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**Dear Friends of the Caledonia Conservancy,**

The riding season is approaching after a long hard winter! We thank you for your past support and once again ask for your donation. The Conservancy's all-volunteer Stewardship Committee maintains Conservancy property, including walking and horse trails, as well as trails on privately owned land on which landowners graciously and generously allow horse trails. Last year donated funds were used, in part, for two chainsaws, six pairs of loppers, handsaws, bridge building supplies, jump building supplies, and miscellaneous poison ivy removers, paint, signage and more.

Volunteers worked on the following projects: removing invasive plants at King's Corner, Trout Ponds, and McCalvy Tabor Woods, planting 140 trees at King's Corner, rebuilding and replacing the large telephone pole bridge on the lower river trail two times, finishing the signs for horse and walking trails at King's Corner, and monitoring all of the lands owned by the Conservancy. In addition, monthly trail cleanings were held. We also had over 250 students from McKinley Middle Charter School and Gifford Elementary School visit the land.

**Total Stewardship volunteer hours recorded for 2009 was 992.5 hours!**

The goals for the Conservancy's Stewardship Committee for this year, besides the regular trail maintenance, will be to replace the nine jumps in Fox Run, replace several jumps in King's Corner, Use Global Positioning System (GPS) on the trails at the Trout Ponds/Prairie, work on South Country, obtain and place signage at the Greater Racine Kennel Club, the McCalvy Easement and the 14.87 acres near Charles and 4 ½ Mile Rd.

**Monthly trail cleanings are scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month** - starting in April. We begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. We work on a variety of trails throughout our network so please call Sandy DeWalt, chair of the Stewardship Committee at 262-909-4440 or email at [sdewalt@wi.rr.com](mailto:sdewalt@wi.rr.com) to find out where we are meeting each month.

If you do not have a trail map, there is a line on the enclosed contribution sheet to request one, whether or not you make a donation. **Be sure to fill out the enclosed sheet and send it with your donation. As a thank you gesture, donors will receive a saddle tag** (which you put on the left side of your saddle to show your support of the trails). **Rules for riding the trails and an explanation of the emergency trail system are on the back of this letter.** These are very important as **the majority of land we ride on is private property** and we are able to ride there only through the kindness and generosity of the area landowners, which can be withdrawn at any time. So please respect the owners and do not ride when it is soft or muddy and do not wander off the trails.

We are once again requesting a suggested minimum donation of **\$30.00**. We are grateful that many of our supporters donate more. Volunteers generously donate their time and energy to trail maintenance. We encourage you to participate as a volunteer. Contact Sandy DeWalt to find out how you can help. 262-909-4440 or email at [sdewalt@wi.rr.com](mailto:sdewalt@wi.rr.com)

Thank you,

**Caledonia Conservancy Stewardship Committee:**  
Sandy DeWalt, Chair

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