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Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy - Mission Statement

To preserve and protect land and water resources with significant conservation or open space value for the benefit of the public, and the wildlife that depends upon them, in order to maintain quality of life, biological diversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations.



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LOCAL CONSERVANCY RECEIVES WATERSHED GRANT

FRANKLIN, Wisconsin (March 5, 2013) - Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC), a private non-profit land trust, has been selected by the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative (Root-Pike WIN) to receive \$9,775.00 toward watershed restoration at the Carity Prairie wetland complex located in the city of Franklin.

Grant funding will assist with enhancement and restoration of two riparian wetland management areas by eradicating brush and exposing the ground layer in preparation for native seed. Partners and volunteers will participate in seed collection prior to controlled burn management. Ecological restoration at the Carity parcel will stimulate deep-rooted native plants and enhance the onsite population of *Gentiana flavida*, a state threatened species. The associated soil fauna improvements will provide groundwater recharge and water table support to Legend Creek, a tributary of the Root River, for the benefit of the people, plants and animals dependent upon these water resources.

Root-Pike WIN provides funding for a variety of community-based projects based on criteria of the Fund for Lake Michigan. More information on the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy and the link to Root Pike Watershed Initiative can be found at www.mkeconservancy.org.

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