

## **Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy 2007 Land Protection Accomplishments**

In 2007, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy:

- Completed 40 land protection projects to permanently protect over 3,700 acres of land and 12 miles of shoreline
- Worked with Peninsula Township in Grand Traverse County to solicit over 1,100 acres of new farmland protection applications, including some of the largest farm parcels left unprotected on the peninsula
- Assisted Acme Township in Grand Traverse County in orchestrating the first application round of the community's Purchase of Development Rights farmland protection program, which could lead to the protection of over 800 acres of farmland
- Worked with Whitewater Township in Grand Traverse County to create the 255-acre Battle Creek Natural Area, a new public park that also serves to protect the water quality of the Chain of Lakes and the Grand Traverse Bay
- Assisted Long Lake Township in Grand Traverse County creating a 108-acre addition to the Long Lake Forest Reserve
- Unveiled an innovative sustainable forestry management program for Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve in southern Benzie and northern Manistee Counties
- Enhanced public access to nature and to scenic views by constructing new trails, boardwalks, and overlooks at several preserves, including:
  - Nearly 12 miles of sustainable multi-use trails at Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve
  - Approximately 2 miles of new trail and a scenic overlook platform and stairway to the Lake Michigan beach at the Green Point Dunes Nature Preserve in Benzie County.
  - A new boardwalk to the beach at the Wilcox-Palmer-Shah Nature Preserve in Antrim County