



## *Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy*

### **Mission**

*The mission of Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy is to preserve and protect valuable land and water resources for the benefit of the public, as well as for the wildlife dependent on these resources, in order to maintain quality of life, biological diversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations.*

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### NEWS RELEASE

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**GLENDAL, Wisconsin (July 11, 2012)** - Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC), a private non-profit land trust, recently acquired 3.7 acres of woodland in the city of Glendale. The project was a cooperative effort between MALC, WE Energies, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The property, now known as the Sidney Woodlands Preserve, was secured using a land donation from WE Energies as a match to a grant from the Department's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Neighbors contacted MALC after noticing a for sale sign posted on the land in May of 2010. The woodland serves as a buffer by separating homes from railroad tracks and the adjacent industrial development. Neighbors enjoy a rural aesthetic in a densely populated city. Monica McKee, who worked closely with MALC as a legal advisor and volunteer through the two-year process of obtaining the grant and acquiring the property, lives nearby. She stated, "These woods are such a rare treasure to find here in the city. I love watching the changes in the plants and birdlife throughout the seasons. The property has been undisturbed for over 80 years, and walking through the old-growth forest is peaceful and calming. Our neighborhood would be forever changed if we had lost this significant resource."

Sidney Woods is a healthy forest of beech, oak and maple, with small wetlands, and as many as 136 native plant species. "MALC holds title to some of the most diverse natural systems remaining in Milwaukee County," MALC's president, Don Dorsan said. "After reviewing naturalist Richard Barloga's plant inventory, our Board of Directors was excited to support preservation efforts." Diverse and intact natural systems such as this are often not available in developed areas and provide important resting areas for migratory and year round resident birds. The woodland is open to the public for quiet reflection and soft recreational uses.

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy is a land trust promoting the conservation of important natural habitats in the greater Milwaukee area. More information on Sidney Woods, MALC and the organization's other properties can be found at [www.mkeconservancy.org](http://www.mkeconservancy.org).

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