



NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY FOR THE NORTHWOODS

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Greenwald Family leaves Conservation Legacy in Lac du Flambeau

The Doris Greenwald family has left a legacy of enduring conservation value for future generations by protecting over a half mile of natural shoreland on Jerm's Lake in the town of Lac du Flambeau in Vilas County. When Doris passed away last year, daughter Robin Greenwald, executor of the estate, and her sister Linda Dermer, approved the granting of a conservation easement to the Northwoods Land Trust.

Robin Greenwald is an Associate Clinical Professor of Law and the Director of the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic in New Jersey. "Being at the lake was a time for our family to be together," she said. "We loved the peace and quiet away from the city life."

Protecting the cleanliness of the lake was an important motivation for the family: "We used to be able to see down to the bottom across the whole lake. When my mother passed away, the land value was appraised based on sixteen developable lots," Robin said. "We didn't want the quality of the water to go down with that many more homes on this small lake."

According to Bryan Pierce, NWLT's Executive Director, the easement protects over 3500 feet of shoreland frontage on the 72-acre seepage lake. "Seepage lakes, due to their slow rate of water exchange, are particularly sensitive to development impacts," he noted. "Protecting such a large part of the natural shoreline will help to limit runoff and other development impacts from reducing the high water quality of Jerm's Lake."

Pierce said that nearly 35 acres of northern hardwood and coniferous forest land will also be protected for wildlife habitat and natural plant diversity. The

land is contiguous with Lac du Flambeau Tribal Reservation land on two sides, extending the conservation benefits to a larger block of woodlands.

Northwoods Naturalist John Bates conducted an ecological assessment of the property. "Wildlife values are high on this property, particularly along the undisturbed shoreline," Bates indicated.

According to Greenwald, the land was originally left to Robin's and Linda's grandparents by a Chicago area friend over 60 years ago. The family has had close ties to the property ever since. Their grandfather passed away at the lake when he was 50 years old. He was working on constructing the cabin at the time.



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Over a half mile of natural shoreline frontage on Jerm's Lake, a 72-acre seepage lake, is now protected by the Greenwald family conservation easement.

MISSION:

The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLT) promotes conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands, woodlands, wetlands and other natural resources, as public benefits for present and future generations. The Northwoods Land Trust covers areas of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron and Price Counties.

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Northwoods Land Trust

Purpose:

- To provide education on voluntary conservation options for private landowners.
- To utilize voluntary conservation options to conserve and protect natural resources in the northwoods region.
- To promote conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands on lakes, rivers and other waterways for protection of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, erosion control, and natural scenic beauty.
- To promote conservation of private woodlands and encourage private landowners to manage their forest lands in an ecologically sustainable manner.
- To serve as a legal entity to accept perpetual stewardship for secure conservation agreements with private landowners, such as easements, land donations and property acquisitions.
- To implement a systematic and site-specific monitoring program to ensure compliance with NWLT agreements and protection of NWLT-owned lands.
- To seek support in the form of donations, grants, endowments and memberships.
- To develop and sustain our conservation programs as a member-supported and volunteer-supported organization.
- To leverage our conservation efforts through partnering with other organizations and agencies.

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Their parents, Morton and Doris, also loved spending time at the lake with Robin and Linda. "Growing up, it is the only place we ever went on vacation since we were six months old," said Robin and Linda. "It is an unbelievably great place to spend time as an extended family."

"My kids now identify the land with my parents," explained Robin.

"I'd like my great, great grandchildren to remember my parents and what they left. The land and beauty of the property keeps them alive."

Attorney Peter McKeever,

Madison, drafted the conservation easement. Included within the easement are provisions to allow the family the flexibility to continue to use the existing cabin and expand it if needed in the future, but subject to size limits. "Linda and I both have two kids, so we wanted to be able to rebuild or allow for a little more space," said Robin.

"One hundred years from now, I'd like the property to look much like it does today," she said. "I am delighted that this land will never be developed. Places like this on earth will become much more rare in the future. I am a big open space advocate. Money is a big attraction, but you can never get the land back. Now we know the land will never be developed when we are gone."

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- Robin Greenwald



The Northwoods Land Trust has now reached the \$1 million milestone of appraised values through donated conservation easements, protecting over one mile of natural lake shorelands and 100 acres of forest lands.

You Can Help!

The Northwoods Land Trust is a non-profit, tax exempt conservation organization. Your gifts of cash, stocks, bonds or other financial support are fully tax deductible as charitable contributions under federal law. Donations of property or conservation easements may also provide tax benefits while promoting the conservation of our northwoods.

Foundations support the conservation efforts of the Northwoods Land Trust

The Northwoods Land Trust just received word that we are the recipient of an \$11,500 grant from the **Arthur L. "Bud" Johnson in Memory of Elaine V. Johnson Foundation**. The grant will help with a wide variety of technology and other organizational start-up costs. In previous newsletters you may remember our request for donations of a laptop computer and portable LCD projection unit for conducting educational presentations, and a folding table-top display board to enable us to participate in educational events. We also asked for a GPS unit and a high quality digital camera to upgrade our capacity to prepare baseline documentation for the many conservation easements we are working on. The Johnson Foundation Grant will enable us to purchase all new equipment and help us move right to the forefront of technological capacity for our conservation work.

A total of five additional new conservation easement projects will soon be completed thanks to funding support from the **John C. Bock Foundation**. The Northwoods Land Trust has received a grant of \$25,000 this year to help with transaction expenses

related to these five easement donations. The Bock Foundation also provided \$10,000 of funding support last year which helped with landowner expenses for three of our easement donations.

Two of the current conservation easement projects and one previously-accepted easement were also granted funding support from the Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society. Working through the **Greater Green Bay Community Foundation**, the Audubon Society's sales of their annual Weather-Friend Calendars support grants through the **Audubon's Land Fund for Wisconsin**. NWLT has received a total of \$800 through two grant cycles to support our conservation projects.

NWLT has also been the recipient of challenge grants from the **American Natural Heritage Foundation**. Focused on helping us build our funding and organizational capacity, Kirk Mueller, Trustee, has provided both financial and technical support. Mueller helped facilitate a Board planning retreat and assessment, and now serves as Co-Chair of our new Council of Trustees.

We greatly appreciate the support of all of these foundations. Their contributions have now leveraged over **\$1 million** of donated appraised value.



NOW MORE THAN EVER - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JOIN THE NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

HELP KEEP THE NORTHWOODS THE NORTHWOODS!

Yes, I want to support the efforts of the Northwoods Land Trust.

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Membership Contributions

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Founder | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservator | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Legacy | \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My additional contribution of \$ _____ | |
| is also enclosed. | |

Interests

☐ I have property I may wish to conserve, please send me additional information.

☐ I am interested in becoming a volunteer to assist the NWLT. (Please list any special skills or interests).

☐ I am interested in the new NWLT Council of Trustees.



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Support the Northwoods by Shopping!

Don't forget to sign up to participate in the Pick N' Save "We Care" community dollar program. Whenever shoppers use their Advantage Saver's Club card at Pick N' Save Stores, including Bonson's Pick N' Save in Eagle River, credit will be earned toward charitable contributions. More shopping means more dollars to support NWLT's work to protect the northwoods!

Just clip out the following card and bring it to your closest Pick N' Save store. All you have to do is fill out a quick application at the service counter and indicate our NWLT organization number - 559180.

Please also keep the Northwoods Land Trust in mind for your end of the year giving, holiday gift subscriptions, memorials or other gifts in honor of loved ones, and matching gifts from employers.

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We greatly appreciate your support!

Spotlight on Volunteers:


Sandy Gillum & Sheri Buller

At the recent meeting of the NWLT Education Committee, volunteers Sandy Gillum and Sheri Buller were introduced. We welcome Sandy and Sheri, and look forward to their assistance. Both volunteers joined Board members Cathy Techtmann (Committee Chair) and Willa Schmidt in laying the groundwork for a new landowner information packet for NWLT.

Sandy is well known for her work on a variety of DNR loon and other research projects. She is also currently the President of the Vilas County Lakes Association.

Sheri was formerly the DNR naturalist on the Northern Highland State Forest. She now serves as Assistant Director for Trees For Tomorrow.

Sandy and Sheri already shared their expertise in helping us determine the overall design and contents for the landowner packet. We are excited to be working on this project, which ultimately will be direct mailed to owners of large shoreland properties.

Sandy has also agreed to help us generate the computer database of shoreland property owners for our mailing. We are currently targeting Vilas County landowners as a pilot, but hope to expand that in future years to our other service areas. Welcome to you both! 



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