



Legacy Circle

There are a limited number of ways to make an impact that lasts beyond a lifetime.

Protecting land is one of those ways. Thank you for helping CLCF to protect the land you love.

Leaving a Legacy

Since 1974, the vision of the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation (CLCF) has been to sustain the natural beauty, clean water and biodiversity of the Cedar Lakes region. With your support, CLCF has helped to protect over 2,500 acres of land.

Imagine what the Cedar Lakes region would look like if those 2,500 acres had been developed. Imagine the impact that such development would have had on stormwater runoff, water quality, wildlife habitat and scenic beauty. Thank you for your support. You are the reason that CLCF has been successful.



Mueller Lane Prairie

Looking forward, we recognize that the responsibility for caring for the land CLCF has

conserved is timeless. To that end, we ask that you consider becoming part of a very special group of land conservation supporters by making a planned gift to CLCF. By doing so, you will be joining CLCF's Legacy Circle.

Legacy Circle members will be recognized in listings within CLCF's reports as well as on our website. If you prefer, you may request to be listed anonymously. As a Legacy Circle member, you will receive invitations to special CLCF events.

With a legacy gift, you can help to preserve the lakes and lands you love for generations to come.

If you have already included CLCF in your estate plan, please let us know by calling (262) 353-4866 or by returning the enclosed Notice of Intent form. We would love to extend our sincere thanks and welcome you to CLCF's Legacy Circle.

A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.

--D. Elton Trueblood

Bequest Options

There are two funds to which you may direct your donation:

Choice 1: Conservation Support

Gifts directed to Conservation Support will be used for all facets of CLCF's operations, including land acquisition, organizational development and stewardship. CLCF's Board of Directors will direct your gift toward the area of greatest need.

Choice 2: Founders Endowment Fund

The Founders Endowment Fund, named for CLCF's visionary founders, ensures that CLCF will be able to steward its lands into the future. The interest and appreciation from this permanently restricted fund will help support CLCF year after year.



Fox Hill Nature Preserve

Ways to Give

There are a number of ways to designate a Legacy Circle gift. These include:

A Bequest of Cash

An outright gift of cash is the simplest way to give. You can name CLCF as a beneficiary via a transfer on death (TOD) on a bank or brokerage account. Another option is to decide how much you wish to donate and have your attorney include your bequest to CLCF in your will or trust.

A Retirement Plan or IRA Designation

You can name CLCF as a beneficiary of your retirement accounts, including pension plans, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

You can decide whether to leave a percentage or the entire amount of your retirement account to CLCF.

An Insurance Beneficiary Designation

Many donors choose to name charities as beneficiaries of their life insurance policies. At the death of the insured owner, proceeds are transferred to the charity. The value of the life insurance policy is removed from the owner’s estate and no federal estate tax is assessed on the transfer.

You can name CLCF as the primary or secondary beneficiary of your life insurance policy by simply contacting your insurance agent.

A Gift of Real Estate

A gift of real estate allows preservation of a significant environmental asset. Property not meeting CLCF land protection criteria is sold with proceeds used to fund CLCF’s conservation efforts.

Another option is to place a property in a retained life estate that allows the donor use of the property during his/her lifetime with the knowledge that the treasured land will pass to CLCF. If you intend to make a gift of real estate, please contact CLCF so that we may discuss your options.

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.
--John Muir

A Charitable Trust

There are a number of different charitable trust structures. Some charitable trusts provide income during life or for a set period of time with the remaining assets transferred to CLCF after death or expiration of the period of time.

Other charitable trusts are designed to provide financial support to one or more charities for a period of time with the remaining assets eventually going to family members or other beneficiaries.

Legacy Circle Donors Mary & John Emory



Long time CLCF supporters Mary and John Emory have included CLCF as an IRA beneficiary.

According to Mary, “Leaving a percentage of our IRA to CLCF is an easy way to continue our longtime support for this important organization.”

Legacy Gifts Anyone Can Create

Gift from a Will/Trust/Residuary Estate

Provide a gift to CLCF in your will or trust

Gift from a Retirement Plan

Designate CLCF as a retirement account beneficiary

Gift of Life Insurance

Designate CLCF as a life insurance beneficiary

Gift by Transfer on Death Designation

Designate CLCF as a beneficiary of a bank or brokerage account

Gift from a Charitable Trust

Receive income during your lifetime with CLCF designated as a beneficiary or the reverse

Gift of Real Estate

Designate CLCF as a beneficiary of real estate



Giving to the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation

Since estate planning can be complicated, we suggest you consult with legal and/or financial advisor who understands estate laws.

Providing the following CLCF information to your estate planner should be helpful:

Official Name:

Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Federal ID: 39-1284451

Business Address:

*PO Box 347
West Bend, WI 53095*

Fund Designation Choices:

*Choice 1: Conservation Support
Choice 2: Founders Endowment Fund*

Contact Us

Giving to CLCF through your estate plan is a wonderful way for you to continue making a lasting, positive impact on CLCF's future by preserving the ecological integrity and scenic beauty of the Cedar Lakes region for generations to come.

Thank you for considering including CLCF in your estate planning.

If you would like to participate in CLCF's Legacy Circle, please fill out the enclosed Notice of Interest Form and return it to CLCF

If you have any questions regarding CLCF's Legacy Circle, please call Linda Mutschler at (414) 614-5084 or send an e-mail to lmutschler@theclcf.org.

View of the Cedar Lakes Region



Fox Hill Nature Preserve (Photo by Gary Britton)

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

--Aldo Leopold

Legacy Circle Donors Bev & Jeff Kenkel



Jeff and Bev Kenkel have been involved with CLCF for many years, with Jeff having served on the Board and as Executive Director following Geoff Maclay's retirement.

Jeff's parents, John and Jean Schumann, donated conservation easements to CLCF covering 114 acres of land between 2003 and 2007.

Jeff's grandparents, Morris and Gladys Rosenheimer bought several acres of land adjacent to their home on Big Cedar Lake which was donated to CLCF in 1991.

Jeff and Bev are continuing the family conservation legacy by listing CLCF as a beneficiary of their trust.