



# The Superior Greenway



## Facts at a Glance

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has been protecting land in the 7-county SE Michigan region since 1988.
- SMLC is headquartered in Superior Township at the Conservancy Farm.
- Superior Land Conservancy (SLC) was established as a local chapter of SMLC in 1991, helping to preserve the rural character and natural habitats of Superior Township.
- The Superior Greenway is a joint project between SMLC, City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program, Superior Charter Township and Washtenaw County. The Greenway has over 2,400 protected acres, with over 1,185 acres available for public access.
- A 2009 SMLC study identified 2,300 acres for potential land conservation in Superior Township.
- SMLC is a certified IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit; charitable donations to SMLC are tax deductible.
- To receive SMLC's volunteer and event announcements, please email [info@smlcland.org](mailto:info@smlcland.org).



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### Highlights of Key Nature Preserves

**LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve (SMLC)**  
2384 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198  
(parking area off Prospect Road)  
LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve was formed by 5 SMLC land purchases that consolidated 325 acres of farmland and natural habitat.

The preserve now protects a representative cross section of southern Michigan habitat types.

Trails wind through wetlands, meadows, and the LeFurge Woods, allowing some of the best wildlife viewing in the Detroit-Ann Arbor region. Monthly full moon campfires are open to the public and are held from May-November.



#### Conservancy Farm (SMLC)

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The 99-acre Conservancy Farm consists of beautiful woods and farm fields that lie in the heart of the Superior Greenway. The 79-acre farmstead includes a 1909 farmhouse, the main office for SMLC; the original settlers' log cabin

(1830s); and an old post-and-beam barn. The farm's activities include the popular



Community Organic Garden program, the annual bat count, and the annual Picnic at the Farm. Through the years organic and conventional farming by local farmers has occurred.

#### Kosch-Headwaters Preserve (Washtenaw County)

3268 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198  
(parking area off Prospect Road)

Washtenaw County purchased this preserve in 2006 in collaboration with SMLC. The preserve lies adjacent to the Springhill Nature Preserve and shares that preserve's maple-beech woods as well as having an abundance of uncommon blue ash. It lies in the headwaters of the Rouge River and hosts wetlands, seasonal streams and a spring.



#### Springhill Nature Preserve (SMLC)

3260 Berry Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198  
(park along road)

Donors Nancy & Bradford Perkins established

the Springhill Nature Preserve with the assistance of Superior Land Conservancy. The preserve consists of 30



acres of cattail and buttonbush swamp, mature beech/maple/oak woods, and an old apple orchard. The swamp hosts populations of spring frogs and a wide variety of waterfowl, while the woods are home to deer, owls, hawks, and foxes.

#### Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (Superior Twp.)

6221 Cherry Hill Rd., Superior Twp., MI 48198  
(park along road)

Purchased by SMLC in 1995, and later transferred to the Township, this preserve features a heavily wooded glacial moraine, wetlands and a meadow. A 2005 study identified over 500 different butterfly and moth species.



### *The Superior Greenway Partners*

The Superior Greenway was the vision of SMLC founder Jack R. Smiley who foresaw a greenbelt for people and animals between the growing metropolitan areas of Detroit and Ann Arbor. That vision was embraced by each of the following partners:



#### **Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy**

conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.  
[www.smlcland.org](http://www.smlcland.org)



#### **The Open Space and Parkland**

**Preservation Program** (commonly referred to as the Greenbelt Program) was approved by City of Ann Arbor voters in November, 2003 to provide funding for the preservation and protection of open space, natural habitats and working landscapes both inside and outside the city limits. [www.a2gov.org](http://www.a2gov.org)



**Superior Charter Township** is a vibrant and diverse community that is committed to



protecting the outstanding natural areas, productive farmlands and historic landscapes that add so much to the quality of life for the people who live, work and play here. [www.superior-twp.org](http://www.superior-twp.org)

#### **Washtenaw County Natural Areas**

**Preservation Program** purchases unique natural areas to ensure their preservation for the benefit of all County residents: plants, animals and people! The Washtenaw County Parks and

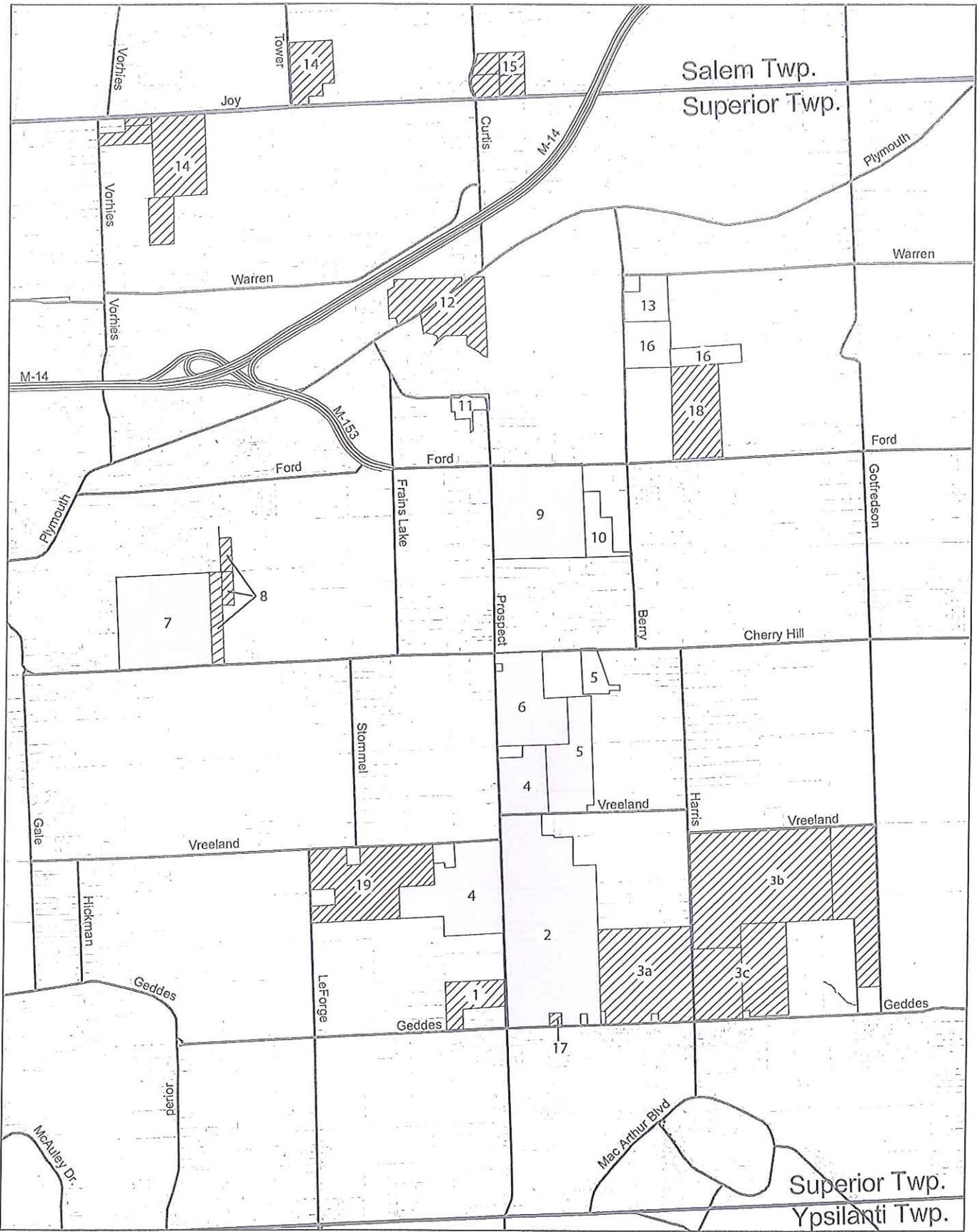
Recreation Commission also partners with other land preservation organizations to find creative ways to protect and preserve natural areas.  
[napp.ewashtenaw.org](http://napp.ewashtenaw.org)





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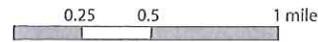
A greenbelt between Ann Arbor & Detroit



**Key to protected property in the Superior Greenway**

#	Property	Owner	Acres
1	Private Conservation Easement	Superior Charter Township Held Easement	40
2	LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	325
3a	Brookside (Schultz) Farm (private)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easement	158
3b	Brookside (Schultz) Farm (private)	State of Mich. Held Easement	369
3c	Brookside (Schultz) Farm (private)	City of Ann Arbor Held Easement	136
4	Meyer Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	183
5	Conservancy Farm	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	99
6	Jack R. Smiley Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	100
7	Cherry Hill Nature Preserve	Superior Charter Township	160
8	Private Conservation Easements (3)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easements	35
9	Kosch-Headwaters Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	160
10	Springhill Nature Preserve	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy	30
11	North Prospect Park	Superior Charter Township	15
12	Staebler Farm	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	98
13	Schroeter Park	Superior Charter Township	33
14	Private Conservation Easement	City of Ann Arbor Held Easement	165
15	Private Conservation Easements (2)	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easements	42
16	Weatherbee Woods Preserve	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	65
17	Conservation Easement	Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy Held Easement	2.5
18	Conservation Easement	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	82
19	Conservation Easement	Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission	129

Scale:



Publicly Accessible Land (trail maps available on request)



Protected Land Not Publicly Accessible

Please respect owners of private property by only visiting land listed as publicly accessible.

All preserves are open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset.

Questions:

- Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.....(734) 484-6565
- Ann Arbor Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program....(734) 794-6210
- Superior Township Parks and Recreation Department.....(734) 480-5502
- Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.....(734) 971-6337

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