On March 17, 2014, Chikaming Open Lands (COL) closed on a 144-acre conservation easement on the Zeiger Centennial Farm, located at Warren Woods Road and Flynn Road in rural Chikaming Township. The property, which includes prime agricultural soil, woodlands and a section of Deer Creek, has been farmed by the Zeiger family for six generations. Now with the placement of the easement, it is preserved as farmland in perpetuity.

The easement was placed on the property thanks in part to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), a combination of matching funds from The Pokagon Fund and COL, and a donation from the Zeiger family. This project represents the first FRPP project for COL, and also the first completed in Berrien County. “This [project] was an opportunity to leverage local funds to bring federal dollars to the area,” says COL Executive Director Chris Thompson.

The completion of this project is the culmination of a lengthy process begun by Dennis Zeiger, the late family patriarch. After his death in 2008, it was seen through by his wife Cathy, and sons Jeff and Rich. As the farming economy became increasingly depressed during the 1980s, family farms like the Zeigers’ were hit hard. Foreclosures were common, and grain prices crashed. Dennis and Cathy faced the frightening possibility that they would lose the farm that had been in the Zeiger family for nearly 110 years. (continued page 6)
Letter from the President

Chikaming Open Lands is the local land conservancy dedicated to preserving the open spaces and natural rural character of southwest Berrien County.

We protect and restore native plant and animal habitat in the area, improve water quality in our rivers, streams and in Lake Michigan, and permanently preserve ecologically significant forests, prairies and wetlands, as well as prime farmland and other open spaces in this community.

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Dear Members and Friends of Chikaming Open Lands,

As a business professor in college once told us, “In business, things that get measured get done.” I am happy to report that Chikaming Open Lands is well on its way to meeting the aggressive goals we set for ourselves in our Five-Year Strategic plan, particularly in the area of land protection.

Most recently, and with substantial help from The Pokagon Fund, Partners in Conservation Program donors and others, we closed on the 144-acre Zeiger Centennial Farm Conservation Easement in rural Chikaming Township. Other 2014 active land protection projects in the pipeline could protect another 300+ acres. The successful completion of these projects will put us well on our way to achieving our goal of protecting an additional 1,000 acres over the next five years.

Someone once asked, “Which is more important, Yellowstone Park or Central Park?” Two very different preserves! The answer is that they are equally important, but for very different land preservation reasons.

Our progress in meeting our land protection goal allows us to take a more balanced approach to our land protection efforts, with focuses on large rural properties as well as smaller parcels in more populated areas. Both add a certain quality of life to our community that would be missed if they were to be developed.

One example of a smaller, high-impact property is the Tower Hill Camp project, where Chikaming Open Lands is partnering with Deer Creek Open Space to preserve a beautiful back dune forest. While only 26 acres in size, it lies in a highly populated area between Red Arrow Highway and Lake Michigan in Sawyer. The impact on the quality of life that this easement would provide our community is tremendous.

Large or small, our mission is to have a positive impact on our local community through preserving open spaces in our area. If you or someone you know has a piece of property that you feel is worth preserving, give us a call! We are here to help you to leave your legacy, forever.

Sincerely,

George S. Lucas
President

Chikaming Open Lands is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
Welcome to the COL Stewardship University!
Current Session:
Stew U 101: Native or Invasive?

Whether you’re looking to enhance your Chikaming Open Lands volunteer experience or just make your hikes more rewarding, you’ll want to join the COL Stewardship Committee on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for this interesting and informative “Stew U 101” class. You will learn about:

- The ecology and history of the area
- Native and invasive plant identification
- Basic stewardship techniques and safety
- Herbicide application and safety
  ...and more!

Your training time will be split between classroom and field work at Robinson Woods. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the COL office, 12291 Red Arrow Highway in Sawyer. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ryan Postema at (269) 405-1006, or rpostema@chikamingopenlands.org.

Stewardship Days

Stewarding land creates a physical connection between humans and the earth. This season, we created workday plans to help volunteers better partner with the land and the work we do to preserve it. The more we understand the Chikaming Open Lands preserves, the better connected we feel with the land. We hope you will join us for one of our stewardship days in 2014 not only to keep the invasive plants at bay and clear debris, but also to learn more about the ecological uniqueness of each property.

Join us for one of our upcoming Stewardship Days!

May 17
Stew U 101: Native or Invasive?
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the COL offices in Sawyer and in Robinson Woods. See article at left for more information on this brand new stewardship program!

Also mark your calendar for June 14, July 19, August 16, September 27, October 18 & November 8; projects to be determined! Stay tuned.

For more information about volunteer work days and stewardship efforts on our preserves, join the stewardship mailing list. To sign up, contact col@chikamingopenlands.org.
Spring Birds of Robinson Woods Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
After the long winter this year, get outside for a spring bird-watching hike through Robinson Woods Preserve. Love Creek naturalist Kip Miller will be our birding guide on this leisurely hike to welcome back our feathered friends for the season!
Please RSVP, (269) 405-1006 or col@chikamingopenlands.org.

Geocache Dash with Chikaming Open Lands!
Friday, May 23 through Sunday, May 25
Finish Line Party on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Kick off summer with a Memorial Day weekend geocaching event! Starting on Friday, May 23 through Sunday, May 25, get out and find the hidden geocache containers in COL preserves, township parks and preserves and state parks. We will be posting the geo-coordinates on both Geocaching.com and our website; once they’re posted, anyone with GPS capability can locate the caches, which will include log books to sign and trinkets to exchange. The event will culminate with a finish line party at the Chikaming Township Park at 4pm on Sunday, May 25th. Prizes for various achievements such as the first find and the most finds will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. Bring friends to join the fun! Please RSVP for the Finish Line Party, (269) 405-1006 or col@chikamingopenlands.org.

Chikaming Open Lands Presents: Radical Raptors!! at the Ship & Shore Festival in New Buffalo Saturday, August 9, 11:00 a.m.
Draco (pictured) is a juvenile bald eagle who was rescued in the New Buffalo area. He and his raptor friends from the Lake Milton Raptor Education Center, along with their caretaker Aimee Pico, will take the stage on Saturday in downtown New Buffalo as part of the annual Ship & Shore Festival. After the show, stay for an up close and personal visit with our feathered superstars at the Chikaming Open Lands booth.

Get in on the fun and join us for one of these activities! Watch our website for the most up-to-date information, or call (269) 405-1006.
**Outreach**

**Sustainable Living Seminar: Composting and Rain Barrels**  
**Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. to Noon**  
Discover the benefits and how-to’s of composting and rainwater recycling with COL, Nancy Carpenter of the Berrien County Conservation District and Kris Martin of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. You’ll learn about how composting can provide you with a simple and highly effective fertilizer for your garden, while reducing your household waste by up to 30 percent, and how collecting the rain water from your roof can save you up to 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months! There will be an opportunity to purchase composters and rain barrels at the seminar. Space is limited. Please RSVP, (269) 405-1006 or col@chikamingopenlands.org.

**Marsh Meander in the Voyager Canoe**  
**Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.**  
Meander through the channels of the Louis J. Sima Marsh and enjoy the natural beauty of one of the richest habitats in the world. Love Creek naturalists Pat Underwood and Kip Miller will steer us along the marsh, where we’ll point out some of the improvements and restoration Chikaming Open Lands has made thanks to your support! *(This is a members-only event. This activity has limited space, so you must reserve your spot early to participate. (269) 405-1006 or col@chikamingopenlands.org)*

**5th Annual Barn Benefit  Saturday, September 20**  
Save the date to join us for another fun and festive evening in support of Chikaming Open Lands. This year, we will gather at Steve and Cindy Mitchell’s wonderful reclaimed barn in Sawyer. Enjoy great company and fabulous local food and drink. Most important, you will be supporting our mission to preserve the natural spaces of Southwest Michigan that we all love.

**Autumn Color Walk  Saturday, October 25, 1:00 p.m.**  
Take in the brilliance of nature’s autumn palette on this hike through Chikaming Township Park and Preserve and Robinson Woods led by Love Creek Naturalist Pat Underwood. Please RSVP, (269) 405-1006 or col@chikamingopenlands.org
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If it came to that, they could sell the farm to a developer, but the family didn’t consider that an option for them. “We just couldn’t bear to be the generation that [lost] the farm,” Cathy says.

There had to be another way.

In 2008, Dennis seized on the opportunity provided by the FRPP to pursue an easement through COL. As he neared the end of his life, Dennis urged his sons Jeff and Rich to see the process through in his stead. “For us, farming is a lifestyle, not just a living,” says Rich. “It was important to my dad to protect our family heritage.”

The conservation easement does just that. Essentially, the Zeigers retain ownership of their land, but have sold the development rights on 144 acres of the property to COL, thus ensuring that it is forever protected as farmland.

Dairy farmers until 1986, the Zeigers today primarily raise grass-fed beef and poultry, and also grow a mix of grain, soy and corn on their land. (continued next page)
Farmland Preservation

In addition, there are a variety of what Cathy calls “fun animals,” including llamas, goats, horses and peacocks. The Zeigers also host children’s school groups for farm tours several times a year.

Cathy says she feels an enormous amount of relief knowing that Dennis’ wishes have been fulfilled, and that future generations of Zeigers will have that peace of mind as well. The family clearly considers farming a calling. “We have been given this land as a trust; God has entrusted us with its care and stewardship,” says Rich. “It is so important to our family to sustain those values. [The easement] gives us the opportunity to continue to do what we were put on the planet to do.”

Why Preserve Farmland?

There are lots of reasons!

Among them:

- The U.S. agricultural industry contributes nearly $1 trillion to our national economy, and employs 17 percent of our labor force.
- Farmland provides wildlife habitat for birds, mammals and important insects like beneficial pollinators.
- Open fields help control flooding and filter water, and farms in this area often include valuable wetlands and watersheds—so protecting them improves water quality.
- Protecting farmland helps preserve the rural character and scenic landscapes of our community.
- Working farms improve quality of life by providing our communities with fresh, healthy food, recreational opportunities and local jobs.
- Farms and open lands require far fewer municipal services than developed areas, reducing costs to local governments.

CHIKAMING OPEN LANDS ACCREDITATION RENEWED THROUGH 2019!

It is my pleasure to announce that Chikaming Open Lands has been awarded renewed accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission through February of 2019. After an extensive and thorough auditing process that included an organizational self assessment, submission of pre- and full applications and a final request for additional information over an eighteen month period, the Commission determined that COL meets the quality standards set by the land trust community. Accreditation recognizes COL’s commitment to excellence and continued learning and improvement. COL is the first Michigan land conservancy to be awarded renewed accreditation.

I am deeply grateful to George Platz, Steve Smith and Jen Drackley for their endless hours of work during the accreditation process. I would also like to thank MK O’Donnell, Midwest Conservation Manager, Land Trust Alliance; Julie Stoneman, Associate Director, Heart of the Lakes; COL’s Board and staff; and the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

Best Regards,

Chris Thompson
Executive Director

www.chikamingopenlands.org
Dear Chikaming Open Lands Members and Friends,

As we move ever closer to the whirlwind summer season, I am feeling a very real sense of excitement about our future here at Chikaming Open Lands. I know that my fellow Board members and the COL staff share that excitement—we are all eager to move forward and make great things happen.

The past few years have brought extraordinary new growth for us—and we have an ambitious plan in place to continue on that path for the foreseeable future.

But we can’t do it without you, our members! It is the solid foundation of support that our membership provides that allows us to preserve open space, protect plant and animal habitat, and improve water quality in this beautiful corner of Southwest Michigan.

The support of our friends and neighbors has gotten us to where we are now, and for that, we are truly grateful. This year, we are looking to build our membership, and we’d like to ask for your help. I’ll bet you know someone who would support our mission of preserving open space and the natural character of this area. Introduce them to Chikaming Open Lands, and ask them if they would join you in becoming a member. Let’s work together to build our foundation of support and leave many more acres of land here in our community in pristine condition for future generations to enjoy.

So bring some friends, family members, colleagues or neighbors to one of our great events this summer, and encourage them to become an essential part of this success story too!

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Be sure to support our organizational friends!

Love Creek Nature Center
www.berriencounty.org/parks/

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
www.fernwoodbotanical.org
Dear Chikaming Open Lands Members,

I hope you received the letter we sent earlier this spring laying out the story of Chikaming Open Lands’ financial history and how important all of our donors are to our ongoing work.

I am pleased to report that COL ended the 2013 fiscal year with an overall increase of $537,930 in net assets, driven by restricted gifts, investment growth and the donation of our new office space. COL’s preliminary numbers reflect the continued commitment of our membership base, the Pokagon Fund / Partners in Conservation Program and investment growth in the endowment.

Expenses of $359,381 include costs incurred for acquiring a preserve extension and a conservation easement, stewardship efforts, work towards upcoming land protection projects, and operating expenses.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Robinson, Treasurer

Copies of the audited Financial Statements prepared by Hutter and Associates, P.C. are available for inspection at our office in Sawyer during regular business hours, and may also be found on our website.

Chikaming Open Lands wishes to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations for their generous support and assistance. Gifts listed were received January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Note that in the event of multiple gifts, they have been totaled within the unrestricted or restricted sections. Please accept our sincere apologies for any unintentional errors or omissions and let us know by calling (269) 405-1006 or emailing us at COL@chikamingopenlands.org so that we may correct future listings.

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### Restricted Gifts Received January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

#### Partners in Conservation Program

The Pokagon Fund matched gifts to the PCP 2:1 during 2013. These funds are restricted to land protection projects in New Buffalo, Chikaming and Three Oaks Townships.

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**Wild Turkey Conservation Easement**  
Ellen Carnahan and Bill Daniels

**Burns Prairie Preserve**  
Lloyd and Pat Burns
### Annual Unrestricted Gifts Received January 1 through December 31, 2013

The listings below reflect the sum of unrestricted gifts during 2013. Barn Benefit ticket and/or silent auction purchases are listed separately on page 11. Please accept our sincere apologies for any unintentional errors or omissions and let us know by calling (269) 405-1006 or e-mailing us at col@chikamingopenlands.org so that we may correct future listings.

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David & Susan Ehlen, from Ms. Mac Ehlen
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Harrison Shapero, from Ann Engen
Jean Smith, from Louise Tausche
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Cynthia E. Allen, from Roger K. Allen
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New Digs for a New Era of Success!

Over the winter, The Pokagon Fund granted two buildings and a lot on Red Arrow Highway in Sawyer to Chikaming Open Lands, giving us a fabulous new location and a LOT more room for our growing organization to breathe!

We are so excited to be working in this beautiful new space, and could not be more grateful to The Pokagon Fund for this most generous donation.

If you haven’t already, stop by and see it!

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