



HWLC February 2019 E-News

2019 Schedule of Events

Feb. 23-10:00am Snowshoe Hike @
Wakeley Lake-Grayling

Mar 10-10:00am Snowshoe Hike @
Groen Preserve-Johannesburg

April 20-10:00am Nature Hike @
Luneack Preserve-Comins

**HWLC WILL HAVE FREE
USE OF SNOWSHOES ON
DAY OF EVENT!**

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HWLC celebrates TWO new Conservation Easements in Alcona County

David Fivenson and Mara Miles purchased their Lake Huron property about 20 years ago, when their children were small. They had rented a cabin down the beach, saw the “for sale” signs, and have been coming back ever since! When the vacant shoreline property adjacent to theirs went up for sale, David and Mara decided to purchase the land, and donate a Conservation Easement to permanently protect 30 acres of coastal wetland and 890 feet of Lake Huron shoreline. The property consists of a series of parallel wetland swales and upland beach ridges known as a wooded dune and swale complex that formed on the northern shore of Lake Huron as Great Lakes water levels receded thousands of years ago. David and Mara have seen trout in the little streams that flow from the wetland into Lake Huron, a host of rare shoreline plants, and a nesting pair of bald eagles on the property. Thanks to their Conservation Easement donation, the wetlands will continue to provide water quality benefits and wildlife habitat well into the future!

The 250 acre Moskwa property is a deer hunter’s dream, with planted fields providing abundant food and mixed pine-aspen forest providing cover. Larry and Barb Moskwa acquired the property from Larry’s parents and used it as a place to get away from the city and enjoy nature. The Moskwass plan to build a house and live on the Property full time once Larry retires. About 15 acres was excluded from the Moskwa Conservation easement, allowing plenty of space for future homes, while permanently protecting 235 acres of wildlife habitat. Adding diversity to the landscape, the Moskwa property contains a kettle wetland, formed when large blocks of ice calved off the receding glaciers, leaving behind a water filled depression. Because of their donation, the property will remain a haven for wildlife for generations to come!