



THE WILLOW TIMES



The Newsletter of the Caledonia Conservancy

Spring 2023

We are Fortunate to Have Cookies Like You!

This was our second year of making up cookie plates to symbolically thank our landowners for allowing horse trails on their property. As you may know, we have preserved nearly 300 acres of land, but it is not in one huge chunk. To get from one CC property to the next, riders have to traverse the trails on private property. There are 77 landowners with interconnecting trails between County Line Rd, east of the Root River, west of highway 31 and south of 4 Mile Rd! (If you live in that area, but didn't get any cookies, please let us know.) The cookies are a gesture thanking them for letting us ride on their land.



Dr. Steve and Michelle Ryder

Many thanks to the 8 volunteers who made 80 cookies or candy each, so that's a lot of cookies! We're grateful for 5 people that assembled all the cookies and made them look pretty, and 13 drivers who delivered the cookies, (sometimes in a snow storm and getting stuck in a driveway!) Three new drivers stepped forward

when we needed a couple more: Thank you to Will Peters, Kelly Glass and Rachel Trobaugh for helping out that day. The other drivers, assemblers, and bakers are all associated with the CC by either being on a committee or the board. It was a huge, joyous, and very successful effort!



Cookie Assemblers: Barb Hugier, Jodi Switalski, Chris Hoffman, Tracy Larsen, Connie Szablewski

CC Event Calendar

Trail Work Group:

2nd Saturday of the Month
Meets 8:45 A.M.
King's Corner
(5 Mile & Hwy 31)

ETS Obstacle Event:

June 17, 2023
Kathryn Scheer's Senne Farm
1655 County Rd. V,
Sturtevant, WI

Mane Event Ride:

August 26, 2023
Neubauer Farm
5551 Short Road, Racine, WI

Mostaccioli Madness:

September 10, 2023
12:00-4:00 P.M.
Roma Lodge
7130 Spring St., Racine, WI

ETS Obstacle Event:

September 16, 2023
Libby & Kjell Erlandsson's
Scania Lochiel Farm
6208 Hwy 31, Racine, WI

Conservancy Fall Festival:

September 30, 2023
Picnic at Drs. Palmer Farm
7930 Botting Rd. Racine, WI

CC Online Auction:

Date TBD



Message from the President, Kjell Erlandsson

Conservancy Supporters,

As we leave winter behind us and embrace the warmer weather, I'm reminded of the importance of stewarding our Caledonia preserves. And while much has been dormant during the winter season, our organization has been anything but.

Over the past year, our board of directors has taken crucial initiatives to ensure the strength and sustainability of our organization. With technology, we have made our office more self-sufficient. We are now able to handle our financial reporting and accounting work in-house, albeit with oversight from outside accountants. We have also increased our use of online banking, allowing us to manage our finances more efficiently.

As a nonprofit, transparency is a core value of our organization, and we are making strides to raise it further. We have plans to make more of our information and files available online, and so we are empowering our committees and volunteers to make informed decisions and do their best work. It will also relieve the office of routine inquiries. Additionally, this increased transparency holds our board accountable and ensures that we are serving our volunteers and community to the best of our abilities.

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that we have completed work on new standards for our signage. These improvements will give our preserves a more unified and professional look, better reflecting the values of our Conservancy to visitors and users alike.

As always, I am deeply grateful for the tireless work and dedication of our members and volunteers. Together, we are making a real difference in the world, and I am proud to be part of this important work. It goes without saying that we are immensely grateful to our donors and sponsors, without whom none of this would be possible.



Yes, Climb That Tree

The locally famous Facebook Etree group is where to go to be in the know. Started 30+ years ago by Libby Cameron to help connect our nature loving community it has grown to over 1,000 recipients.

If you belong, you can post to help our neighborhood with anything from describing a trail danger, kittens, loose horse and lost dog alerts, important relevant village issues, neighborhood rides, events, and generally anything local of interest to our horse-and-nature-loving community.

The name ETREE came from Libby's thought of electronic messages spreading out like the branches of a tree. Just search Caledonia Etree on Facebook, answer the questions and you're in!





New Board Members



Tom Buhler

You might know him from his role of founding the nonprofit Visioning a Greater Racine- which convened 1300 citizens for listening sessions in 2017-18. Or his 30-year career at his family's company, Butter Buds Incorporated. Currently their Chief Community Affairs Officer, we are thrilled Tom agreed to embrace Caledonia conservation work as well.

Preserving and enjoying nature is a perfect complement to his values. A modest person, he and his wife (Marcia, who also volunteers for the CC!) are quiet role models in the unsung tremendous charity they do for others. Tom's pendulum also beats on a Zen level as meditator and yoga enthusiast teaching mindfulness to inmates at the Racine Youth Offenders Correctional facility.

As "dog-dad" to two scrappy terriers, he can be seen regularly traversing the Trout Ponds, Tabor Woods, and other conservancy gems of snifferdom. Let's not forget Tom's daring role in a dancing dressage horse costume on the one and only Conservancy Fourth of July parade float extravaganza back in 2015... we won an award for that production and are glad to have snagged him for an encore!



Vanessa Luther

Educated in Archeology, Geology and Climatology, (she has even worked on archeological digs!), but with degrees in Health Care/Health Information, she enjoys a lifelong professional career in Medical/Surgical coding. Aside from full time work, Vanessa teaches Youth Bible Study, and paints creatively themed birdhouses for indoor display.

She has been a horse person since childhood growing up on her family farm in Caledonia. For the Conservancy she manages the Short Road Trail Head/Lorence Woods properties, as well as the Ehrlich Right of Way. She's a natural in loving the hands-on work of lopper and chainsaw needed to keep the lands healthy and accessible. She strives to have the properties open for equestrian endeavors to keep Caledonia an equestrian community, as well as for hikers who like to walk "through beautiful old growth and new growth and see what beauty and tranquility there is in God's creation." The Conservancy is blessed by Vanessa's energy and enthusiasm!



Patty Tollaksen

As a forty-year Caledonia resident she has been in the background of the CC since its inception as wife of early board member, our late beloved Terry Tollaksen. Patty is a people person as evidenced by her twenty plus years in Customer Service Management work. Her role as former co-owner and VP of a local manufacturing company brings a healthy background in business.

Her resume reads like a who's who in volunteering with doing everything from catering major events to fundraising and board work. Her involvement in her kid's activities took her from schools (Montessori, St. John Nepomuk, Prairie) to soccer fields and beyond. We're delighted it has led her to us. As a current member of the CC Outreach committee Patty has been responsible for the latest beautiful invitations for fundraising events and she's just getting started.

As an extremely active mom of two, bonus mom of three, grandma of seven and mom to dogs and cats, (she loves, loves, loves animals!) you can frequently find her out on the King's Corner trails or the CC Neighborhood Central Walk property on 4 ½ Mile Road.



Stewardship Report *by Sandy DeWalt*

The stewardship committee is responsible for keeping the trails open, invasive plants and trees removed, signage installed, bridges, jumps, or culverts repaired or replaced, and educating horseback riders, hikers, bird watchers, and dog walkers on how to use the trails safely and keep them clean. The CC has almost 300 acres of land protected and has walking and horse trails on all of it.

With the snow and ice storms we had this winter and spring, many trees and branches came down. We have spent many hours cleaning up the messes that Mother Nature gave us. Our first trail cleaning of the year was held Saturday, April 15. Monthly 2-3 hour work sessions usually deal with cleaning up fallen trees on the trails, removing invasive plants like buckthorn and honeysuckle, doing

highway clean up, walking and cleaning the hiking and horse trails on specific properties, and doing whatever needs to be done on the land. We also planted new saplings to start to replace the dead ash that have fallen. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us with these tasks. Please contact Sandy DeWalt at sdewalt@wi.rr.com if you can help us out in any way.

School to Nature 2023



The School To Nature Committee entered Potawatomi's 2023 Heart of Canal Street Charity Drawing and we were chosen!! As you can see from the picture, Sandy DeWalt and Jill Baranowski, accepted the mock check for \$25,000, the real check was mailed to us later. This is the second time we have won money from the Heart of Canal drawings, which makes this win pretty special. Now for the hard part, deciding where to spend that money wisely.

For those of you who may not know or remember, School To Nature runs two programs a year. Our spring program is held at Tabor Woods for

area 6th graders and does a DNR lesson called Life in a Fallen Log. In the fall program 4th graders from local schools meet out at the Trout Ponds/ Prairie to study the four habitats found there. Both programs try to educate the students about the importance of nature in our lives and our impact on the environment.

Please visit our CC website, caledoniaconservancy.org, and click on School to Nature for more information on area plants and animals found on Conservancy lands. Barb Hugier and Diana Lesnjak have been hard at work researching and writing about each of the plants and animals listed there.

Let Us Lunch

The "CC Lunch Bunch" gets together at the Douglas Diner every third Friday at 11:30AM October through April. An RSVP is needed each time to reserve table space.

If you would like to be added to the list for a monthly invitation and reminder email, or if you know of someone who would like to be invited, please call or email Sandy DeWalt sdewalt@wi.rr.com 262-909-4440 or Diana Lesnjak lesnjakdm@gmail.com 262-497-8357.

Last-minute guests and plus-ones are always welcome at these fun informal lunches!

If you'd like to help us educate area students about the wonders of nature in their back yards please feel free to contact Jill Baranowski at 262-930-2043 or jcbaranowski@sbcglobal.com for more information.

Our wonderful School To Nature Committee: Sandy DeWalt, Barb Hugier, Marty Hunt, Terri Kiriaki, Cathy Kortendick, Sue Puckhaber and Jill Baranowski (Chair).



Spring 2023 King's Corner Report *by Wendy McCalvy*

After completing the Tollaksen Woodland Garden behind the kiosk, the King's Corner sub-committee turned to other portions of our Master Plan. In December, Environmental Trees chopped up invading brush and ash trees in the grasslands to give Mother Nature a chance to restore a prairie. Native seeds donated by Ron Endris were sown in those grasslands and on the ugly cleared

patch near Hwy 31. Burning is slated for the 7-year lovely prairie west of our entrance.

The ecological tragedy of King's Corner's dying ash trees is nearing complete wipeout of large trees. Two years ago a volunteer Americorps group planted 19 caged oak trees. Susan Ehrlich Smith has donated funds for the many facets of work on

King's Corner. We have been hiring help clearing dead trees to address trail use and safety. There have been discussions with Team Rubicon for volunteer chainsaw help.

Interactive displays for the Children's Educational Center have been refurbished. Possible approaches for mowing open spaces and trails are being investigated.

The Excitement of Easements *by Kjell Erlandsson*

Caledonia Conservancy holds fifty-two acres of easements as part of its trail network. These easements provide vital links across private land between our properties--which total 290 acres--in a unique partnership between private property owners and the Conservancy.

Conservation easements are beneficial to both landowners and conservation organizations. If a landowner donates an easement, they can be entitled to a significant tax deduction based on the appraised value of the easement. The appraised value is determined by the difference in land value before and after the easement. Since the easement restricts future development, the value of the easement for tax purposes can be nearly the same as the value of the land. For land that could potentially be developed into a subdivision, the tax benefits can be substantial. For the record, and perspective, Caledonia Conservancy holds one 3.02 acre easement that was appraised for \$50,000 according to IRS standards for Easement Donations.

Conservation easements are enabled by our tax rules. To be qualified, they must be donated to a qualified organization, which in essence means a nonprofit land trust that derives a large

part of its revenue from donations and grants. Caledonia Conservancy is a qualified organization. The conservation purpose according to IRS standards can be recreational, preservation of plant or habitat resources, farming, historical, or scenic enjoyment. So, a horse trail is a valid conservation purpose. A conservation easement "runs with the land", meaning it is applicable to both present and future owners of the land. If you have a farm that you do not want to become a subdivision in the future, a conservation easement would be an approach for that purpose.

The easement is an agreement between the landowner and Caledonia Conservancy. The landowner can specify permitted uses, such as horseback riding and skiing, and prohibit certain uses, such as picnicking, hiking, motorized vehicles, and biking. It can also specify who will maintain the land or if fences will be allowed. A conservation easement is a means for a landowner to protect their land from future development and preserve its natural state of the land for recreational or other conservation purposes for generations to come. It will protect the rural character of our community, and that's pretty exciting!

CC Dog Trail Etiquette

- Keep dogs leashed in parking lots.
- Dogs must be under control on trail.
- Pick up dog poo and carry out bag and take home.
- Control dogs and yield to horse riders.

Don't be the one to spoil it for the many. Caledonia Conservancy is a Land Trust founded for you to enjoy nature. It is not tax funded, it is funded by private donations. In order to continue to enjoy the trails it is mandatory to follow Trail Etiquette, and please plan to donate to the Caledonia Conservancy. www.caledoniaconservancy.com





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We Hold Ourselves to a High Standard

The Conservancy has recently developed new sign standards to establish a uniform and recognizable look across its properties. These standards cover the use of fonts, colors, sign sizes, and mounting posts to ensure that signs are clear and consistent. The standards also include trail markers, information kiosks, and banners at events.

Signs serve a variety of purposes, such as wayfinding, information about

allowed activities, and warnings. However, in the past, the lack of standards for signs resulted in a certain amount of clutter, which detracted from the natural beauty of the Conservancy properties. It needed a refresh, and we formed an ad hoc group to develop some uniform standards and simplify the signage.

To enhance the enjoyment of nature on Conservancy lands, the use of minimal signage is encouraged, because signs

should not distract visitors from the natural environment but rather blend in with the surroundings.

The new standards will initially be applied to Lorence Woods, the preserve accessed from the Short Road trailhead. The standards will then be implemented over time at our other properties.



Old Signs



New Look

Lorence Woods

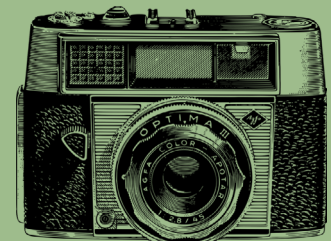
We were so fortunate to acquire the almost 7 acres of the Lorence Woods in 2022. Its eastern boundary is the Short Road Trailhead, which we acquired in 2013. It is an old growth woods with a creek running through it and is surrounded on the north and west sides by the Renak Polak state natural maple-beech forest. We have a trail made in the south section of

the land with more trails planned in the next 2 years. New signage will be installed to show people where the trail is. A large CC green space sign will be placed on the boundary to connect with the Short Road trails. Many, many thanks to the David Lorence family for being willing for us to acquire this very special woods.

Photo Contest for Trails

The Conservancy is sponsoring seasonal photo contests this year for the best (amateur) photos taken on CC trails. The Spring Contest ends on *May 31*; and the Summertime photo competition will end on *August 31*. Autumn and Winter contests will follow.

Watch for timely CC emails announcing all the details. Some of your photos may even be used on our website, and all winning photos will be posted for everyone's enjoyment. Barb Hugier is the CC contact: rhugier@wi.rr.com. Get snapping!





Best Boardwalk Builders

As many of you know that live near and walk the Neighborhood Central Walk 17 acres, it is a wetland in many spots. We have been very fortunate that Eagle Scouts have built boardwalks on much of the perimeter of the woods. Last fall, Will Peters from Troop 242 built another 100 feet of boardwalk on the north path. Will had to plan the project, raise the funds for the boardwalk, find the workers to help build it, and then supervise the building of the walk. Thank you so much Will! We still have more trails that need a boardwalk so if you know any boy scout going for their Eagle badge, let us know.



Into the Ethers *by Libby Cameron (with thanks to historian John VanThiel)*

Caledonia's 1918 version of Foxconn? Did you know that there once was a gigantic TNT plant east of the railroad tracks from 4 ½ Mile Road to 7 Mile Road? Mysterious men with satchels snapped up 2,200 acres piece by piece. Turns out the buyers were the DuPont company during WWI. The whole "town" they were creating was rendered obsolete when the armistice was signed. Most of the 112 buildings were torn down and the lumber repurposed. Farmers who had relinquished their properties to this suffered and went bankrupt and lost down payments made on other homes before they were partly reimbursed. Hard to imagine a presence that big with 3-4,000 workers could just disappear.

One remnant of the golden age of harness racing (1850-1900), is the Klinkert barn (of Klinkert brewery) on south Lathrop Avenue which still stands testimony to bygone glory. Built in the Victorian style of 1889 it is a ghost of the past. The Uihlein brothers (of Schlitz brewery) and J.I. Case (of Case manufacturing) also had enormous stables in Racine complete with Case's heated stable and INDOOR sulky racing track! The 500-600 acre Hickory Grove Farm was located south of DeKoven, and leaves

no trace save for a street name and the bones of its most famous resident—the Secretariat of his day, (those temporarily Tupperware-ensconced bones are awaiting a proper monument and reburial but that's another story.)

"Permanent" things can come to ashes blowing in the wind all too soon. Did you know Caledonia between 3 Mile and 6 Mile Road was once a solid grove of woods? In 1867 it turned into an inferno. Racine County's only forest fire burned the trees roots to a depth of two feet and destroyed the stands of hardwoods along with farms, homes, barns, fences and everything within its reach.

My point being thank you to everyone who works so hard to preserve the natural areas of Caledonia. We don't want to become only an anonymous strip mall where you look out from your car and can't tell what generic location in the United States you are in... you see so many of the same stores everywhere. Development certainly has its place but I'm hoping it's not at the cost of wiping out the unique character of Caledonia that endears it to those who live here. Amongst ashes and ash trees, long live the oaks!

We're Just Using People?!

YES we are and proud of it! Newly retired? Bored? Wanting to make friends? Have computer skills? Don't mind wielding a chainsaw? Prefer to work from home in short spurts? If you'd like to volunteer please just contact us and we'll gratefully find a way to utilize your skills. Many talents add up to make a great organization. Contact suzi.caledoniaconservancy@gmail.com (AND a special HUGE thank you as always to our heroine of graphic arts newsletter design ZARI KUNESH!!! She makes all this information readable and that makes yours truly the editor look coherent!!)





THEY ROC!

The local Riders of Caledonia will be hosting two Equine Trail Sports events this year and all proceeds will once again be donated to the Conservancy for equine trail maintenance. Over the past 2 years' events, they have donated more than \$7,500!!

The June 17th event will be at Kathryn Scheer's lovely Senne Farm, located at 1655 County Road V, Sturtevant, WI. It features an in-hand obstacle course in the morning and a mounted course in the afternoon.

September 16th will be at the artistic Erlandsson's Scania Lochiel Farm, 6208 State Road 31, Racine, WI. This event will have an in-hand course in the morning and a trail ride with obstacles for the competitors in the afternoon.

Register now as space is limited!! To register, visit Equinetrailsports.com. Always a fun filled day!!

(If you're not a horse owner it is still an excellent and unusual thing to

watch- sort of like obedience events for dogs but with a much bigger critter cooperating on a lead line! Come as a spectator and you will be fascinated to learn about the nature of horses!)



Two Ships on the Trails

by Michelle Luczak

With over 35 miles of horse trails on the Caledonia Conservancy system, there are typically multiple horses and riders on some section of the trails every single day. During nice weather and on weekends especially, there is much more horse traffic throughout.

We are beyond blessed to have so many landowners share their section of trail so that the horse trails connect throughout our area!! These trails wind all over, from the County Line on the north side to Trout Ponds south and from the River Trail on the west to trails along Highway 31 east, on both CC land and private property. Plus, with over 400 horses stabled nearby, there are over 150 horses that live directly on

our trail system. Many people also trailer their horses in from other communities to enjoy our beautiful trails, parking at Trout Ponds, Kings Corner, Tabor Woods or our newly enhanced County Line parking lot.

If you do encounter someone on horseback, don't hide on the side of the trail! They can still sense you and that might spook a horse when they come upon you. Make sure they see you and speak to the rider so that the horse knows that the figure they see is not a threat, just a human like the one on their back! If you are with a dog, please make sure they are leashed so there is no danger to them or the horse.

So, just like two ships that pass in the night, you may or may not encounter a horse out on the trails, but that doesn't mean they aren't out there!! Happy trails!!

Horses Thy Name is Scaredy-Cat!

Did you know that horses are only afraid of two things??? Things that move and things that don't move!!!

With the warm weather finally approaching and the CC horse trails still pretty soggy, you might encounter a brave soul and their horse going down the road, as road riding is better than no riding!!!

So, if you see a horse and rider, please for the safety of everyone, slow down to at least 10 mph and move over to allow at least 7 feet between your car and them. Even the most seasoned horse can spook at literally nothing!! They are more afraid of a piece of plastic than a car and have been known to easily jump on or in front of vehicles.

Trail Emergencies

Reminder: Make sure you have your phone location on when you're walking or riding the trails!!!

Emergencies can happen anywhere and the Caledonia Fire Department, working with the CC Equestrian Committee, devised a plan last year whereby they can locate anyone using the location of the cell phone they called in with. If you're unsure how to turn on your location, visit your local cell phone dealer and they will be able to help!



Mane Event Materializes

We are holding our 21st annual equestrian trail ride fundraiser on Saturday, August 26 this year. We will again be going out of the Neubauer Farm again at 5551 Short Road. The Neubauer family have been our hosts for many years. We are so lucky to have such supportive neighbors. The ride consists of a scavenger hunt on horseback. Items are placed along a marked trail that runs from 4 Mile Road north to 6 Mile Road. Pictures are taken of the items as they are found and then redeemed for a chance to win prizes. There is also an obstacle course that riders can participate in to see how well they and their horses do over simple obstacles. Lunch will be available and everyone is welcome to come and see the horses and riders. If you know you are going to stop by, let Sandy (262-909-4440) know by Wed. Aug. 23 so she can order you a lunch. The best time to come visit is around 12:00. All are welcomed!

2023 Trot, Tiptoe & Tackle Tags Available

Whether you trot on horseback, tiptoe in your sneakers, or tackle your dog on the trails, please support these pursuits with a trail tag donation. The suggested \$30 or more is a good investment in paths that will be trod for generations. Visit caledoniaconservancy.org to give online, and click on the banner that says "Trail Tags" with any questions. Thank you!




Funds raised from this event help to keep our trails open for all to enjoy!

21ST MANE EVENT RIDE

Saturday, August 26, 2023
Neubauer Farm, 5551 Short Road, Racine, WI 53402
First riders out at 8:30 am • Last riders out at 2:00 pm
****Saddle and ASTM Helmet Required****

Questions: Cathy Kortendick Tel: 262-498-1230 Email: ManeEvent@caledoniaconservancy.org

ENTRY FEE - NOT REFUNDABLE
 \$30.00 Before August 1 • \$35.00 Before August 19 • \$40.00 Before August 25 • \$45.00 Day of Event



REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE
www.caledoniaconservancy.org/maneevent2023
REGISTER BY US MAIL OR ON EVENT DAY
 Cathy Kortendick, 4230 Woodview Lane, Racine, WI 53404
Make Check Payable to: Caledonia Conservancy
 ☛ Current Negative Coggins Test Required

MOUNTED PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT
 Ride beautiful, marked country trails. Along the way, as you locate the Scavenger items, you take a cell photo. Crossing guards will be available at roads. Your horse needs to be safe to ride in these conditions.
 Upon return, photos will be verified, and raffle tickets given for each item found. Deposit tickets in prize buckets for the drawing.
 ☛ Can't ride or want extra chances to win? Purchase additional raffle tickets!

OBSTACLE COURSE
\$5 Per Ride, No Limit on Number of Rides You Can Do
 Ride a timed obstacle course on the grounds in an enclosed grass arena. The fastest rider who completes the course with the most points will receive a prize. You don't have to enter the Scavenger Hunt Ride to participate in the Obstacle Course.
 ☛ Box Lunches
 ☛ Cancellation Only Due to Excessive Rain or Muddy Conditions
www.caledoniaconservancy.org/maneevent2023



Penny Griffiths (1963-2023)

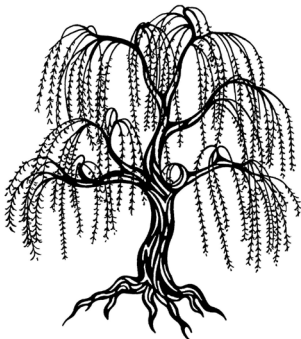


Past board president and long-time volunteer Penny Griffiths passed away unexpectedly this April. A devoted lover of animals and nature, Penny was dedicated and faithful in the many roles she took on for the Caledonia Conservancy. Her gentle presence will be sadly missed by her many friends. Services will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. in Strouf Funeral Home in Racine. Visitation is from 12:00 P.M. until time of service.



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MISSION:

Building community by connecting people to Caledonia's trails and greenspace.

VISION:

The Caledonia Conservancy is committed to preserving land for future use. We connect people to nature education, enhancing quality of life through public access to equestrian and recreational trails. We strive to build a sustainable community through conservation, stewardship, education, outreach and partnerships with neighborhoods, schools, businesses and government.

Link to view maps of our properties:

[caledoniaconservancy.org/maps](http://www.caledoniaconservancy.org/maps)

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Addresses for CC Public Access Lands

*McCalvy Tabor Woods &
Cameron Erlandsson Tabor Woods*
5131 Tabor Road, Racine, WI 53402

Gordon Tabor Woods
5118 Pine Tree Circle, Racine, WI 53402

King's Corner (Ebrlich)
4813 Five Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

Neighborhood Central Walk
1934 4 1/2 Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

Short Road Trail Head/Lorence Woods
6111 Short Road, Racine, WI 53402

Trout Ponds/Prairie
4819 4 Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

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4810 Four Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402

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