



FEATURED PROPERTY

Powell Spring Conservancy

Natural Beauty and Fascinating History

Powell Spring Conservancy is home to one of the largest springs feeding Green Lake. This cold-water spring forms Powell Creek, which flows into White Creek before ultimately reaching Green Lake. Beyond its ecological importance, the site also holds deep historical significance. Reliable, clean water sources attracted both Native peoples and early settlers, and the area was once the location of the Powell Trading Post, established by James Powell, one of the earliest European settlers in the Green Lake area.

Erik and Amy Arnetveit purchased the property in 2010. At the time, a log cabin stood on the land just above the headwaters of the creek. Initially, the Arnetveits envisioned removing the aging cabin and building a family home on the property. But after spending significant time there — walking the land, listening to the creek, and sitting quietly beneath the trees — their vision began to change. They realized the property called for preservation rather than development.

“This place offers a rare and enduring sense of peace that needed to be protected in its natural state,” Amy said. “It was an incredibly difficult decision to part with property we loved so deeply. However, we knew it needed to be preserved, and we knew the Green Lake Conservancy was the organization that could ensure that happened.”



Amy also reflected on the Conservancy's personal impact on their family, noting that Conservancy members generously shared their time, even helping their children learn about native plants and conservation practices.

When asked why other landowners should consider working with the Green Lake Conservancy, Amy shared, "The Green Lake Conservancy plays a vital role in protecting natural areas for everyone to enjoy while supporting the health of our lake. Working with the Conservancy helps ensure your property will be protected for future generations."

[Learn More About Powell Spring](#)

Green Lake Conservancy Gets a Holiday Gift of Property



The Green Lake Conservancy is the new owner of the Sandstone Prairie on Sandstone Avenue. The owner, Jessie Kiley Mitchell contacted Peter Vandervelde in late summer of 2025 and expressed her interest in donating her two acre prairie so that the property remained in its natural state. That donation was concluded on December 30, 2025.

This serene two-acre prairie features a walking path and a stone bench, inviting visitors to slow down and connect with the natural landscape. It has been a popular spot in the Sandstone neighborhood for some time. Jessie's generous gift ensures the prairie will continue to be preserved and cared for, protecting its beauty and ecological value for future generations.

We are always interested in discussing land conservation opportunities with like-minded property owners.



Join us for the Winter Moonlight Walk & Bonfire

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

6-9PM | Tichora Conservancy

Follow a glowing luminary-lit trail, then gather around a bonfire to sip hot chocolate and cider with friends and neighbors. Bring marshmallows or hot dogs to roast, and chairs for relaxing by the fire. Weather permitting.

Parking: Tichora Lot, 2599 Oakwood Beach Rd., Markesan or cul de sac at the west end of Oakwood Ave., Markesan. Overflow parking along nearby township roads.

Order your GLC Merch!



GLC now has logo merchandise available—hats, shirts, outerwear, and more! Visit our new online store and grab something that lets you wear your Green Lake Conservancy pride wherever you go.

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Volunteers Needed for Land & Water Committee

The GLC Land and Water Committee is looking for volunteers. The Committee meets monthly to investigate possible future land acquisitions. The Committee also has an ongoing responsibility to make sure that the properties are assessed periodically.

It would be helpful if prospective members had some background in understanding land and water issues as they relate to conservation or a background in real estate. If you are interested please contact Melissa Curran at melissa.curran@stantec.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Tour Mitchell's Glen the "Crown Jewel" of the Conservancy May 2 or October 3

Formerly owned by S. D. Mitchell, this spectacular site was formed 12,000 years ago when post-glacial meltwater eroded the sandstone bedrock, resulting in a steep-sided and timbered gorge. Mitchell Glen supports one of the few maple-basswood climax forests in Green Lake County. The unique geological formations and spring-fed stream are part of a high-quality corridor that supports outstanding biodiversity. The Glen was also a historical "tourist attraction" which adds depth to the experience.

Due to the sensitive nature of this very special place, reservations are required for the tours at 8am, 10am and Noon. Please call the Green Lake Sanitary District at 920-295-4488 to reserve your spot.

Land, Legacy & Art | July 10, 2026

Join us for “Land, Legacy & Art”, a special evening to connect, learn and celebrate the GLC’s work through art and community. The event, to be held at Town Square Community Center, will feature the work of Pat Dobrinska.

What Are Conservation Easements?

Do you or anyone you know have property with conservation value that might not want to give up ownership? The Green Lake Conservancy can assist property owners with this goal by discussing the details of a conservation easement.

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust, that permanently protects conservation values. The landowner retains ownership of the property but adheres to specific terms, like no subdividing or no development on certain parts of the property to protect habitat. These agreed-upon restrictions generally remain with the property forever, regardless of whether the owner sells or gifts the property. Conservation easements are defined by Wisconsin statute as well as the Internal Revenue Service. Conservation easements meeting certain legal requirements might qualify for certain tax benefits.

[Learn More](#)

Commemorative Benches



Honor a loved one. Celebrate a special memory. Leave a lasting legacy in nature.

The Green Lake Conservancy offers beautiful commemorative benches placed throughout our scenic properties. These benches provide a peaceful place for visitors to rest, reflect and connect with the outdoors.

To learn more about securing a bench, please email GLC Board Member, Derek Huseboe at Derek.Huseboe@gmail.com.

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