



Gates Mills Land Conservancy

A local non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the natural and scenic resources in the Village of Gates Mills

March 2010

A Bird Sanctuary Preserved!!!

The Gates Mills Land Conservancy and the Village of Gates Mills teamed up to conserve almost 80 acres bordering Carpenter Rd. In this transaction that closed at the end of 2009, the Conservancy acquired the development rights on 23 acres, along with a conservation easement on the remaining 54 acres that was donated by the Village.

This large natural habitat, also known as the "Bird Sanctuary", borders Carpenter Rd. and stretches from Old Mill Rd. on the South to Mayfield Rd. to the North, and from the Chagrin River on the East up the hill to Settler's Ridge on the West. Tying in with an adjacent 10.5-acre parcel owned by the Cleveland MetroParks, a total of some 90 acres are preserved in that area of the Village.

Most of this Carpenter Rd. property was originally gifted to the Village by S. Prentiss and Lillian Baldwin and about 7 acres by Walter and Evelyn Kinder, all between 1943 and 1950. Their wish was that it be preserved and used as a bird sanctuary.

And what a sanctuary!! This largest remaining natural habitat in Gates Mills includes undisturbed hillside, ravines, old growth hemlock beech forest and floodplain along the Chagrin River. Botany and wildlife experts from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History surveyed the property in June and found that it supports five mature forest canopy birds nesting areas, including the State threatened Dark-Eyed Junco. The Carpenter Rd. parcel represents the largest piece of property protected by the Conservancy since its inception in 1996 bringing the total acres preserved in the Village to 548 acres of which the Conservancy owns 166 acres in fee and 382 acres under conservation easements.

The Conservancy is proud to have partnered with the Village to permanently preserve this land to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Please Recycle!

Bring your newspaper, magazines, unwanted mail and computer paper to our Abitibi bins. Use the drive between Town Hall and the Community House. The bins are right inside the gates which are open from 8-4 daily.

To recycle your plastic and glass, use blue bags with your weekly trash pick up.



Upcoming GMLC events

March: Our **membership** campaign has kicked off with letters to all Villagers.
March 17: **SplitEstate** at Library 7pm
April 6: Last day to enter the **Focus on Nature** photography contest.
June 5: **Race for the Green**

Contact Us

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Membership

Your membership dues support our operating costs; the levy is for land conservation. We need your participation to support our mission.

- MEMBER \$ 50+
- CONSERVATOR \$ 100+
- GUARDIAN \$ 500+
- STEWARD \$1000+

Find Us On Your Computer or Smart Phone

for the latest, most up-to-date news.
Our website:
www.gatesmillslandconservancy.com
We are also on www.Facebook.com
(search:Gates Mills Land Conservancy)
www.twitter.com/gmconservancy

SplitEstate: Documentary Film Thursday, March 18
Sponsored by the NEOGAP and the Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Join the Gates Mills Land Conservancy and the Northeast Ohio Gas Accountability Project (NEOGAP) on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Burton Court of the Gates Mills Library for a viewing of ***SplitEstate***, a 76 minute documentary about the social, environmental, and health costs of natural gas and oil production in the western United States. Become informed about what has happened in these states where gas and oil well drilling is rampant.

What you don't know can hurt you! This is an important film for concerned citizens to learn about how to change current industry practices, and make the gas and oil drilling industry accountable to the communities in which it operates. While the unique circumstances differ here in Ohio, this documentary provides insight into the universal politics among governmental entities, gas and oil interests, and citizens in residential areas rich in these natural resources.

Split Estate www.splitestate.com is produced and directed by Debra Anderson. It is distributed by bulldogfilms www.bullfrogfilms.com . NEOGAP is at www.neogap.org

Focus on Nature: Photography Contest
Sponsored by The Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Enter your favorite photograph in our 2nd annual **Nature in Photography** contest. Winning photograph will be displayed at the Gates Mills Art Show as well as on the cover of our Annual Dinner and Meeting invitation. Deadline for entries is April 6.

CONTEST DETAILS

- ❖ PRINTS MUST BE 5"X7" OR 8"X10" THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE FRAMED
- ❖ PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN IN GATES MILLS
- ❖ ENTRIES ACCEPTED THROUGH **APRIL 6th**

Bring your photo to the GMLC box in the lobby of Gates Mills Town Hall or **mail** to GMLC, P.O. Box 13, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040.

Questions: email gatesmillstrust@sbcglobal.net or call 440-424-0135.

ATTACH THIS ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Background on photo:

Where it was taken _____

When it was taken _____

Who took the picture _____

This information is also available on our website www.gatesmillslandconservancy.com.