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LAND CONSERVANCY OF WEST MICHIGAN LAUNCHES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

Grand Rapids, MI – Brian Obits, Land Conservancy of West Michigan (LCWM) development officer, has been named interim executive director of the organization as a search for a new executive director is launched. Brian succeeds Peter Homeyer, who resigned the position effective July 21.

The LCWM board of directors has appointed a committee to manage the national search. “We look forward to meeting with qualified candidates who share a passion for our mission to ‘*keep nature nearby*,’ and a commitment to continue our organization’s legacy,” said Jon Jellema, LCWM board vice-president and search committee co-chair.

Peter Homeyer held the executive director position since 2009. During that time LCWM continued to set new records for protected acreage and fundraising. Recently the organization took possession of the Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area.

“The board thanks Peter for his dedication and commitment, and wishes him the best in the future,” said Penny Ladd, LCWM board chair.

Qualified candidates interested in pursuing the executive director position should regularly check the LCWM website, www.naturenearby.org, as the job description and application information will be posted in a few weeks.

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The Land Conservancy of West Michigan is a local, nonprofit organization that preserves natural land and open space in eight West Michigan counties. It is the only organization devoted solely to preserving natural and scenic lands that are an important part of West Michigan’s community character. With thirty-plus years of experience keeping nature nearby, the Land Conservancy has protected more than 7,300 acres with nature preserves, conservation easements, and project assistance to local governments.