

# Kettle Moraine Land Trust Receives Donnelley Foundation Grant

Kettle Moraine Land Trust President, Jerry Petersen, announced that the Trust has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Dorothy and Gaylord Donnelley Foundation of Chicago to assist in the broadening of its service area. Major projects are currently underway in the Lake Beulah and Delavan Lake areas in addition to the Lauderdale Lakes area. The Trust plans to build partnerships with these additional lake communities and involve them in new local activities. The Trust has retained David Allen, of Development for Conservation, to assist in the effort.

At Lauderdale Lakes, the Trust continues to manage the Island Woods Preserve which it owns, and to support the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District in protecting their Country Club property upon which the Trust holds a Conservation Protection Easement.

At Lake Beulah, the Trust has adopted, and is managing, the state owned Beulah Bog nature area, and is working with Don and Beverly Hartranft on the conservation of their nearby nature area upon which the Hartranft's donated a Conservation Protection Easement in 2010.

At Delavan Lake, the Trust is working with the Delavan Lake Sanitary District to implement a watershed management program aimed at the reduction of pollutants entering their lake from their huge 26,000 acre watershed. This program is called the Delavan Lake Watershed Initiative Network or "WIN." To date, eleven organizations have joined the network and are meeting monthly to implement a long range plan to accomplish this goal. Current participants include:

- Delavan Lake Sanitary District
- Delavan Lake Improvement Association
- Kettle Moraine Land Trust
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Wisconsin Lakes
- U. S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency
- U.S. Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service
- Walworth County Lakes Association
- University of Wisconsin Extension
- Walworth County Metropolitan Sewage District

The Donnelley Grant will enable the Trust to increase communication and outreach activities across Walworth County.