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### **Land Conservation Groups Partner to Protect Property in Salem Township**

**Salem Township, Michigan: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**, in partnership with **Legacy Land Conservancy**, the **Natural Resource Conservation Service** and **Salem Township**, has protected 79 acres of prime farmland in Salem Township!

Landowners Richard and Diana Cort are the third generation of Corts to own the land, which was purchased by the family in 1939. Historically, the land has been used mainly for agriculture, and remains in agricultural production today. With their recently signed conservation easement, the Corts have ensured that this land can continue to be farmed for generations to come.

In addition to being productive farmland, the property has several important ecological features. It is home to emergent wetlands and is a headwaters area for several creeks which feed into the Rouge River. Additionally, it is close to other properties that have been protected with conservation easements.

This easement was made possible through a cooperative effort of the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission's Natural Areas Protection Program, Salem Township and the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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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.