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Land Protection Endowment Fund Created at Steuben County Community Foundation

The Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce the creation of the Northeast Indiana Land Protection Endowment Fund. This fund, established with a \$25,770 donation by a donor wishing to remain anonymous at this time, will be used for land protection from subdivision, commercial, and industrial development and to protect open space in Northeast Indiana.

Annual grants will be made to Wood-Land-Lakes Resource Conservation and Development, Inc., a not for profit 501 (c)(3) organization established in 1994 to address natural resource needs in Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Elkhart and Whitley counties, Indiana. Wood-Land-Lakes strives for local solutions for natural resource and rural community development needs in northeast Indiana.

Wood-Land-Lakes utilizes volunteers to spread the belief that awareness, education, and wise-use will conserve and improve the future quality of our air, water, land, woods, plants, and wildlife. Wood-Land-Lakes' volunteers live, work, and play in northern Indiana and realize the importance of balancing development and conservation - both being necessary components to our way of life. More information may be found at www.wood-land-lakes.org.

Other individuals, businesses, or interested parties may contribute to this endowment fund at SCCF which will increase the annual and sustainable support provided to Wood-Land-Lakes each year. SCCF is grateful to the founding donor and many volunteers who carry out Wood-Land-Lakes mission of working together for responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

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About the Steuben County Community Foundation

Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, Steuben County Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. The Steuben County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization with assets totaling more than \$24 million. Our vision: Serving as a community leader and improving the quality of life by

assessing, supporting and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building. Our mission: Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.steubenfoundation.org.