



January 26th, 2026
Save Sibley Prairie Coalition
c/o Michigan Land Conservancy
10325 Cherry Hill Rd
Superior Township, MI 48198

We, East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC), write this in support of the Save Sibley Prairie Coalition and of their goal to acquire 440 acres of parkland through Fritz Enterprises Inc. EMEAC recognizes the importance of protecting our ecosystems, especially as Michigan's lakeplain prairies continue to disappear due to farming, industry, and residential and commercial development. We uphold, above all, community self-determination and community leadership in forging climate solutions and believe that projects like that to save the Sibley Prairie exemplify ingenious grassroots leadership.

Saving the Sibley Prairie will protect this globally rare ecosystem and create new environmental opportunities for Michiganders to take advantage of. This land houses legally protected and concerned species such as the tall green milkweed, American bumble bees, Duke's skipper butterfly, gray birch, Blanding's turtle, regal fern borer, and various other species that are crucial to this diverse landscape. The lakeplain prairie serves to protect water quality, reduce flood risks, and create more opportunities for public recreation such as nature studying, environmental education, and hiking.

EMEAC's mission is to protect and restore land, air, water, and diversity of life through informed personal and public action, using African spiritual principles and grassroot movements of people around the world to guide our practices and programming. Supporting the Sibley Prairie Coalition moves to protect natural habitat in Southeast Michigan, as well as the life and sovereignty of our community members who live in (or seek to live in) right relationship with our natural habitat.

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