

# Exploring Nature Near You in the Six Rivers Landscape

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The first Saturday of June is American Hiking Society's National Trails Day, the largest celebration of trails in the country. No matter where you are this Saturday, a trail awaits you. National Trails Day events will take place all across the country and will include hiking, biking and horseback riding, paddling trips, bird watching, geocaching, gear demonstrations, stewardship projects and more.



National Trails Day is a perfect day to discover Oakland County Parks. You can walk, jog, hike, bike or horseback ride on nearly 70 miles of paved and natural trails found within the 13 Oakland County Parks. If that's not enough to keep you on the move, there are endless miles of trails on locally managed **Oak Routes**, including Paint Creek Trail, Clinton River Trail, Huron Valley Trail, Polly Ann Trail, Macomb Orchard Trail, Milford Trail and the West Bloomfield Trail. In addition, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources manages hilly, serpentine trails in our heavily wooded State Recreation Areas and our one state park, Seven Lakes State Park. For those with a passion for paddling, river trails flow across the county offering excellent

# A Sampling of Activities for 2014

**Just Completed Land Protection:** New conservation easement on 182 acres near Goodrich. Our deepest appreciation to Libby Maynard and Olof Karlstrom for protecting their beautiful farm.

**Adventure League:** The biggest year so far, with hiking, biking or kayaking nearly every week from May through October, weather permitting. Watch our web, Facebook and email notices for coming outings and winter fun.

**Supporting Public Partners:** Bringing the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to Macomb County to highlight successful projects and opportunities for investment in conservation and recreation throughout the region.

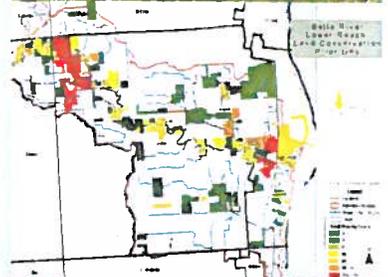
**Surveying the Landscape:** Completing prioritization work in the Belle River Watershed and working to prioritize conservation lands in the Clinton River Watershed.

**Taking the Next Steps:** Initiating landowner outreach activities in the Huron watershed and other parts of our service territory.

**Setting the Stage for Transformation:** Prioritizing the land and analyzing the needs has set the stage for transformational growth. We have come to the time where we need to put more resources in the field. In the coming months we will be developing those resources to increase the pace of our land protection work. Invest in a future of abundant natural resources and open space—help us do more, protect more.



Libby Maynard and Olof Karlstrom hiking on their recently protected farm property near Goodrich

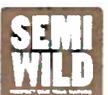


Belle River Lower Reach Land Conservation Priorities

Olof Karlstrom & Libby Maynard (center) at their easement signing, flanked by Six Rivers' land protection director Danielle Devlin (left), Six Rivers' board president Mar Sclawy and executive director Chris Bunch (right)



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