



October 16th, 2025

RE: Support for Preserving Sibley Prairie in Brownstown Township, Wayne County (MI)

Dear Review Committee,

The Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club strongly supports the Michigan Land Conservancy's proposal to acquire and restore 440 acres within the Sibley Prairie complex. This project will protect a rare lakeplain prairie and wetland ecosystem of statewide significance while improving water quality, enhancing biodiversity, and strengthening climate resilience in the Detroit River watershed.

With more than 10,000 members and supporters across Metro Detroit, the Sierra Club has a longstanding commitment to expanding outdoor recreation and environmental education opportunities for underserved metropolitan areas. Our Wildlife and Wildlands Committee engages in advocacy, public education, and grassroots action to help protect, preserve, and restore Michigan's native wildlife and wildlands. Restoring and protecting Sibley Prairie will not only provide accessible nature experiences close to home but also help mitigate the effects of climate change by preserving carbon-sequestering habitats and improving ecological connectivity.

We commend the Michigan Land Conservancy and its partners in the Save Sibley Prairie Coalition for their leadership and urge your full support of this proposal. We are proud to be part of the local coalition working to save this important natural area.

Sincerely,

Ken Jacobsen

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee Chair

Sierra Club, Southeast Michigan Group

Website Reference Link: <https://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/southeast-michigan/blog/2025/10/support-preserving-sibley-prairie-brownstown-township>