When your great-grandchildren see pictures of old growth forests, expanses of prairie and orchid-studded bogs, do you want their parents to say, “I used to go there when I was your age, but they’re gone now”? Or do you want the answer to be, “Let’s jump in the car and you can see those beautiful places for yourself”?

Right now you have an opportunity to create a living, lasting legacy in the woods and marshes of Northwest Wisconsin, one which can be enjoyed by generations to come. You can help to preserve the unique natural treasure which is Hunt Hill. Francis Andrews gave Hunt Hill to the Audubon Sanctuary, making it possible for this Northwest Wisconsin treasure to become a vital center for environmental programs.

Your support is needed to expand Hunt Hill’s educational programs and improve facilities and access.

Please choose to help Hunt Hill thrive and grow.

An awareness of their natural surroundings will cause people young and old “to realize the value and need of conservation of natural resources, including their spiritual and physical values to mankind.”

Frances Andrews
Hunt Hill, April 29, 1954
During the recent economic crisis, Jan Bliss and Jay Hands reviewed their financial situation. They decided to update the beneficiary list on their life insurance policies according to their most vital priorities, which included a place that has loomed large in their lives: Hunt Hill.

They also wanted to set a visible example for their children of “giving back,” and sharing with others the richness of their experiences at Hunt Hill. Jan said, “Our family has enjoyed so many nature outings in all seasons, including hikes through the prairies and woods, summer day camps, Cakes at the Lakes and natural science presentations. “Making Hunt Hill one of our beneficiaries takes nothing out of our pockets now when we need it, Jan explained. “But it gives us great satisfaction to know we are on track to add our legacy to Hunt Hill— a ‘paying forward,’ if you will. This means so much to us!” Jan exclaimed.

During the late 1950’s, Jacque Vallier was camp director for Audubon Camp of Wisconsin (the name preceding our current HHAS designation) when a camper arrived named Dorothy “Dory” Kopmeier. They fell in love and were married in 1962. They also very much loved the natural world. In particular, Jacque treasured the study of forestry and wildlife conservation and the history of logging. When he died in 1966, Dory donated a 40 acre bog to the Hunt Hill camp in Jacque’s memory, to which 32 acres were later added.

Dory’s Bog has become a fascinating destination for summer visitors to Hunt Hill and an important site for scientific study by visiting academics. Guided walks on the bog are a favorite for camp guests.

What a great example of “giving back!”

Dave and Carolyn’s Cleveland

After 43 years as a banker in the Upper Midwest, Dave Cleveland retired with his wife Carolyn to northwestern Wisconsin. They fell in love with the outdoors—the lakes, the woods, the birds and the wildlife. They became concerned about keeping these treasures protected for future generations.

With a big heart and a head for business, Dave thought a gift of appreciated stock would be a great benefit to Hunt Hill. “Hunt Hill offers so much to those who walk through the sanctuary, thanks to the efforts of others over the years,” Dave said. “This fulfills our responsibility to make sure future generations experience God’s wonders.” Dave added, “It only makes sense to donate appreciated stock to Hunt Hill before capital gains and estate taxes are payable. Besides, it’s a wonderful tax deduction.”

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Gifting an amount to Hunt Hill in your will or trust is the easiest way to create a legacy while letting you keep the use of your assets during your life. Gifts are tax deductible and may reduce your taxable estate. Here is a sample Will or Trust provision your attorney might use:

“I give to Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, a corporation under the laws of Wisconsin, (state the amount or percentage of your gift, or description of the real estate, stock or other specific property) for its general purposes.”

That’s it! If you have a specific use or purpose for your legacy, we would be happy to help you plan toward your goal. You can reach us at: 715-635-6543 or director@hunthill.org

Prepare to live on.

Include Hunt Hill in your estate plan today!

“Giving is like planting a tree, not for shade or fruit for ourselves, but for those that follow.”
You can help preserve the unique natural treasure which is Hunt Hill.

Hunt Hill is a wildlife preserve and learning center, open to all, dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation and conservation of the environment. With over 400 acres, much designated as state natural area, Hunt Hill shelters rare and diverse birds, animals, butterflies, wildflowers, ferns and trees. Open to the public year-round, here one can enjoy clear glacial lakes, northern bogs, restored northern savanna/ prairie, deep forests and hiking trails.

Ongoing program support is always needed
Hunt Hill offers both traditional and innovative nature programs:

• School field trips to give more children positive, healthy nature experiences
• Grand Adventures, for grandparents and grandchildren
• Cakes at the Lake, pancake breakfasts and free hands-on nature programs for families
• Bog hikes to see mysterious carnivorous plants, rare orchids and tiny but ancient black spruce trees
• Eco Book Club
• Swedish and Spanish Immersion camps
• In winter, dog sledding and winter survival
• Rain gardens to protect groundwater from poisons and pollutants
• Citizen Science, actual scientific field studies of current environmental issues by ordinary people
• GPS programs, the latest technology in wilderness navigation and travel

You can make dreams happen! Help to fund the future:

• Treetop canopy observation tower
• Observation deck cantilevered through the trees to a lake view
• Accessible hiking trail through multiple habitats
• Bog boardwalk
• Welcome Center and headquarters
• Winterized dining hall, shower house/restrooms/dormitories
• Scholarships and internships

Give today. Then watch Hunt Hill grow!