

Thumb Land Conservancy NEWS

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12.35-Acre Algonquin Power Wetland Mitigation Preserve Huron Township, Huron County

In September, Algonquin Power of Oakville, Ontario, Canada hired the TLC as the steward of their 12.35-acre wetland preserve in Huron County, located about 3 miles west of Port Hope, Michigan. Since that time, Huron County produced the required conservation easement signs for us, and those need to be installed soon. The most immediate stewardship concern on the preserve is control of Japanese Barberry, an invasive non-native shrub that covers a large part of the east edge of the preserve. This will require cutting and application of herbicide to the cut stems remaining above ground.

We are planning to work on the preserve each remaining weekend in November as weather permits. Our first work day will be next Saturday, November 12, starting at 12:00 noon. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact us. We have room in our car to give 2 people a ride up to the site if you want to meet us here at the TLC office no later than 11:00 AM. Otherwise, a map to the site is provided below. The easiest way to the preserve is to take M-25 1 mile north of Port Hope to Moeller Road, then go west about 3 miles to Brining Road, then take Brining Road (which looks more like a driveway) south about ¼ mile to the end in the farm field adjacent to the preserve where we will meet.

The TLC office, our house, is located at 4975 Maple Valley Road, exactly 4 miles north of Brown City, at the intersection of Index Road. Look for an old two-story brick farm house with a red sheet metal barn and two silos. We are across the road from Yoder's Storage Buildings.

You should bring an orange hat or other orange clothing, gloves, a long-handled pruner if you have one (we have 3 or 4), and something to drink. We will provide some food and water.



North Street Post Office and General Store Clyde Township, Saint Clair County

We are still working on cleaning up the old North Street post office and general store, and will be doing some minor roof patching this month. The TLC is officially partnering with the Clyde Historical Society to promote funding and restoration of this and other historical features in the Township. As mentioned in our previous e-mail, three CHS board members, Janet Kruger, Connie Bates, and Jim Bearss, attended our last TLC board meeting at the North Street property. Cheryl Collins, TLC President, also attended the CHS board meeting a few weeks ago. We will soon be issuing a press release and conducting other activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

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