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Boston Pond Acquisition – Progress Conserving the Hancock-Calumet Corridor

Guided by a well-defined strategic conservation plan, the KLT took an exciting step by acquiring a key parcel along US-41 and Boston Pond. Our plan for the Hancock-Calumet Corridor (H-CC) was framed to advance all areas of our mission, to catalyze organizational growth, and attract community support and recognition. The H-CC has been a priority area for over six years with plans to conserve the high elevation wetlands, diverse habitats and cultural resources at the heart of our service area. Building on our success with the Paavola Wetlands Preserve, we aim to connect large protected public areas like Calumet's Swedetown Recreation Area, the expanse of undeveloped land needed for the airport flyway, public lands at Boston Pond, Osceola Township's Electric Park Pavilion site, conservation easement projects in development, and extensive private acreage worthy of conservation, including an entire small stream watershed that has been studied for 30 years.

Our H-CC conservation goals gained more significance when US-41 from the Portage Lift Bridge to Copper Harbor was designated in 2006 as a National Scenic Byway: the *Copper Country Trail*. The establishment of the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) also influenced our vision and strategy for the H-CC project. Soon after the Paavola Wetlands Preserve expansion, the KLT staff began diligence steps in spring of 2007 to explore this acquisition.



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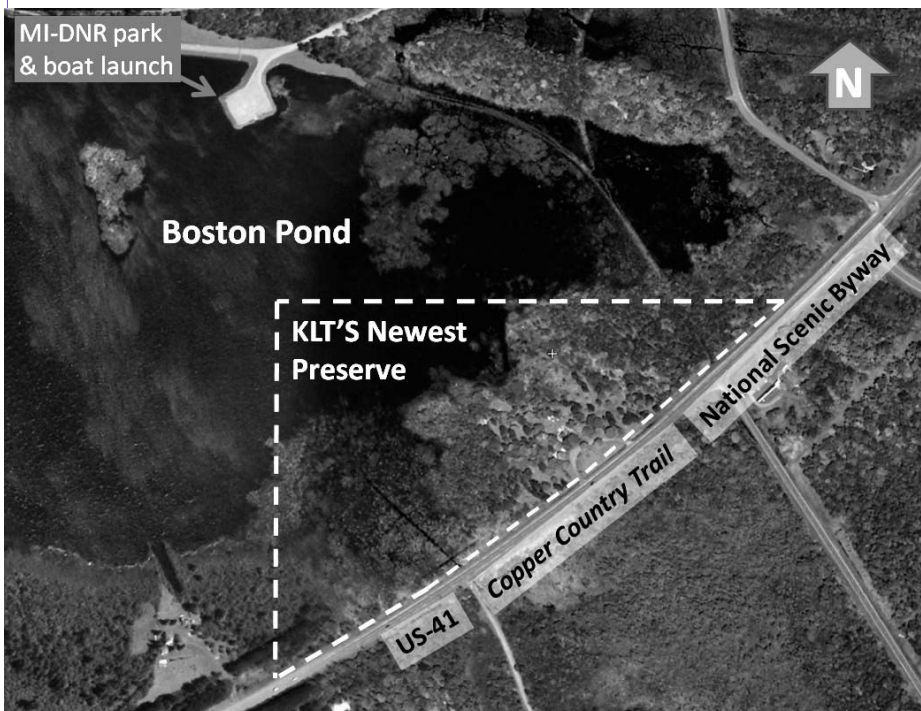
KLT Project Specialist Pat Toczydlowski discusses project ideas with Jon Yoder at the property this past June. Jon is nationally recognized for developing community-based education strategies and has assisted the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative. He viewed the property and our Hancock-Calumet Corridor goals as a tremendous opportunity to engage students and the community to further our mission, "a must do project for KLT".

The property was being marketed by motivated sellers during the spring and summer months of this year, and interest from other prospective buyers grew as the site was being cleaned up in preparation for sale. The KLT board believed that this was a critical opportunity for our program,

that the purchase terms were good, and that the project was low risk and thereby approved purchase. The KLT was fortunate to work with friendly and accommodating sellers, as landowners Jack and Cheryl Poynter helped make for a smooth transaction. The parcel's acreage is subject to the water level of Boston Pond but from current aerial photos measures about 25 acres, largely wetlands, with about 900 feet of Boston Pond shoreline and about 2400 feet of US-41 frontage.

The property has an interesting history. Many decades ago it was home to a resort with cabins and a tavern. The crumpled tavern structure and the resort's sign frame were all that remained from that era. A small manufactured home served as a residence until recent years. During a land contract that ultimately failed, the Poynter's saw the

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The President's Corner

Thank you to all of the people who give so freely of their time, funds and creative energies to enable the Keweenaw Land Trust (KLT) to successfully pursue its Mission: A Community Partner protecting land, water and quality of life through conservation, stewardship, and education. They are dedicated to the Keweenaw's land and communities, helping others by conserving our resources so future generations will be able to know and enjoy the quality of life and resources we have today. Together they make the KLT the voice for protection of land and water and continuing quality of life in the western UP. I welcome three new board members: Phil Musser, Shelly Smith and Patricia Van Pelt, who bring new diversity, new ideas, new hope, new skills and, yes, new dedication to our mission.

How about a brief tour of the KLT website to learn about our organization and some of the things we have going on? We start at <http://www.keweenawlandtrust.org/>. Click on the *Our Organization* pull-down menu at the top of the page that tells all, including information about members of the Board. By the way, each time you open the main webpage a different KLT protected land is featured. Want to see them all? To me they are the fun part – the cause of joy for generations to come! Find the *Special Places* menu and click on *Protected Lands* to reveal a Keweenaw map with the list of KLT protected lands - click on each one to learn their whole story.

Did you know that you and the general public can visit most of these KLT protected lands? Forever! No charge!! In fact, the KLT is planning several mini-trip events called ***KLT Outings*** to show people the protected areas, so stay tuned for announcements. These trips are fun and you can't help learning a lot about the land and the area.

Continuing with the *Special Places* menu, click on *Current Projects* to see what the KLT is up to. The first one, *The Hancock-Calumet Corridor*, is a hot topic right now because the future of a major educational thrust, community partnership, and resource protection program so important to our mission has just been secured by the purchase of a key property on US-41 just south of the airport. What?? An old resort site is that important? Well, yes! And some visionary donors thought so too! In the nick of time, and with cooperative sellers, these benefactors stepped up with funds to make the purchase possible. An outstanding loan of \$50,000 on the property is a burden that must be met, and for which we will need more help. This conservation corridor is not just US-41 which gets us there, it is the fantastic range of accessible wetlands and varied habitats reaching from the Paavola wetlands in the SE to Lake Superior on the NW shore. The vision represents an extensive linkage of conserved areas including Boston Pond and the Swedetown Recreation Area. The old resort site on US-41 is a central location that will serve as an education and stewardship center and could someday be the main location for the KLT office, our base of operations. Besides the land itself, the Corridor will link together many community and private partners, both present and future.

Last stop on our website tour, but not least, under the *Get Involved* menu, click on *Spread the Word*. It says there: "Do you know someone who you think would like to hear about the KLT? Maybe a friend, family member, or co-worker? We want to spread the word about the KLT, who we are, and what we do. Can you help? Fill out our online Spread the Word form and we'll contact your referrals". Thank you for taking time to "Spread the Word" about the KLT! The KLT needs your continuing help and support more than ever. Whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated by the communities and the land we love and serve on your behalf. — Doug Sherk

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Set Sail with a Tall Ship in June, 2009

We're planning a full event series for the return of the *S/V Denis Sullivan* to Lake Superior. Discovery World sends their recreated Great Lakes schooner to the Keweenaw for educational and KLT fundraising opportunities with a slate of 2-hour sails on Portage Lake. Michigan Tech University partners with us for two extended expeditions that can provide course content for continuing education credits. The 1st is the *Shipwrecks of Isle Royale*, combining traditional sailing techniques with high-tech video robots to explore history below the surface. The 2nd is the *Land to Sea* expedition highlighting KLT and regional conservation efforts, including passage through the Apostle Islands. Participate in an expedition, an afternoon sail on the Portage or get involved with volunteer opportunities. Group discounts will apply and past day sail events sold out early. Contact KLT at 906-482-0820 for info—visit www.discoveryworld.org to learn about the *S/V Denis Sullivan*.



Huron River Notes

By Catherine Andrews

For those who fish, the opportunity for observation and contemplation may be as meaningful as “hooking a keeper.” That may have been the case when Dave Cella arrived home after a day of fishing and mentioned to his wife, Marcy, that he had observed changes on the Huron River in Baraga and Marquette counties. Marcy’s response was, “If you are concerned, then do something about it!” After more than two years of inquiry and research, their non-profit group, Lake Superior’s Huron River Restoration, Inc. was created in 2007.

Photo by Rachel Toczydlowski



Kai Sharp, Al and Dave Toczydlowski follow the MI Corps protocol with the KLT team that sampled macro-invertebrates at two stations on the Huron River in April, 2008

The Cellas' effort led them to MI-DNR Fisheries Supervisor George Madison, who in turn scheduled the first Huron River Watershed Partnership (HRWP) meeting on February 21, 2008. Thirty-nine participants including state and local agency representatives, corporate and conservation representatives, and stakeholders initiated a plan to compile Huron River baseline data between July 7 and August 8, 2008 and to continue volunteer assessments. The Partnership’s mission is to “...cultivate sustained stakeholder involvement with the protection, education and enhancement of Lake Superior’s Huron River. In partnership with landowners, interested citizens, government agencies and private enterprise, we work to foster education understanding sustainable land management, along with ecosystem and water quality restoration and conservation.”

Madison and Bill Wellenkamp, Fisheries Technician, with assistance from Plum Creek and The Forestland Group, the majority landowners in the river basin, mapped 24 survey stations on the 87-mile long river system. Wellenkamp trained volunteer assessment teams on data collection procedures. A sister project coordinated by the Marquette County Conservation District was also implemented. Volunteers for that study were trained to collect macro-invertebrate samples in the spring and then again in the fall at 10 sites on the river.

All data has been submitted to the DNR in Baraga and a Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment Report is due out in the spring of 2009. Superior Watershed Partnership in Marquette, under the direction of Geri Larson, has become the umbrella group for HRWP and will be submitting a 319 Watershed Planning Grant Application with the DEQ for 2009 consideration. KLT participated in both volunteer water sampling efforts and continues to participate in the HRWP as an entity that can promote and pursue private land conservation within this watershed. With KLT’s project at Lightfoot Bay not far from the Huron River, conservation efforts in Baraga County are building.

When asked if he would have started his quest knowing what he knows now, Dave Cella replied, “I thought it would be a simple process in the beginning. I didn’t think it would take four years but, yes, I would do it because I think it’s worth it.”

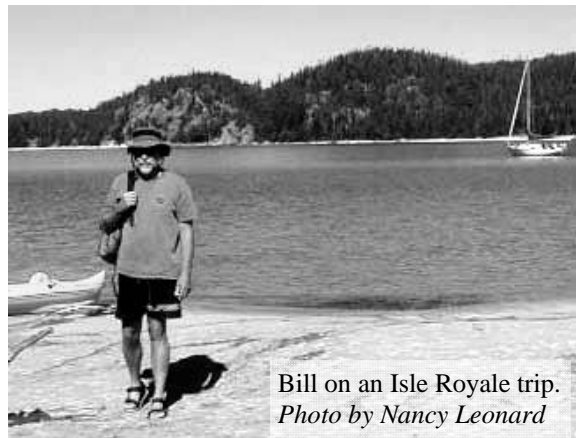
Meet KLT Board Member William Leonard

Bill, as most people know him, and his wife Nancy have owned and operated the Einerlei in Chassell for 33 years. They moved to the Keweenaw in the fall of 1973 seeking a place of natural wild spaces, solitude, a vast expanse of fresh water, unspoiled shoreline, and large amounts of snowfall.

Over the years Bill has been deeply involved in local government at the township level, historical preservation, and tourism but now he feels it is time to help preserve the natural aspects of the Keweenaw and the very reasons for moving here in the first place.

“It has become apparent that we cannot sit back and expect our government to protect the natural environment. This is why I have chosen to join the KLT. I believe that conservation organizations can and must help. With a background of Civil Engineering, experience in township governance, and as an owner of a small business, I feel that I bring a range of skills to the board.”

Whenever they can find the time, Bill and Nancy enjoy the great outdoors of the Keweenaw and you can find them either out sailing, hiking, biking, kayaking, or skiing.



Bill on an Isle Royale trip.
Photo by Nancy Leonard

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once charming residence and park-like property fall into disrepair before ownership reverted back to them.

The KLT had a different vision for this property. We imagined a roadside preserve along the US-41 *Copper Country Trail* that contributes to a network of conserved lands and trails, to serve as an outdoor classroom and eventually a visible and practical home for our office and community meeting space. Fortunately, hearing about our vision, this became the Poynter's preferred outcome for their property as well. **Moreover, this vision inspired a few major donors and lenders to commit the funds needed for this purchase.** Critical to our success was a \$50,000 no-interest loan to be paid back over 10 years.

Future plans for this property are substantial. We first want to expand on the trail east of the main clearing to explore more of the varied habitats and provide more access sites to Boston Pond. A launch for canoes and kayaks would be a nice enhancement. We would like to provide picnic tables for visitors, and kiosks highlighting regional points of interest, recreational opportunities, and local conservation organizations and their stewardship activities. We would like to construct a modest pavilion and encourage year-round use.



Photo by Evan

Sibling volunteers Mark and Rachel Hovel join Joe Kaplan on an inspection tour of the Boston Pond property in August, 2008.

Once the loan is paid, we can build more equity and expand our conservation message by constructing a *home* office and community space that promotes “green” design, energy efficiency and adaptive re-use of both materials and the site. We envision ample meeting space and resources for our board, work teams, training events, and most importantly K-12 students and LSSI project teams. Teachers have told us that this type of facility, immersed in the outdoor classrooms of our preserve lands, would be a tremendous educational asset. This approach offers a practical, proactive and essential means to keep our mission alive and effective across the generations. Volunteers are already fleshing out ideas for this property and the KLT's H-CC project, but the vision and benefits have already been praised by donors and potential funders.

We hope KLT members agree and lend their support—let us know what you think!

KLT Hits the Books to ACE the Course

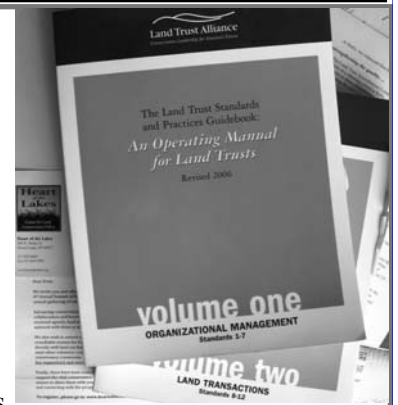
Michigan has some catching up to do. Recent studies show that Michigan ranks near the bottom for both state and private funding for natural resource conservation relative to other states. Given the natural and cultural richness

of Michigan's landscape, the miles of shoreline and connections to four of the Great Lakes, the past and potential extractive activities of mining and logging, and the vulnerability of much of these lands to fragmentation and unfettered development, the current level of support for land conservation is not acceptable. With a great need and the potential to accomplish more conservation and resource stewardship, a new effort is underway.

Advancing Conservancy Excellence (ACE) is a coordinated strategy helping Michigan land trusts make organizational improvements and build capacity to meet our conservation challenges. The ACE program was established with funding from several private foundations, including the Carls Foundation, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Frey Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and Wege Foundation. The Land Trust Alliance (LTA), our national umbrella organization, and the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy (HOL), a Michigan counterpart to LTA, developed the ACE program and set important ACE milestones. The LTA-Midwest office and HOL are administering a phased program to provide guided Organizational Assessments with **LTA Standards and Practices** as benchmarks, technical assistance for organizational improvements, and capacity building implementation steps.

KLT Receives Dedicated Funding and an Americana Foundation Grant to Support ACE Program Success

The ACE program is competitive and KLT was accepted into the first funding round, receiving financial assistance (\$3,000) to cover most of the expenses for an LTA administered Organizational Assessment. Building on this support, KLT was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the **Americana Foundation** to maximize KLT's benefit and success with ACE. That grant helps fund KLT staff to accomplish the demands of the ACE process and will fund additional professional services to assist KLT with strategic planning and implementation based on the outcomes of our Organizational Assessment. We thank the Americana Foundation and all of the foundations supporting the ACE program to help make a bigger difference for conservation in Upper Michigan.



Reports from the Field

eagle
 I was interested in the bog, because we were standing on a pond covered by ground. I never knew that could happen.
 Dylan

When I learned that bogs are squishy.
 Caitlyn

to Lightfoot

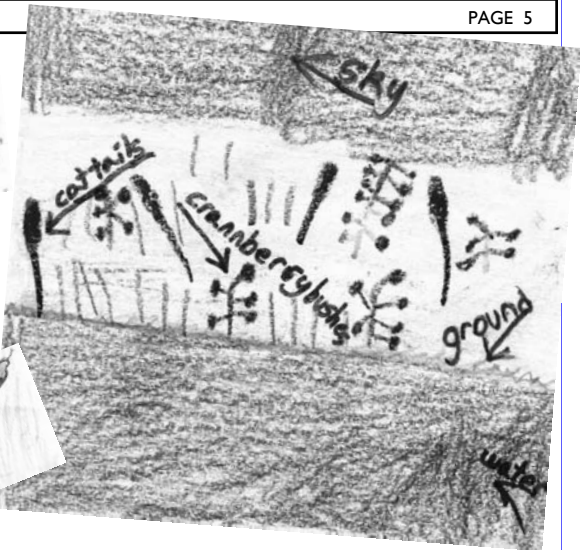


Photo by Pat Toczylowski

At left, students from C.J. Sullivan School at the Lightfoot Bay Preserve this past fall on a Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI) outing to learn the natural history of marshes and coastal wetlands. Some of their artwork inspired by the visit is shown above and more images are found at www.KeweenawLandTrust.org.

We recognize and thank the **Great Lakes Fishery Trust** that supported the creation of this Preserve and the LSSI program, both of which benefit the KLT.



KLT's Current Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative Projects:

- C.J. Sullivan 1st and 4th graders learn about wetlands, bays and beaches, land use and family history of the Lightfoot Bay area by conducting interviews as research for outreach materials.
- E.B. Holman 4th, 5th and 8th graders are establishing field plots at their school forest and the Marsin Preserve to sample trees, birds and salamanders for a long-term biodiversity database managed by the MTU Forestry & Environmental Resource Management program.
- Hancock Middle School students are studying the natural history and remains of a historic farmstead and will produce interpretive signs for the Paavola Wetlands Preserve.

Marsin Program Receives Design Ideas

The fall semester of a new Finlandia University design methods course was devoted to Marsin Center brainstorming. Under the guidance of Professor Rick Loduha, student teams tackled design challenges that produced ideas for site access, floor-plan improvements, esthetics, materials, signage, and even ideas for converting a pontoon boat to solar power. This course will prepare additional design recommendations as part of Finlandia's partnership with KLT to develop a sustainable Marsin Center.

Manitou Island Light Station The 2008 Manitou program benefitted from a generous \$1000 contribution from the **Copper Country Audubon Club** and continued grant funding from the **Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP)**. Work teams made great progress with the interior and exterior of the Lightkeeper's building and the site, making it far more visually and physically inviting. Joe Kaplan and Chris Williams submitted a 2009 MLAP grant request for work on the historic crib dock to improve safety and access.



Students and instructors in BHK-Child Development's *Great Explorations* (GE) summer 2008 program break for lunch at the Marsin Nature Retreat Center. The GE series brought hundreds of area youth to the Marsin Center for a diverse outdoor experience. Plans for the 2009 GE program at Marsin are in progress.

Photo by Evan

Notes from KLT Executive Director Evan McDonald

Can we lead by example?

This morning I had plans for my day and this column. With the byline “I love it when a plan comes together”, I was going to highlight KLT successes with a new preserve at Boston Pond and funding KLT received for the ACE program, all part of a grand plan. Then I turned on public radio while drinking my coffee. A show about personal sacrifice and community service came on. I decided to adjust my plan and listen before going to work. A few minutes into the program, I was completely intrigued and turned on my wife’s laptop (I owe her a neck rub by admitting this) to get some points from the conversation written down.

Themes were wide ranging about national trends, local opportunities, how sacrifice and service were portrayed in recent political campaigns, and how the financial meltdown bears on individual responses to the situation and societal needs. Wow! Guests on the show and some callers had experience with programs like Americorps, Peace Corps, and City Year. The conversation addressed sacrifice, call to service, volunteerism, personal commitment, civic engagement, shared challenges, and service learning.

With the current rash of economic turmoil and uncertainty, a guest asserted that volunteerism and service can be a response to such uncertainty, frustration and feeling of powerlessness. We can make a difference, we do have power to accomplish good, and we can find appreciation for personal effort in an impersonal world. Another guest related how personal service connects us with something larger, gives us a voice in our community, and lets us know that we are not alone in desiring to make things better.

Service learning, the educational approach to involve students with community projects, came up. A guest said that what we do in our schools reflects what we value in our society. A caller pointed out a potential pitfall in reflecting on how poor some young people’s service experiences were when the activities were required rather than voluntary - the contradiction of mandatory service is something I also wonder about. One guest responded that people should be *invited* to service not drafted and that service learning is an opportunity to lead by example. The program ended but my thoughts kept going.

I wondered why I sometimes work harder for a friend who asks for help than when I do work on my own home. It’s nice to be needed...but it might also be about tasks we *must* do versus tasks we *choose* to do. The mission and activities of non-profits is work that people choose to do. No one forces a community to have a land trust, a community arts center, youth mentoring programs or any of the other services provided by Copper Country non-profits. People get together and choose to pursue those things, and they work hard to accomplish worthy goals.

The radio program was not about a fad. The trends for increased individual service and calls for personal sacrifice are an intentional response to our societal condition and reflect noble aspirations.

For example, K-12 education should include the community as the classroom where community needs become the course problems to solve. This is the approach of the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative (LSSI), a strategy educators promote because it empowers young people, pairing them with community-minded individuals and organizations, and the number of students succeeding (reflected in grades, lower drop-out rates, and improved behavior) increases dramatically. Not everyone thrives facing a blackboard but most people care about where they live and blossom when they experience making a difference in their community.

The economic downturn has me worried because I believe it threatens not only our financial well-being, but our community and landscape as well. Some may be tempted to abandon good plans and goals, to make decisions for short-term solutions, reacting to fear or frustration. But uncertainty and financial hardship can help clarify what really matters, and I believe KLT’s plan to improve our community with projects in the Hancock-Calumet Corridor and through the LSSI does matter. Yes, it will take sacrifice, commitment, and service to attain these higher goals. We will make tough choices as individuals, families, and organizations. But if we know we are in it together, choosing to make sacrifices and joining together in service will be easier and our efforts more successful. We can lead our community through the uncertainty.

A few months ago at a community event Phillip Johnson, the President of Finlandia University, asked how the KLT and I were doing. I said it’s been tough lately. He smiled a knowing smile and told me to stick with it, adding “nothing worthwhile is ever easy.” I agreed with Phillip then and I agree with him now. The coming months and years will determine what we, as individuals and as a community, are made of. The KLT mission is a good plan for our community and I *invite* you to support it.

Evan



Evan and Merv figuring out a plan. Merv wants to lead. Photo by L. Meyer

Breaking News: This month KLT recorded a conservation easement on a 120-acre Chamberlain Lake parcel, a private holding in the Ottawa National Forest, and part of our *Inland Lakes* program. Several easement projects are nearing completion—watch for reports.

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Marsin Nature Retreat Center \$_____

KLT General Operations Endowment \$_____

I would like to set up direct deposit to support KLT throughout the year

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KLT Says Farewell to the *TalviTohinat*...

The TalviTohinat was initiated by former KLT Director Christian Giardina in January, 2006 as not only a fun winter fitness community event, but as a service project for MTU students to help support a local land conservation organization. The event was aptly named the TalviTohinat, or "Winter Scramble" in Finnish, to note both its contribution to the Heikinpaiva festival and its parallel to the HorseTail Scramble, our annual summer event. Afton Sather-Knutsen was an outstanding event volunteer and MTU graduate student who was interested in adding a ski-jor race, where a skier forms a team with a harnessed dog or two. This proved popular with dog lovers and spectators for the last two years. The task of running the Talvi, however, proved to be more than the student group could sustain. KLT Director Ann Mayo-Kiely and her family took over the bulk of the responsibility of administering the race for the last two years, tapping the energy of interested students, along with recruiting and directing the many volunteers needed. Last year's event required over 310 hours from 38 volunteers to run.

All of these key organizers have left the community for exciting opportunities in places like Hawaii, Alaska, and even China (where Afton conducts his graduate research!), leaving the future of the TalviTohinat uncertain. In addition to the loss of key people, insurance coverage for ski events is becoming increasingly costly to obtain. The KLT

decided that while it's been a great three years, we will retire the TalviTohinat as a KLT event. We hope another group can step up to offer a skijor event, or a skate-style ski race to complement the long-running Chassell Classic striding race as did the Talvi on this open weekend in the regional ski race schedule. As for the KLT, we are excited to turn our energy to a new series of KLT events that we feel will better engage our volunteers, members and the community with our mission and year-round enjoyment of our protected lands.

...and Hello to *KLT Outings*!

Starting this January we will embark on an exciting series of new events, called *KLT Outings*. These will be opportunities for members and the community at large to get to know KLT protected areas. It will also be an opportunity to get out, have fun, and learn more about everything from conservation easements to ice fishing, wetland ecology to winter survival skills, animal tracking to mushroom hunting, snowshoeing to sustainable forestry. *KLT Outings* will be free and open to the public. We will certainly welcome donations for those who are excited about our mission. Some events will be limited in size, so will require advance registration. Visit our website (www.KeweenawLandTrust.org) for more details to be posted later this month. If you would like to be involved in leading, helping with or sponsoring these outings contact Erik Lilleskov (lillesk@mtu.edu).



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**Consider a year-end gift to
your local land trust!**

Special Appeal:

Please donate or make a pledge toward our most recent land acquisition at Boston Pond, a key step for our Hancock-Calumet Corridor conservation plan

The KLT needs help to pay off an outstanding loan of \$50,000 used to secure our newest preserve at Boston Pond and make progress with our plan for the Hancock-Calumet Corridor. Other steps in our strategy hinge on successful and timely completion of the fundraising for this property.



A view from the air shows MI-DNR lands in the foreground, the new KLT **Boston Pond Preserve** just beyond, then US-41 traversing the landscape and along the Paavola Wetlands Preserve to the right, with Portage Lake on the horizon.
Thanks to Doug McKenzie for the over-flight.

Support this land purchase and help us reach our long-term strategic goals:

- **Outdoor classroom & living laboratory** for area schools and universities, including the K-12 Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative.
- Trail systems and **enhanced public access** for recreation and education.
- **Raise KLT's profile** with the community and visitors with a highly visible location along the Copper Country Trail—National Scenic Byway.
- **Build equity** with a future home for the KLT office and a community stewardship center. This property has an existing foundation, driveway and parking to construct a green, energy efficient, and handicap accessible structure.

Please help keep our momentum going and the KLT growing!