

Our Partnerships

When the Gates Mills Land Conservancy began in 1988, community members "pitched in" to create a fledgling organization which would preserve the scenic beauty of our village. As the GMLC became more established, we were able to purchase properties on the community's behalf to conserve important watersheds, virgin woods and spectacular ravines.

Since our inception, GMLC has developed foundational partnerships with many experts to assist in property assessments, purchases, conservation easements, riparian and watershed issues, tree care and legal and tax issues.

GMLC's relationship with [Western Reserve Land Conservancy](#) is a close one. Because conservation easements cannot be held by the owner of the land, and WRLC is one organization that holds our CEs for us. WRLC along with [Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#) and [Clean Ohio](#), a state funding source, have assisted us in purchases, like the Newell/Evie and Sherman Road properties. WRLC also helps to inspect properties, and will be participating in GMLC's Fall Seminar on September 21st.

[Chagrin River Watershed Partners](#) is a close friend to GMLC, providing guidance and riparian assistance. They have worked with us on conservation easements, stream and plant life management along the Newell property, and the re-forestation at Sherman Road. They have provided lectures for GMLC and presented the rain barrel event last year.

The *Gates Mills Environmental Education Center*, is working with us on specific projects and hosts the GMLC Fall Seminar at their facility. Together we are re-energizing community interest in environmental and conservation issues. Strengthening our relationship with Mayfield students, educators and the M.H. Board of Education helps the Land Conservancy promote environmental education to the Gates Mills community.

Some of our long-standing primary partnerships have contributed consulting, research expertise, invasive mitigation, environmental support, programs, provided plants, and funding sources. Through partner organizations, individual staff have generously provided free lecturers for GMLC programs and events. Some include *Holden Arboretum*, *Ohio Department of Natural Resources*, *VanCuren Tree*, *Cuyahoga Soil & Water*, *Bartlett Tree Experts*, *Great Lakes Basin Forest Health Collaborative*, *Arborist Mike Byers*, *Bluestone Conservation*, and *the Audubon Society* among others.

We are continually building on the resources and expertise of like-minded organization and individuals to expand our own knowledge and impact on the environment. With our newer partnership with Penitentiary Glen, (part of the Lake Metroparks), we will be working to educate the public on endangered wildlife and what we personally can do to help.