



Invites you to attend the

# Land Trust Staff & Board Member Retreat February 24-26, 2011

Downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin

Retreat Sessions at [Tiletown Brewery](#) & Lodging at [Hotel Sierra](#)

Thursday, February 24 – 12:30 - 4 pm

Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Workshop  
Pizza, Networking, & Annual Dessert Potluck  
Evening Snow-tubing & Warm Drinks

Registration is due by January 31, 2011

To register, please visit

[www.gatheringwaters.org](http://www.gatheringwaters.org)

Click on the *News & Events* Tab to locate the Retreat Page. There you will find a registration form to download and return by email, post, or fax.

Friday, February 25 8:30 am – Evening

Conservation Easement Stewardship  
Capacity-building Tools for your Land Trust  
Dinner & Land Trust Awards  
Tour of Lambeau Field

Saturday, February 26 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Record-Keeping Tips & Models nationwide  
GIS Resources for your Land Trust  
Bundle up and hike along the Baird Creek Parkway

## Registration Fees & Logistics

To encourage participation by all of Wisconsin's land trusts we are offering the 2011 Land Trust Retreat at no cost to Gathering Waters organizational members. However, if you would like to contribute to the workshop costs or make a donation, please include a check made out to Gathering Waters Conservancy with your registration form. *Guests of participants and non-members may attend at a rate of \$125 for Thursday evening and Friday meals or \$250 for the entire conference (two nights of lodging and meals Thursday through Saturday).*

Registrations are due by January 31. *To find out if you are a member or if you have Retreat questions, call or e-mail Mindy Petersen 608.251.9131 x15 or [mindy@gatheringwaters.org](mailto:mindy@gatheringwaters.org)*

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## We've reserved your rooms in downtown Green Bay:

*This year the retreat welcomes staff and board members of land trusts to northeast Wisconsin to network, learn, and help us focus our efforts to serve you.*

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## 2011 Land Trust Retreat Agenda

### Thursday, February 24

12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Workshop

4:00 p.m.

Special Session for Land Trust Council Members

5:00 p.m.

Evening Socializing & Networking with the new DNR NCO Grants Manager, Pam Felt

Dinner followed by the infamous dessert potluck! Please bring treats to pass. Afterwards, head to Triangle Hill for snow tubing (weather permitting) or stay in for some board games. Warm drinks to follow!

### Friday, February 25

8:30 a.m.

**Welcome & Updates**

We are interested to hear from you on your latest successes and concerns. We will share with you updates from the *Land Trust Excellence & Advancement Program* as well as other ways GWC can help your land trust.

10 a.m.

**Gathering Waters Conservancy Program Updates: What's New for Land Trusts**

Gain updates from the policy front and provide input to Pam Foster-Felt, NCO Grants Manager at DNR

11 a.m.

**Land Management Best Practices & New Resources for Wisconsin**

Hear from a panel of existing practitioners in Wisconsin as well as resources from the Stewardship Network

Noon

**Lunch & Optional Roundtables** with MaryKay O'Donnell, Pam Felt, & John (Duke) Welter

1:00 p.m.

**Conservation Easement Stewardship**

Determining the cost of caring for easements in perpetuity with relation to Accreditation expectations, how to calculate the full stewardship expenses of easements, potential enforcement/defense costs, good landowner relations and monitoring techniques to ward off the need for enforcement and defense, and any necessary legal or technical advice.

2:45 p.m.

**Break**

3:00 p.m.

**Wisconsin Conservation Endowment & Your Land Trust's Perpetual Investments**

Camille Zaroni from the Natural Resources Foundation will join us to discuss their options for ensuring perpetuity of land trust assets.

3:30 p.m.

**Breakout Board/Staff Tune-Up Sessions**

Take the opportunity to learn from peers, panels, and experts on one of the following:

- Land protection and fund-raising database best practices
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative & other Great Lakes updates

6:00 p.m.

**Dinner & Fun**

Land Trust Achievement Awards & Tour of Lambeau Field

### Saturday, February 26

8:30 a.m.

**Land Transaction Record-Keeping Procedures & Policies**

Join MaryKay O'Donnell and Anne Murphy in determining the what and why of record-keeping policy and practice – including essential acquisition and stewardship records, Accreditation expectations, and paper vs. electronic filing.

10:15 a.m.

**Geographic Information Systems & Land Trusts**

Doug Miskowiak from UW Stevens Point will share his experiences connecting GIS with land trusts as well as some example projects and resources for future use.

Noon

**Lunch & Hike with the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation**

Before you get back in your cars, have some lunch with us and then get outside!