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Legacy Land Conservancy Announces a New Protected Property in York Township

Ann Arbor, Michigan: Legacy Land Conservancy, in partnership with the **Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program** and the **Natural Resource Conservation Service Farm and Ranchland Protection Program**, has protected an important historical farm in York Township. **The Kendall Rogers Farm** has recently placed another conservation agreement on 159 acres of prime farmland.

This is Mr. Rogers' third such agreement with Legacy. The Rogers family's conserved land now totals 240 acres.

The family uses the land from all three easements to grow corn and soybeans, and raise cattle. This easement will further the family's farming legacy and ensure that the Rogers family's centennial farm remains in farming forever.

In addition to productive farmland, the farm also includes a native mature forest. It also lies within the River Raisin watershed. Maintaining this watershed land in an undeveloped state helps to ensure the quality and quantity of water resources for Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.

Despite its agricultural history, York Township has faced accelerated development and loss of prime farmland in recent years. In addition to the Rogers farm, nearly 500 additional acres have been protected by York Township farmers, helping maintain the area's rural character, forever.

When asked to describe his attachment to the property, Mr. Rogers emphasized his family's commitment to maintaining their farming legacy. "Pa and I were in partnership for a long time," he said. "Now my grandson Aaron can continue to farm our land".

About Legacy Land Conservancy:

Legacy Land Conservancy's mission is to serve Southeast Michigan by protecting its forests, prairies, farms and waters - today and forever. Since 1971, Legacy has protected over 5,500 acres of land.

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