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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Conservancy Preserves 109-acre Farm in Fowlerville**

Brighton, MI (July 2006) – The Livingston Land Conservancy recently accepted a conservation easement from a local landowner to permanently preserve 109 acres of farmland in Fowlerville. Rosemary Kovacs Grover, the farm owner, wanted to make sure her land would stay farmed and remain in her family long after she passes away. The easement is known as the “Kovacs Family Conservation Easement” and is located on Potts Road, north of I-96. Since it is privately owned and a working farm, it is not open to the public. However, the community has benefited significantly by keeping a farm intact, preserving open space, and maintaining a wildlife corridor.

The land was first purchased back in the 1920s by Charlie Kovacs’ parents who then farmed it. After Charlie and Rosemary were married, they continued the farming tradition. However, tragedy struck when Charlie was killed by a train in 1976 while driving a tractor near the train tracks north of the farm in heavy fog. Even though the train company compensated for his death, Rosemary was left a widow with 3 daughters. Rosemary kept the farm going over the years and it is now being worked by a close family acquaintance.

“The preservation of this farmland is a real bonus to the Fowlerville community which has a long, historic tradition of agriculture and even today has many families who still own farms that have been in their family for generations. The preservation of the rural character and open space is at the heart of the Conservancy’s mission. We are grateful to Rosemary for her generosity,” commented Sara Thomas, the President of the Board of Directors.

#### **For More Information**

Information regarding the Livingston Land Conservancy is available by calling (810) 229-3290, email at [info@livingstonlandconservancy.org](mailto:info@livingstonlandconservancy.org), or visiting the organization’s website at: [www.livingstonlandconservancy.org](http://www.livingstonlandconservancy.org).

#### **About the Livingston Land Conservancy**

Founded in 1991, the Livingston Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization working to protect the natural heritage and rural character of the Greater Livingston County Area. In recent years, the fastest growing means of protecting land has been through the use of conservation easements, a legal agreement between a private landowner and a land trust that permanently limits the scope and type of development while leaving the land in private ownership. LLC funds their land protection activities through private donations, gifts from corporations and foundations, fundraisers, and memberships.