Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

# Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs

## Great Rivers, Great Lakes Campaign Capstone

Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs CAMPAIGN

### Well Worth the Wait

Several years of strategic planning and action resulted in over 1,600 new acres permanently protected by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust through its Great Rivers, Great Lakes campaign. We now have an opportunity to protect 131 acres of unique lake bluff and migratory habitat that includes nearly three-quarters of a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline. Ozaukee Washington Land Trust is leading the effort to purchase the property and is partnering with Ozaukee County to raise the necessary funds to complete the acquisition. Ownership of the property will transfer to Ozaukee County, which will manage the property through its park system.

# Protect Today.

## Project Impact Numbers

131+ acres of outstanding migratory stop-over habitat and wintering area for waterfowl, land birds, and shorebirds within the Lake Michigan flyway.

2+ miles of improved hiking trails with a trailhead that is accessible from the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, with connections to downtown Port Washington and Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve.

100,000+ projected annual visitors will enjoy unspoiled natural Lake Michigan shoreline views, locally significant natural areas, and critical species habitat.

¾ mile of Lake Michigan shoreline views from trails and overlook platforms along the 100+ foot-high bluffs.

## Project Impact Beyond Numbers

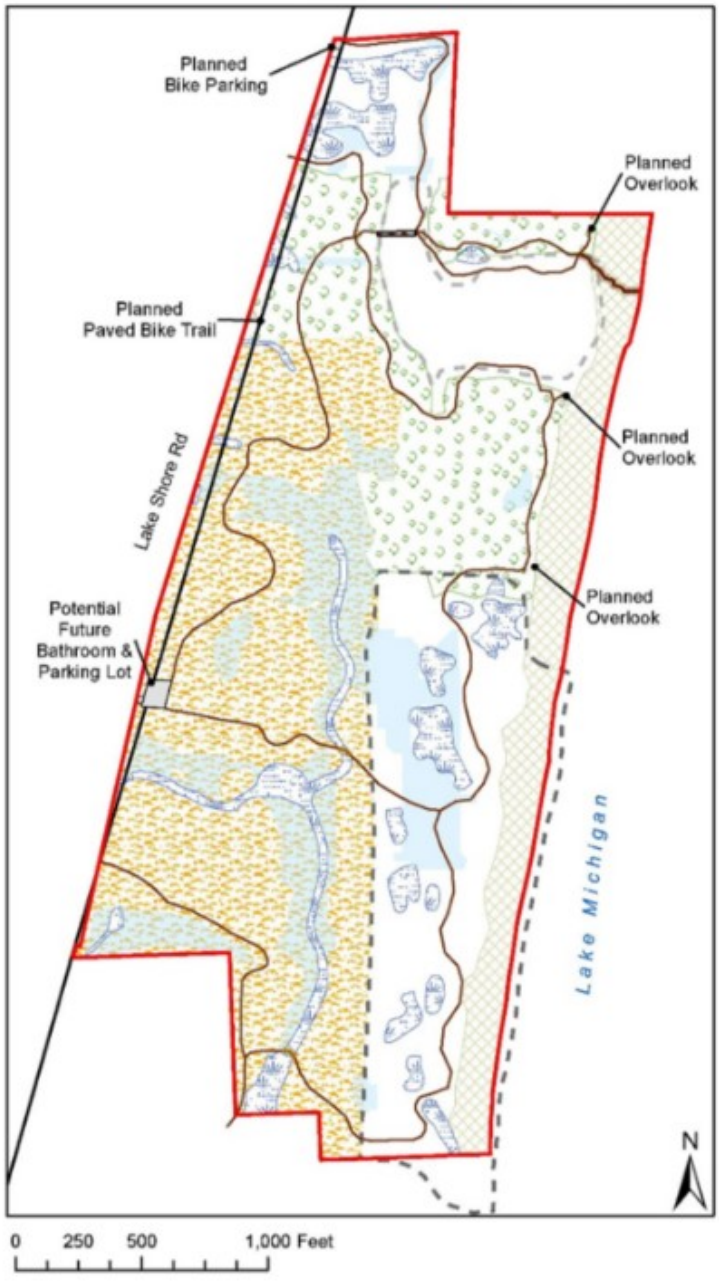
Critical wildlife habitat areas and unique natural spaces, such as the dramatic cedar-lined gorge descending to the shoreline will be preserved for future generations to enjoy forever!

*We can **protect** the natural beauty of Lake Michigan's shoreline **today**.*

## Strong Partnerships

*"The number of Ozaukee County citizens that have used our county parks over the past two months indicates how important the availability of open space is to public health. We have worked hard with our county staff and partners like the OWLT to make sure they are accessible. There are few opportunities to keep special places like Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs available to the public."*

- *Lee Schlenvogt, Chairman for Ozaukee County*



*"The City of Port Washington is pleased that this project balances the future residential and business development in the City. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve the recreation opportunities and scenic shoreline views that make the City of Port Washington a first class Lake Michigan community. I know that Port Washington residents and visitors are going to love this preserve."*

- *Martin Becker,*
  *Mayor of City of Port Washington*

WORKING TOGETHER

*Photos of Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve courtesy of Ozaukee County*

*Map produced by Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department (May, 2020)*

# Preserve Forever.

## YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The race is on to conserve Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs nature preserve. We need your help to protect this unspoiled natural area in our special corner of Wisconsin.

As part of OWLT's contract to purchase the property, we have to meet certain fundraising benchmarks. To meet these requirements, we need strong financial support from the community for this once-in-a-lifetime Lake Michigan project to become a reality.

## YOUR LEGACY

To make a forever-lasting difference in our community is a rare opportunity. The Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs acquisition is exactly that opportunity. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to preserve 131 acres of Lake Michigan land to support community well-being, provide wildlife habitats, and protect nature's health.

Supporting the protection of this land today is a legacy that will last forever!

*Together, we can* ***preserve*** *a legacy for generations to enjoy* ***forever****!*

## Why Now?

In 2020 we witnessed our world transform during a global health pandemic and people have taken on a new perspective of life. The line between essentials and luxuries has been clarified. A key essential is the need to spend time in nature as evidenced by the substantial increase in visitors to OWLT preserves.

During this time, your investment in Ozaukee Washington Land Trust's nearly three decades of protecting natural areas is paying off. Our preserves are refuges for residents of our two-counties and several neighboring communities.

Together our supporters have made an impact for the many people that find a sense of peace on the OWLT preserves.

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# Lion's Den Gorge: A Snapshot of Today and View Into the Future

## OWLT & Ozaukee County Partnership Preserve

**Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve's 73-acres offers extensive hiking trails and tremendous views from the 90-foot tall bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan. Thanks to the partnership between OWLT and Ozaukee County twenty years ago, this beautiful land is forever protected.**

**Located just north of Lion's Den Gorge, the proposed Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs Natural Area will build upon the success of this beloved community nature preserve with more recreation opportunities and expanded wildlife habitat.**

"We had a great time at the Lion's Den Gorge and can't wait to get back in the fall to shoot some pictures when the leaves start changing colors. We also really enjoy spending time at the Sauk Creek Nature Preserve, the waterfall and scenery are always a treat to behold." - Jeff & Brody

"We had a blast at the Lion's Den Gorge. Great place to enjoy nature and view the scenery." – Juan

"My husband and I hiked at Lion's Den Gorge and absolutely loved the views from the bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan, as well as the hiking trails. We decided to venture back north from Gurnee to Donges Bay Gorge. We loved this hidden gem!" - Kim

"Our family is so grateful to OWLT for preserving such beautiful, natural spaces for our family to explore and enjoy. We spent extensive time this summer visiting different preserves and it not only allowed our children to enjoy the natural wonders our world has to offer, but renewed our sense of gratitude for the beautiful area in which we live. From the rocks, frogs, fish, trees, flowers, ponds, and of course beautiful Lake Michigan, every one of us learned something new just by spending time together outside at the preserves. We look forward to many more mini-adventures with our children in these natural spaces, that they too have grown to greatly appreciate at their tender age, as they continue to grow." - Rehana

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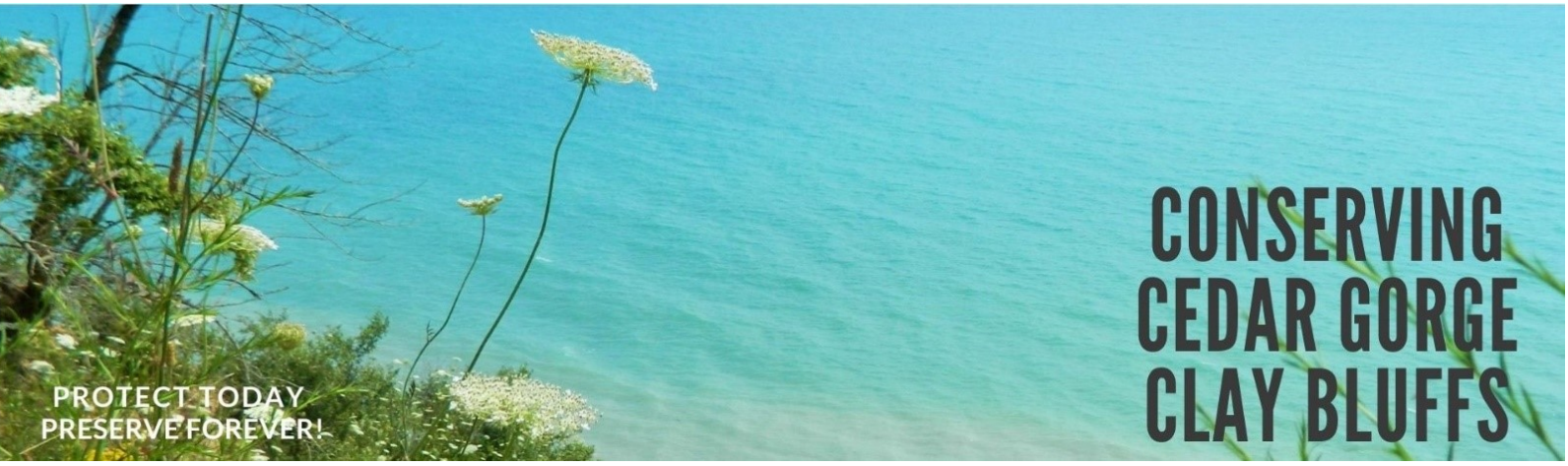


## PLEDGE FORM

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Donor name(s):_____
Address:_____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email:_____

By signing below, I/we are committing to the following donation/pledge to Conserve Cedar Gorge Clay Bluffs!

Signature:_____

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### Pledge

Amount: _____ Anonymous: Yes ❍ No ❍

Honorarium ❍ Memorial ❍ If either is checked indicate name(s): _____

❍ I am fulfilling the entire pledge at this time. If checked complete information below.
❍ I will pay the entire pledge at a later date. Indicate date if known: _____
❍ I would like to pay in installments of $ _____ Weekly ❍ Monthly ❍ Beginning on _____
❍ Invoice for these payments ❍ Process my CC for these payments (complete below)

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### Payment Options (if applicable)

❍ Check Enclosed ❍ Invoice me (c/o)_____
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