



### Connector Parcel Grant



Headwaters Trails continues to move forward with the vision of a network of connecting trails throughout the Northwest Oakland area. The Highland Equestrian Land Conservancy and Headwaters Trails have been granted \$10,000 to purchase a segment of the connecting land for such a trail between Highland Oaks and Rose Oaks Parks. When completed this will be a multi-use trail open to the public. These funds were made possible by Breyer Horses, a maker and distributor of Equine models. Thank you to **Sharon Greene** of HEC who had the foresight to apply for this national grant, and to Equestrian Land Conservancy Resource, the funder.

### Update on Gill Property

We have negotiated a conservation easement with North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy to preserve one acre of land along the Shiawassee River at Fish Lake Road. We purchased this land from **Susan Gill** in 2008. The easement allows Headwaters Trails to build a parking area and landing for canoes and kayaks and at the same time minimize the impact on the environment. We will be applying for more grants and seeking other funding sources to complete our project. We also need your continued support and donations to pay off the purchase loan.

### CAER & Shiawassee River Trail

**Sara McDonnell** (810-424-5489) from CAER, (Center for Applied Environmental Research) at the University of Michigan – Flint has sought our assistance in developing the Shiawassee River Heritage Water Trail through Genesee County. Sara's work included meeting with other local organization and community leaders in Holly, Fenton, Linden, Argentine, Byron and beyond. Sara has applied for a Community Foundation of Greater Flint / Fenton Community Fund grant for signage along the river and a landing at McCaslin Lake Road in Argentine Township. All communities involved will be using signage similar to those developed and used by Headwaters Trails, Inc.

### WIN Grant

Our WIN grant, (Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network) will be used for signage along the Shiawassee River. Signs include mile markers, interpretive kiosks at Strom Park in Fenton and Waterworks Park in Holly. Drawings by **Gayle Vandercook** are near completion and the markers should be in place by the canoe race this spring.

### Outdoor Life Magazine

Headwaters Trails has received national recognition for the river trail work that we are doing from *Outdoor Life* magazine. We thank **Willi Gutmann** for submitting our name.

### Headwaters Trails Officers

**Heidi Nevison** has joined our team as treasurer. Our other officers are **Sue Julian**, president, **Doug Lanyk**, vice president and **Mary Blanchard**, secretary. The directors are **Dot LaLone**, **Chuck Julian**, **Merle Richmond** and **Christopher Baum**. Meetings are held the first Wednesday each month at Holly's Village Council offices, 7:00PM.

This month's meeting is December 10

### Raffle-Raffle-Raffle

With all of our efforts to create and maintain a variety of trails, we need funds in addition to grants and donation. For the first time we are having a raffle! The prizes are:

1. **Walden Adirondack** kayak w/ paddle and many accessories (\$1000 +)
2. Three day weekend of your choice at Sue and Chuck's cottage on Old Mission Peninsula (\$500+)
3. \$100 in gift cards to local sporting goods stores

Tickets can be purchase through December 12 from any board member, the French Laundry or Cycle Fit in Fenton, Linden Toy Factory & Bear Creek Coffee in Linden, Coleman and Sons Garage in Holly and White's Landing in Argentine. For information and/or tickets call **Maggie Yerman, chairman** (810-735-9570)

### Full Moon Nature Walk

Join us. for a **FREE** evening nature walk at Camp Copneconic on Fenton Rd. **Friday, December 12.** Meet us in Allan Hall at 7:00. We'll walk through the trails to enjoy the winter landscape under the influence of a full moon. A roaring fire, hot chocolate bar and desserts will be awaiting our return. Please enjoy our display explaining our achievements and goals for river and land trails. Tickets for Headwaters Trails raffle will be available. ***We'll end the evening with a drawing for the winners.*** RSVP 810-735-9570

### Abitibi Paper Bins

An easy way to help Headwaters Trails earn money and "go green" is to deposit junk mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogues.... in the yellow and green Abitibi bins located at Holly Elementary and Holly High Schools on Maple/East Holly Rd..

### Thank you to our volunteers

Thanks to our many wonderful volunteers. We have had people with a variety of skills step forward such as **Jolyn Vita**, who assisted us with our taxes last year and **Doug Lanyk** who has kept our river clear. There is a place in our organization for you and your talents.

### 2008 Public Events

We had quite a busy year promoting trails. Headwaters Trails sponsored \* or were present at the following events.

Trails Summit, U of M Flint  
Quiet Water Symposium, East Lansing  
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Expo  
\*Kayaking instruction  
\*Holly to Fenton Canoe Race  
\*Fishing Tournament  
\*Holly to Fenton river clean-up  
Fenton to Lake Ponemah river clean-up  
Linden to Argentine river clean-up  
\*Hot Ride  
\*Rose Township Millpond clean-up  
\*Ride the Rose  
Linden's Sizzle on the Shore  
\*Canoeing in Color from Holly Waterworks Park to Strom Park in Fenton

We have two more events December 6 & 12, Linden's Holiday Happening Parade (6<sup>th</sup>) and Camp Copneconic Full Moon Walk (12<sup>th</sup>).

### Volunteer opportunities

We will be repeating many of the events from the past year in 2009. We also have on-going projects that need attention. You can help:

- ...restore the Waterworks building
- ...assist in clerical work at our headquarters
- ...update and maintain our website
- ...set up and take down displays at events
- ...participate in fundraising activities
- ...install signage along the river trail
- ...clear the river of deadfall and debris
- ...plant native species along the river and trails
- ...maintain our multi-use trails
- ...participate in your community's efforts in trail development

We have moved our headquarters to the old Rose Township offices off Milford Road. We greatly appreciate the use of this space. Our address is P.O. Box 33, Holly 48442-0033, phone: 248-634-3513

You can find out more about us at  
[www.headwaterstrailsinc.org](http://www.headwaterstrailsinc.org)