

Conservator

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ANNUAL MEETING AT NEW UC CENTER FOR FIELD STUDIES

Friday, Sept. 10 6-8 PM

You're invited to the Annual Membership meeting of the Land Conservancy, held at 11053 Oxford Rd., Crosby Township. (See the enclosed post card for all details.) We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Preparing for our future

Thanks for all your comments regarding our possible merger with The Hillside Trust. We continue to explore its pros and cons. This is a long-term process, and the outcome remains to be seen.

During this process, the Land Conservancy continues its work to preserve lands across Hamilton County. Be assured that our efforts—outreach to

landowners and the public, fund raising to purchase land to protect, and monitoring lands under our protection—continue as always. We are here for the long haul.

Ongoing I-74 Greenway project

To date, 84 acres of land in the viewshed of I-74 have been protected, and there's

lots more work to do. If you—or someone you know—owns land adjacent to or near I-74 and would like to consider donation, sale, or a Conservation Easement, let's discuss it.

Not sure if the land is within the I-74 viewshed? Call 574-1849 to find out.

VISIT TURNER FARM DURING GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Sat., Sept. 25 Tours at 10 & 1

Join us for a visit to Turner Farm! On Sept. 25, tours by horse-drawn wagon at 10AM & 1PM will give a close-up look at the 58-acre organic farm. We will be there to explain how an Agricultural CE—held and stewarded by the Land Conservancy—assures that Turner Farm will always be used *only* for organic crops and pasture, and never



lost to development. Turner Farm entrance is at 7400 Given Rd. (1/3 mi. S of Kugler Mill Rd.) in Indian Hill. TEL 561-7400.

LEARN MORE:

WEBSITE www.LandConservancyHC.org
www.GreatOutdoorWeekend.org

— Announcing our newest Conservation Easement —

Preserved forever in Colerain Township

A family that cares deeply about their land has taken the steps necessary to legally preserve it for all time. Stan & Karen Lockwood worked with the Land Conservancy to create a Conservation Easement (CE) that spells out their wishes for their land's future uses.

The Lockwoods' 22.5-acre forested property consists of five contiguous parcels, including their homestead on Thompson Road. The land is located east of the Great Miami River in an area known for winding roads and hilltop views of farm fields and deep valleys.

Planning future homesites

With thoughtful planning for conservation, the Lockwoods also planned homesites for future generations. The



The Lockwoods' distinctive home of wood, glass and stone is tucked under a canopy of trees

CE permits limited future development of one home (if heirs choose to build it) on each of the other four parcels. A building envelope is described for each lot. The site's contiguous forested area, approximately

15 acres, is preserved as "Forever Wild," meaning the land will remain undisturbed.

A lasting legacy

In more than 40 years of caring stewardship, the Lockwoods' philosophy has been to leave nature as it is. Native wildflowers flourish on the site—as many as 176 species have been identified by Stan, a wildflower expert and photographer.

The preserved land lies on a broad hillside containing an old growth forest and maturing woodlands that provide scenic views from Thompson and Althaus

"It has always been our goal to protect our land, which will be passed on to our children. Hopefully, it will inspire others to do the same."

— Karen Lockwood

roads, and also from Interstate 275.

The CE protects "natural habitat" and "scenic and open space" conservation values that provide a significant public benefit. Future owners are bound by its terms. The Land Conservancy will monitor and enforce the CE in perpetuity.

Living with nature

The Lockwoods continue to own and care for their land and live there. The home was designed by Stan and built by him in 1967 on hillside land adjacent to his own childhood home. Its unique design creates a sense of place that invites the outside into the living areas.

The Lockwoods' three children were raised there and—continuing a family tradition—two sons have built their homes on adjoining properties.