

Campaign to Save Harbert Road Woods

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Have you heard about the movement to rescue Harbert Road Woods?

Maybe you've seen the large gash that has been cut into the woods along Harbert Road, just west of Red Arrow Highway and Rea Ave?

The problem

The current owner of the land is looking to sell for development and has cut down 9,000 square feet of trees to make an access road.

A group of concerned neighbors has identified that this 41-acre property is the missing link of the Harbert Road Preserves. It contains some of the last untouched, natural forest and wetland in Harbert. The property's central location allows us to join three existing preserves, and create a continuous 30-acre Conservation Corridor.

The solution

The neighbors are seeking to acquire this property to protect it forever. **Chikaming Open Lands (COL)** has approved the project! COL is a reputable 501c3 organization with the skills and resources to guide the fair-value transaction. After the property is purchased, COL will place it in its holdings and designate it a preserve, forever protecting its natural state.

What is at stake?

Our forests and wetlands are natural **ecological communities** that provide habitat and refuge for local wildlife. As part of the Lake Michigan Coastal area, it is an important flyway for migratory birds, and is home to several endangered native species. The wetlands purify water and control runoff before it enters Lake Michigan. There is large value to connecting natural lands to form a protected Corridor. Ecology aside, the **unique natural character of Harbert** is also at stake. This is our chance to save the look and feel of the Harbert we love.

Fundraising is already under way, and they are looking for volunteers to help with this grassroots campaign. Learn more at www.harbertroadwoods.com. Thank you!

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We encourage you to call your friends, neighbors, and local businesses to help spread the word!
Other useful phone numbers:

Chikaming Township Front Desk
269-469-1676

Chikaming Township Zoning Administrator
269-612-7049