

Woods & Waters
Land Trust
protects forests
and streams in the
lower Kentucky
River watershed.



The mourning cloak butterfly is unusual because it overwinters as an adult, often in hollow trees.



Volunteers spent several hours this fall working to remove invasive pest plants from our nature preserve.



We raised over \$10,000 at the Land Extravaganza—held this year at Inside Out Design in Frankfort.

WOODS & WATERS NEWS



Sowing Seeds for Summer's Pollinators

As Mother Nature approaches winter with lots of browns and grays in the landscape, it is easy to overlook the inconspicuous seeds clinging to dried stems in fields and forests throughout the Bluegrass. These tiny seeds will sprout new habitat for pollinators including native bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds next summer.

A close look at the fuzzy top of a goldenrod or aster this time of year will reveal seeds that will drop throughout the fall. If the seeds land in a spot with enough moisture and light, they will germinate and grow into long lived, brightly-flowered perennials.

To learn more about seeds, pollinators and the natural history of our region, check out our website.

The milkweed seeds above will grow into the host plant of the Monarch butterfly.

Gregory Woods

The history of Woods and Waters Land Trust begins with Gregory Woods. In 1986 biologist Marc Evans surveyed this forest and realized it was notably untouched with remarkably old trees and a rich diversity in the spring flora. Thirty years later, this forest is now preserved.

Since that walk in 1986, Gregory Woods was threatened with logging and development. Nearby landowners and neighbors Hannah Helm and the Schimmoeller family worked together to buy the property in order to protect it. Determined to protect the woods permanently, they explored avenues for long term protection with government agencies, existing land trusts and other conservation groups. They found no help. Undeterred, they worked with other conservation-minded people in the community to form WWLT in 2007.

It is fitting that on our 10th anniversary we are celebrating the protection of the land that made it all happen. Cheers all around!

Tips On Giving – Money Management

We accept Stock! And it's a good year to give! Did you know you avoid capital gains tax if you donate stock directly to Woods and Waters? Wilkerson Financial Services will do this for you. The stock market has done well this year, so if you want to save AND give, consider this option. IRAs are also a great way to give.

High Above Our Nature Preserve....

Technology helps us appreciate nature? Watch the drone footage of our nature preserve and you will agree. You'll feel like a bird soaring down the ravine. Daniel Evans volunteered his drone to take this video. We hope you enjoy this view of our beautiful preserve.

It is posted on our new (!) web site – which is also beautiful (thanks to Heather Housman, designer)! We also have a lot more information about managing and conserving land.

WWLT Awarded Grant

Big thanks to the Kentucky River Authority for awarding WWLT a grant to work on local watershed protection! Forested land has been measured to improve water quality 9 times better than other land uses. This funding will help us spread the word and keep forests healthy. Thanks KRA!



Signing the Gregory Woods easement at Extravaganza.



What a wonderful evening at Inside Out Design! Many thanks to our hosts, sponsors, volunteers, auction donors and guests!