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**MICHIGAN LAND TRUSTEES
CULTIVATING RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES**

Established 1976

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Convinced that healthy connections and relationships between people, plant and animal life, and the environment are the source of the resilience needed to adapt to peak oil and climate chaos . . .

Michigan Land Trustees has dedicated itself to the goal of revitalizing sustainable rural and urban communities by promoting responsible land use and the development of local food and energy systems



“As we move into the 21st century, MLT recognizes that most urgent issues facing humankind require the transition from an energy-intensive civilization to an agrarian-based society that could mitigate the severity of global warming and adapt to the end of oil.”

Dr. Maynard Kaufman

We do this from a strong base. Michigan Land Trustees of America, Inc.(MLT) was formed in 1976 and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. MLT became an early leader in providing innovative, pragmatic training and scholarship through on-farm homesteading and permaculture courses.

Recognizing that the knowledge and experience of others along with our own can accomplish more than individual groups. . .

MLT has sought to protect land and enhance rural communities through educational, technical, and financial support of like-minded grassroots groups.



At key points MLT has provided grants to the **Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance (MOFFA)**, which promotes the development of organic farming and

localized food distribution statewide. MLT funding also helped in creating **The Greater Grand Rapids Food System Council.**

MLT has financially supported a number of innovative activities: state and regional Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) conferences; **Fair Food Matters** projects, including its Growing Matters Garden in Kalamazoo; and the annual **Southwest Michigan Harvest Festival** at Tillers International.

The MLT Newsletter has chronicled our activities since 1979 with articles as diverse as the membership. All 60+ issues are available at: www.michiganlandtrust.org.

Members of the MLT Board represent a broad spectrum of expertise including organic farming, small-scale vegetable growing and dairying, local marketing, integrated pest management, creating community based food systems and food policy councils, permaculture, herbs and wild foods, bioscience, energy efficient construction, property rights, zoning, ground water, and alternative energy – all within the larger and shared vision of a more resilient, sustainable, meaningful, and earth-rooted future.



In 2009, the Board of MLT adopted the new tag line: “Cultivating Resilient Communities” to symbolize its collaboration with the Transition Initiative (www.transitionus.org/about-us/history). Within this larger framework, MLT will continue to promote sustainable land

management through organic and permaculture methods; to promote healthy livelihoods; and to assist communities to become more food and energy self-reliant. It does this by:

- ◆ Supporting non-profit organizations with goals similar to MLT
- ◆ Working with private, public, and government agencies on transition-related issues and policies
- ◆ Encouraging regional networks between urban and rural communities to conserve energy and preserve the natural environment
- ◆ Promoting regional community-building and economic self-reliance by reducing the distances and energy involved in food production, food processing, food distribution, food consumption and waste recycling
- ◆ Offering re-skilling programs for individuals and promoting the development and manufacturing of tools that can best serve communities seeking to increase their local self-reliance
- ◆ Developing housing and neighborhood designs which are ecologically integrated with their land and are low cost and high in energy efficiency
- ◆ Promoting the wise use of land through educational and demonstration programs



Well-designed food, energy, housing, and transportation systems can accomplish more with fewer resources - and help build community.

