

The Anthony & Rose Shatter Family Preserve



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Welcome!

Acquired in 2018, the Anthony & Rose Shatter Family Preserve is Legacy Land Conservancy's newest preserve property. This 25-acre preserve is home to a mature woodland dotted with various wetland types and a larger wetland complex along the Preserve's western boundary. Trails weave through the beech-maple and oak-hickory woodlands, showcasing the property's buttonbush swamps and abundant population of blue cohosh (*Caulophyllum* spp.).

The Story

The Shatter Preserve is the result of strong partnerships among various Washtenaw County conservation organizations. It was made possible through the joint efforts of the Salem Township Board of Trustees—via the township's Land Preservation and Conservation Board—along with Washtenaw County's Natural Areas Preservation Program, the Ann Arbor Greenbelt, and Legacy. The Land Preservation and Conservation Board approached Legacy in 2017 after learning that the Shatter Family had put up the undeveloped land for sale. With its high-quality land, the property was identified as a priority area. Inspired by Salem Township's enthusiasm for the property, the Ann Arbor Greenbelt and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission pooled their resources so the land could be purchased and transferred to Legacy who is responsible for maintaining the preserve in perpetuity.

Our Plans

The temporary trailhead along Brookville Road will serve as the Preserve's primary entrance until the completion of a dedicated parking area. This parking area will connect with existing trails via the "Tony & Rosie Trail", named for the land's



former owners. Legacy plans to install raised plank boardwalks along wet sections of trail, and eventually a floating boardwalk to connect our trail system through the larger wetland area along the Preserve's western boundary.

Getting Here

The Shatter Preserve is located at the southwest corner of Curtis and Brookville Roads in Salem Township, Washtenaw County. Park carefully along the south side of Brookville Road. Look for our sign at the trailhead to enter the woodland and start your hike!

Visit legacylandconservancy.org for visitor guidelines and accessibility information.

Who We Are

Legacy Land Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation organization that works with private landowners and local organizations to preserve forests, prairies, wetlands, and farmland in Washtenaw and Jackson counties. Founded in 1971 as the state's first local land trust, Legacy leverages the support of donors and volunteers to protect the beautiful places and unique character of southern Michigan.

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