



## KETTLE MORAINE LAND TRUST

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### PRESS RELEASE HARTRANFT CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONATION

Jerry Petersen, President of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust (KMLT), announced today that Don and Beverly Hartranft, of W2537 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, have donated a Conservation Easement on approximately 107 acres they own just west of the Village of East Troy. Twenty three acres are wooded kettle moraine rolling land, one acre is a beautiful ground water pond with a floating mat, and eighty two acres are prime farm land. This property has been in Beverly Hartranft's family for three generations, and she and her husband Don, are committed to maintaining its beautiful open space for future generations to enjoy. As shown in the photo below, the pond is truly a special nature place. It is surrounded by oaks and other hardwoods.



Ground water pond on Hartranft Land

#### KMLT MISSION

To preserve the natural heritage of the southern Kettle Moraine lakes area and nearby lands through partnerships in land conservancy and resource management

The second photo shows Don Hartranft shaking hands with KMLT President, Jerry Petersen, at the recent closing of the Easement donation.



#### Hartranft Easement Closing

From left to right, Don Hartranft, Jerry Petersen (President KMLT), Beverly Hartranft, Bill Huxhold (Treasurer KMLT), and Steve Klitzing (KMLT Board member)

Conservation Easements are permanent deed restrictions which are accepted by Land Trusts from property owners. The donors receive tax donation credits based on a formal appraisal of the donation value according to IRS guidelines. The Land Trust, upon accepting the donated Easement, is then obligated to work with current and future land owners in perpetuity to assist in conservation planning and the enforcement of the terms of the Easement. Should the property be sold, the Easement terms are passed on along with the deed to the new owners.