

*Helping owners conserve their open land
in central Wisconsin.*



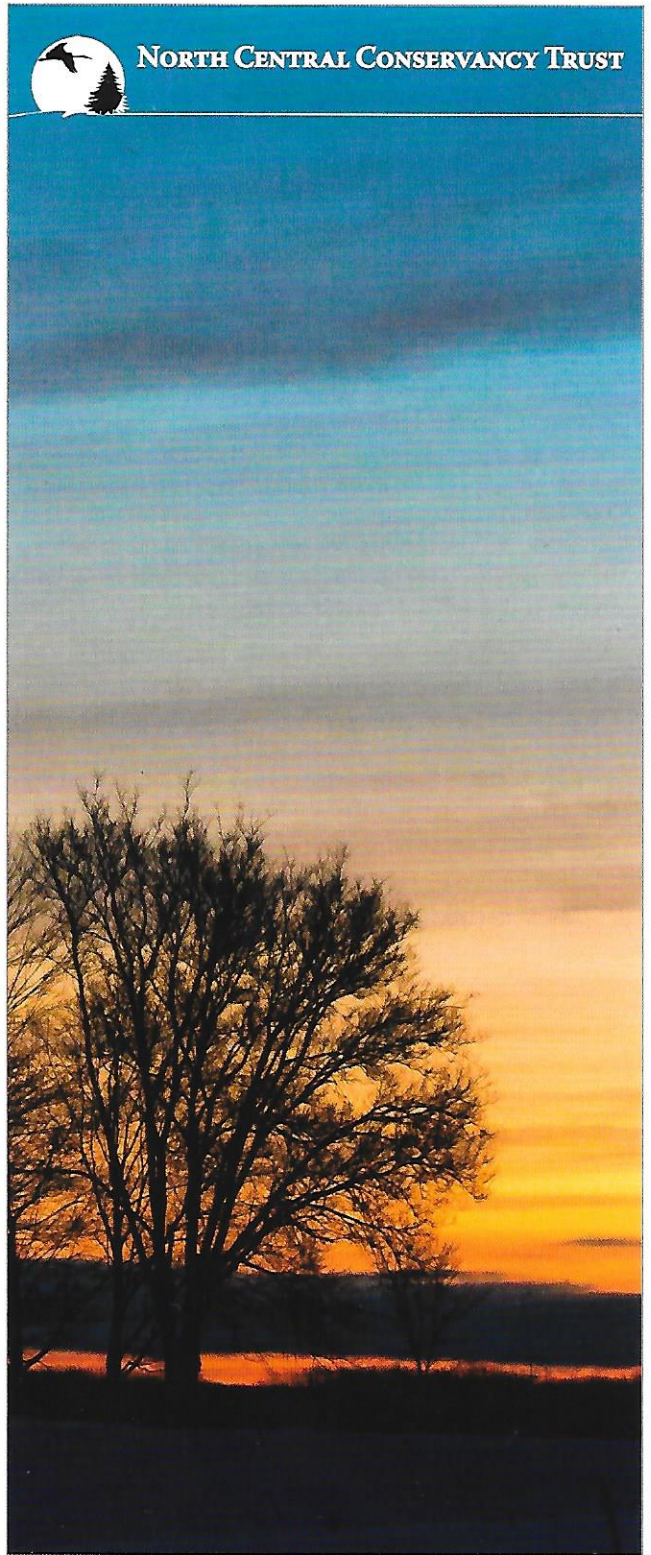
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What is NCCT?

NCCT is a non-profit land trust working to protect worthy scenic lands and environmental resources for the benefit of the people of central Wisconsin.

How Does NCCT Help Landowners?

NCCT works with landowners to develop conservation easements to protect and preserve the conservation values of their properties. A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust like NCCT that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. It allows landowners to continue to own and use their land, and they can also sell it or pass it on to heirs.

When a landowner donates a conservation easement to a land trust, they give up some of the rights associated with the land. For example, they might give up the right to build additional structures, while retaining the right to grow crops. Future owners also will be bound by the easement's terms. The land trust is responsible for making sure the easement's terms are followed.

Conservation easements offer great flexibility. An easement on property containing rare wildlife habitat might prohibit any development, for example, while an easement on a farm might allow continued farming and the addition of agricultural structures. An easement may apply to all or a portion of the property, and need not require public access.

Why should I support NCCT?

Conservation easements are the primary way in which our rural landscape and privately owned important natural areas are protected. NCCT is the only organization in the north-central region of Wisconsin whose mission is to hold and protect conservation easements. We are dependent on your support to fund our work helping to maintain the beauty and quality of the central Wisconsin landscape for the benefit of all who live or visit here.

"The land remembers. It says, 'I am here. You are part of me.'"

—Ben Logan

A Personal Story from an NCCT Easement Donor



Nancy Stevenson has lived on her 40 acres of land since 1967, and in that time she fell in love with the land. To preserve that love, she made a decision to preserve the land through a conservation easement with North Central Conservancy Trust.

Nancy has many memories associated with her property. Her favorite story to tell is regarding a special place along her creek. "I have a small pond at the bottom of the hill and a creek that runs through it and empties into Mill Creek. There is a spot back there underneath a giant hemlock, and for a very long time, there was a fallen log across the creek. My husband and I would go down there and watch wildlife. One day when we were there, there were a male and female Scarlet Tanager and it was just a magical moment to see these two birds."

It was because of these memories and her connection to the land that Nancy decided to pursue a conservation easement. With the involvement of her family, she worked with NCCT to tailor the Stevenson conservation easement. Conservation easements protect the conservation values of property, but still allow the owner of the property to continue to use the property, and may be considered a tax-deductible gift. About her decision to pursue a permanent conservation easement she stated, "I have my own nature preserve, and there's always something new to see and learn about."

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