and Harriet Riley, and Outreach Specialist Sarah Van Tiem.

### BOARD:

**Emily Earley** is a retired editor of technical publications for the Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She has been an environmental activist since the 1960's and has served the Dane County community in a multitude of ways. Currently, she is on the board of directors of the Wisconsin chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and 1000 Friends of Wisconsin. We were lucky enough to have Emily serve on our board since 1993.



Kristine Euclide

**Kristine Euclide** is the leader for the Government Law Team at Stafford Rosenbaum. In 1997-98 Kristine served as executive assistant to the Dane County Executive where

her major accomplishments included assisting in the formulation and implementation of Design Dane – a comprehensive action plan for addressing growth in Dane County, and a successful \$30 million parks fund referendum. Kristine served as a DCNHF board member for 9 years. Presently she remains with us as chair of our board development committee. Kristine lives with her spouse and two children in Monona.

**Harriet Riley** is a retired teacher of English as a Second language at Velma Hamilton Middle School. For nearly 7 years, she has been an invaluable asset to DCNHF volunteering her skills in managing our membership, and serving as a board and committee member. Harriet is now on a Steering Committee helping to form a new group, Friends of the Campus Natural Areas. She also continues to volunteer for Gathering Waters.

### STAFF:

#### Sarah Van Tiem

DCNHF wishes to bid a fond farewell to Sarah Van Tiem, our Outreach Specialist for nearly three years. She has taken a position with UW-Extension, as their Healthy Homes coordinator. This is a great loss to the organization, as Sarah greatly raised the standard of the Foundation's approach to public communication and was instrumental in the success of our Fish Lake project. We will miss her talent, commitment, and warm heart in the office.



Sarah Van Tiem



Harriet Riley

## Land Use and Transportation in Dane County - A Special Event

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation is pleased to be a co-sponsor for "Land Use and Transportation in Dane County: A view from the professionals," a program set-up by the land-use committee of the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

The event will take place September 5, 7:00 to 9:30 pm at the auditorium at Edgewood College. Everyone is welcome, and questions and discussion are encouraged.

Topics include: Wisconsin's Smart Growth Plan, a discussion of the work being done under a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to evaluate the impacts of development on local communities and the impacts of the North Mendota Parkway Project and Highway 12.

Other sponsors to date include: 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, The Center for Democracy in Action at Edgewood College, The Madison Audubon Society, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Citizen Action.

We hope to see you there. Call Connie Threinen at 238-5489 for more information.

### A Point to Ponder

"It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know the sense and wonder of humility."

—Rachel Carson





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stewardship Awards

Don't forget — our 2001 Stewardship Awards will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at The Madison Concourse Hotel, \$25 dollars per person. RSVP 258-9797 by September 10.

### Calling All Volunteers:

#### What:

#### Restoration Work Party

We'll be lopping and bow-sawing invasive woody species in an open oak woodland. Please wear work gloves. Lunch and beautiful scenery (springs and sedge meadows) will be provided.

#### When:

Saturday, October 6, 2001

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

#### Where:

Storybook Farm Easement,  
Town of Oregon

#### Who:

You and other DCNHF volunteers  
led by naturalists Wayne Pauly  
and Bob Canter.

Call DCNHF @ 298-9797 for more  
information.

### Wish List for the Office

Short filing cabinet

Field guides to Midwestern flora and fauna

Lap-top computer

Volunteers for:

- photo archives
- monitoring
- work days

### Thanks for your help

The Department of Natural Resources for donating a pentium computer,

Mary and Mark Trewartha for hosting the summer field trip,

Naturalists Wayne Pauly and Rich Henderson for being our guides and educators at the summer field trip,

Jeffrey Strobel for his work on the travelling display and newsletter,

Craig Robertson for his technical assistance at the office and helping at the field trip,

Sandi Robertson for helping at the field trip,

Nancy Weimann for help with the field trip,

Katie Burdick for facilitating strategic planning,

Vandewalle and Associates for letting us use their conference space,

Sun Prairie Library for use of the Town of Bristol Community Room,

Rebecca Mund for her mapping,

Sarah Gehlhoff for her volunteer work on stewardship,

Jan Hunt for maintaining our web site,

Bill Pielsticker, for his photography,

All who participated in strategic planning.

### Good-bye

A fond farewell to volunteer Margaret Bolton for all of her hard work, especially on the conservation plan.

Many thanks to intern Monika Zabkow for her work, especially on the conservation plan and monitoring.

### In Memoriam

Dorothy Frautschi

From the The Meanwells, Walter and  
Jean, Walt and Stacey



Woodlands at Fish Lake

Jeffrey Strobel photo

### New Fish Lake Members:

C. Joseph Antonie  
Lona K. Barsness  
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Jeffrey Strobel photo

The eastern portion of the Black Earth Creek watershed is shown in three photos from the overlook at Festge County Park near Cross Plains. In the foreground below-left is Highway 14.

## How You Can Help in the Black Earth Creek Watershed

Protecting 62 acres of farmland near Cross Plains offers the opportunity to restore a streamside wetland, and safeguard the unique cold waters of Garfoot Creek. But it's not time to get out our binoculars or fly-fishing rods just yet. There's a lot of work to do.

The Natural Heritage Foundation has applied to the Department of Natural Resource's Stewardship Program to help pur-

chase the land. In addition, we are working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Trout Unlimited. These are wonderful partnerships, but we also rely on individuals like you, who recognize the value of conservation and enjoy the outdoors, to help make sure that there will be wetlands and creeks left for future generations to enjoy.

You can lend a hand in helping to make

Garfoot Creek teem with brook trout again. Please make your tax deductible contribution to our work in the Black Earth Creek Watershed by filling out the form below. We'd also be happy to have a donation of your time. Call us at 258-9797 for more details.

The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation thanks you deeply for your support.

**Special Gifts:** *There's no better way to honor friends or family members who love the Dane County area's natural beauty than by helping to protect it. A donation to the Natural Heritage Foundation can help protect a lakeshore, restore a prairie, preserve a woodland and much more. Consider a donation to commemorate a birthday, wedding or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one. Call Danielle at 258-9797 for details*

### Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation

Help us protect natural areas close to home!

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- ☐ Household \$50
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- ☐ Benefactor \$250
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Project Contribution:

- ☐ Black Earth Creek Watershed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you!

☐ Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.



## Dunn Good

The Town of Dunn and The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation's partnership in conservation continues to flourish. The town completed three easements this past fall, protecting 365 acres of premier farmland within the town. DCNHF carries the responsibility of co-holding the easements, ensuring their protection.

Says Renee Lauber, Town of Dunn Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program

Coordinator, "It's important to us that we have a non-governmental partner like The Dane County Natural Heritage Foundation to help us protect the land. Politics can change, and we want to make sure our commitment to conservation won't."

Included among the easements is the Town of Dunn's largest working dairy farm. Over seventy-five percent of the soils on the property classify as rich class one and two type soils.

Portions of the properties are within the Town of Dunn's designated Environment and Cultural Resource Protection Area (an environmental corridor) and include such features as woodland, a portion of a stream, and scenic views of Lake Waubesa.

DCNHF Executive Director Danielle Wood adds, "Many towns express concern about the loss of agricultural land and the rural

character of their local area. The Town of Dunn is a leader when it comes to taking proactive steps to solve these problems. We're delighted to work with them."

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—Renee Lauber, Town of Dunn



Renee Lauber

This woodland is part of a new easement protected by our partnership with the Town of Dunn.

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