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Save Sibley Prairie Coalition
c/o Michigan Land Conservancy
10325 Cherry Hill Rd.
Superior Township, MI 48198

Mission

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy conserves natural land and open space - including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty - to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.

Dear Save Sibley Prairie Coalition,

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) fully supports the effort to protect the 440-acre Fritz Enterprises, Inc. property located at King, Sibley and Telegraph roads in Brownstown Township, Wayne County. This effort is being led by the Save Sibley Prairie Coalition, of which SMLC is a member.

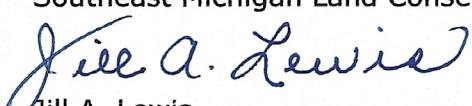
This property is located in the Sibley Road prairie complex as noted in the Michigan Natural Features Inventory's (MNFI) 1995 "A Survey of Lakeplain Prairie in Michigan" report. This is a longstanding reference for organizations working to protect the globally rare lakeplain prairie in the Township.

The Report notes that the Sibley Road complex is the largest prairie remnant in the Township and many years ago the State of Michigan's DNR and two conservation organizations protected small parcels within this complex to begin the land protection efforts there. One of these organizations was SMLC. Since then SMLC has wholly protected and undertaken restoration for another prairie remnant, the Beech-Daly Road site. This is located at our Sibley Prairie Nature Preserve-West Prairie site located along West Road. Adding the Fritz property to the already protected lands within the Sibley Road complex would be a huge uplift for local lakeplain prairie land preservation including rare native plants.

Lakeplain Prairie is one of SMLC's top 3 conservation priorities and thus, we are strongly supportive of this land protection effort succeeding. The benefits to wildlife and the public are immeasurable given that it is located in a landscape mosaic of industrial enterprises, rural lands and residential neighborhoods. Historically, development pressure here has been high. To be able to protect such a large tract of contiguous land is not only rare in southeast Michigan but invaluable to southeast Michigan residents and visitors.

Finally, this opportunity is bringing attention to lakeplain prairie land protection as an important cultural preservation effort as well. The property has the potential to be a beautiful publicly-accessible site and could become the largest protected lakeplain prairie property in southeast Michigan. For these reasons it is a high priority to conserve.

Sincerely,
Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy


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