



Ravensholme on the River

Project Description: Ravensholme on the River is a family farm located in the Village of Waukesha. The Fox River flows south through the westernmost portion of the northern unit of the two-parcel property and the nearly 4300 acre Vernon Wildlife Area is its most prominent neighbor.

Why: Ms. Kuchler donated the farmland, residence and agricultural buildings for the following reasons:

- 1.) To protect the land she loves from being built on or commercialized in any way.
- 2.) To develop a model agroforestry farm as a natural climate solution for carbon sequestration and soil resiliency.
- 3.) To create a learning hub for agricultural education.
- 4.) To maintain a public trail along the Fox River through an easement agreement with Waukesha County.

Where: Village of Waukesha, Waukesha County **Size:** Two parcels totaling 268.4 acres

Owners: Tall Pines Conservancy through a generous donation by Anita Ransome-Kuchler

Easement Holder: The property will be further protected by a conservation easement to be held by American Farmland Trust.

Additional Partners: Savanna Institute, Waukesha County Parks & Land Use, Waukesha County Land Conservancy

Completion: Donation – 2022; Conservation Easement – 2023 (anticipated)

“I had already decided to donate my land – but it was very important that many people benefit from it. Tall Pines knew what I wanted and together we formulated a long-term plan to use the land as a model agroforestry farm – a natural climate solution – through the support of the Savanna Institute.”

—Anita Ransome-Kuchler

