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September 11, 1980

Dear Michigan Lane Trustees:

The Michigan Land Trust is holding its First Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 28, at 3:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of MLT invites you to join us at the Land Trust Homesteading Farm, 1¼ mile north of the blinker light on M-43 in Bangor. The farm is on the west side of the road. There will be a potluck at 1:30. Bring a dish to pass. Table service and drinks will be provided. Following the potluck, there will be a tour of the farm, then the Annual Meeting. For anyone needing overnight accommodations, there is a 7-bed house with cooking facilities available.

For three years, we have been presenting some viable options and educational experiments in farming. At first blush it doesn't seem as though one small farm is worth all the effort of three years. Even the name "Land Trust" would seem to indicate something bigger and grander. But one thing is evident: we have proven that our Land Trust is a real and legal vehicle which has served its main purpose. We now hope to broaden our activities, but to do this we need the involvement of more people who are willing to contribute -- whether it is ideas, time, money, land, old equipment, space for apprentices, or whatever.

At the Annual Meeting you will hear from us personally what these three years have meant to us. We want to meet you and hear your ideas and concerns. Do you have some ideas that need a vehicle such as ours? Do you have some property that could be managed under our guidelines? As one of our Directors keeps reminding us, "Let us not keep re-inventing the wheel." It is not our intention to imitate. We would like to innovate.

We hope you will be able to join us September 28 at 1:30.

Sincerely,

Bill Kobza, Chairperson  
Norm Bober  
Tom Breznau  
Ken Dahlberg  
Joe Filonowicz  
Maynard Kaufman  
Paul Schultz  
Jon Towne, Farm Manager

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