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Legacy Land Conservancy Welcomes New Development Director Diane Dupuis



Ann Arbor, Michigan- Legacy Land Conservancy is pleased to announce Diane Dupuis as our new Development Director. Diane started on June 11, 2015, and replaces outgoing Development Director Susan Cooley who retired on June 26, 2015.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Kalamazoo College, Diane comes to Legacy most recently from four years with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, where she served supporters as a member of the Fund Development team. Prior to that she spent ten years in nonprofit administration at Interlochen Center for the Arts, staffing Advancement, Marketing, and Communications positions. During Diane's fifteen years in Detroit's publishing sector she managed editorial, marketing, and new product development initiatives that culminated in a stint as Publisher of Visible Ink Press, an imprint of Gale. Diane's lifelong delight in Michigan's woods, riversides, farm stands, and shorelines has found outlets in countless hours of canoeing, backpacking, sailing, sea-kayaking, camping, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, birding, stargazing, ice-skating, rock-hunting, and fireside feasting throughout the Great Lakes.

Legacy Executive Director Susan Lackey is enthusiastic about Diane's arrival. "We are pleased to have Diane joining the Legacy team. We know she understands the complexity of the work we do. We know that as a southeast Michigan native, she loves the landscape that defines this region. That's a rare combination, and one that we are fortunate to have found."

Diane reflects on the importance of Legacy's work. "When you venture just a few minutes outside a cosmopolitan hub to find lush farms and natural lands, you are seeing what Michigan's oldest land trust has been able to accomplish over the last 40 years with the help of countless devoted community supporters. Land protection is at the heart of some of our most basic quality-of-life indicators: clean drinking water, healthy food, and access to nature."

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Her passion for preserving a part of Michigan’s unique heritage is clear. “I am excited to tell the story of land protection's impact in this region, and inspired to be part of the team as Legacy Land Conservancy executes a vision for the future that extends an Emerald Arc of protected lands embracing this vibrant corner of Michigan.”

About Legacy Land Conservancy: Legacy Land Conservancy’s mission is to serve Southern Michigan by protecting its forests, prairies, farms and waters, today and forever. Since 1971, Legacy has protected over 6,000 acres of land.