



# Black Swamp Conservancy NEWS

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Our mission is to protect and preserve natural and agricultural lands in northwest Ohio for the benefit of future generations

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## Another Successful Year for the Conservancy!

### 10,000 Acres in Sight in 2011



**New conservation easement-protected lands in 2010 include**  
**Middle Bass Island Preserve—Burks Farm—Heydinger Woods**  
(clockwise from upper left)

### Exciting 2010 Events

**Celebrating the Great Outdoors dinner—keynote speaker Matt Anderson—Middle Bass Preserve dedication—Adelaide's Wildflower Walk**  
(counterclockwise from top)



### BSC IN THE NEWS

TV, blogs & newspapers raise awareness about the importance of land conservation

**10 in '10 ... Ten new protected properties added 1,055 acres in 2010**



### Conservancy hits milestone for acreage in protection

By TOM HENRY  
The regional land trust reached the milestone recently after coming to an agreement with the owners of a 235-acre family farm west of Tremenon.

**Our successful 2010 State farmland preservation applications will ensure that an additional 1,050 acres of our region's rich farm ground is used exclusively for agriculture, forever!**

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This newsletter provides us all with the opportunity to stop and celebrate what we accomplished together in 2010. And who can't use a time-out in our hectic modern world for a little celebration?

1,055 acres protected through perpetual conservation easements. An *additional* 1,050 acres of farm ground that will soon be preserved, forever, exclusively for agriculture through the state program ...just to name a few of our accomplishments.

That's not to say there aren't challenges ahead. At the federal level, it looks like Great Lakes funding—which is allowing us to

preserve an Ottawa County farm and woods, in partnership with our great friends at DU—is being cut. And here in the Buckeye State, who can predict the future of the Clean Ohio programs?

The most significant challenge, though, is the fact that our communities and families continue to experience the aftershocks of the recession that other parts of the country seem to be recovering from more quickly.

The result? Our continuing ability to conserve northwest Ohio's most important lands—both natural areas and farmland—is far from a sure thing. But it can be with your help!

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We need your help. If you have the ability, consider increasing your giving. If you're not a financial supporter, give some thought to becoming one. And, thinking long-term, consider including the Conservancy in your will or estate plan.

Most of all, if you're willing to host a small gathering of family or friends to spread the good word about Black Swamp Conservancy, please call us at (419) 872-5263. I will arrange to be there and, if I can't make it, I know that Rob, a member of our Board or one of our other volunteers would be happy to speak on behalf of the Conservancy.

And, speaking of volunteering, that's another great way you can help. By making a presentation to a Rotary or Kiwanis club. Manning a table at one of the many environmental events we're invited to. Helping write, edit and lay out this newsletter. We could even use a volunteer to serve as volunteer coordinator. If you have experience, time and talent you'd like to share with our Conservancy, let us know by sending an e-mail to [bsc@blackswamp.org](mailto:bsc@blackswamp.org).

With your help, 2011 will undoubtedly be another successful year for the Conservancy. One of the most exciting initiatives in our Conservancy's history is the "10,000 Acres: Preserved Forever" photo exhibit, described below, that will be presented by our partners at the National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark. This collection of stunning images from our protected properties is the culmination of a year's work by Center director and photographer Art Weber, visiting BSC's protected lands across northwest Ohio.

You won't want to miss this exhibit. See you there!

Thanks again for all you do to support the Black Swamp Conservancy. We've got great landowners, generous financial supporters, a top-notch board, excellent conservation partners, devoted volunteers and a hard-working staff. Who can doubt we won't overcome every obstacle and grow even stronger?

Here's to a healthy and prosperous 2011!

Best,  
-Kevin

## Coming Soon!



### 10,000 ACRES: PRESERVED FOREVER *Scenic Photographs from BSC's Protected Properties*

Exhibit Open on Saturdays & Sundays  
12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 7 through Sunday, August 28, 2011

[National Center for Nature Photography](#)  
Secor Metropark, 10001 W. Central Ave., Berkey, OH



Photos courtesy of National Center for Nature Photography and Art Weber

See stunning images captured by the region's finest photographers. These images are of preserves and family farms from across northwest Ohio, protected forever by the Black Swamp Conservancy. The Conservancy has protected 10,000 acres of farmland, meadows, wetlands, woods and other open spaces since its founding in 1993. This exhibit celebrates that milestone.

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**9,764 acres — and counting — of farmland and natural areas, protected forever!**

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