



# PARTNER IN LAND CONSERVATION



## Metz Preserve

**Project Description:** Situated between the upper and lower sections of the Kettle Moraine State Forest Loew Lake Unit, the Oconomowoc River flows through the heart of the Metz Preserve, offering extensive riparian floodplain and wetland habitat to support a variety of native fauna and flora.

**Why:** Through its acquisition, TPC is protecting the property from the increasing pressures of future development. Additionally, we are stopping excess nutrient runoff from entering into the Oconomowoc River, protecting an important area of groundwater recharge, and providing natural flood protection for the region. The preserve also serves as an ideal area for outdoor recreation.

**Where:** Town of Erin, Washington County

**Size:** 84 acres

**Owners:** Tall Pines Conservancy through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program

**Completion:** 2024

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*“Preserving this amazing piece of property for the enjoyment of the public was the right thing to do and exactly what our ancestors, who farmed the land since 1942, would have wanted. Working with Tall Pines Conservancy was an easy decision given their like-minded mission of preservation.”*

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—Steve Metz

