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Legacy Land Conservancy Announces a New Protected Property in Washtenaw County

Ann Arbor, Michigan: Betty Jean Murray, in partnership with **Legacy Land Conservancy**, has **protected 20 acres of land in Manchester Township, Michigan.**

This is Betty Jean Murray's second conservation agreement with Legacy. In 2007, she protected 106 acres directly across the road from this property. She and her husband, Brownson, have also protected their vacation home along the Lake Michigan shoreline in northern Michigan.

Their latest protected property includes emergent marsh and a tributary to Marsh Creek, near its confluence with the River Raisin. It is part of over 300 acres of Legacy-protected land along and near the River Raisin. These 300 acres all fall within a two-mile stretch. The Upper River Raisin area is a priority for land protection, as it is one of the cleanest, least developed parts of the River Raisin watershed.



Butterfly on Murray Property

The Murray property is also a haven for local wildlife –Mrs. Murray has identified over 100 species of birds and over 30 species of butterflies on her property.

In a recent conversation with Legacy Executive Director Susan Lackey, Mrs. Murray recounted a moment spent on her newly protected land. “I looked out the window”, she said, “and thought, ‘it doesn’t look any different, but it feels different.’”

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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The Murray Property