



Mission

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy conserves natural land and open space - including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural land, and places of scenic beauty - to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.

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Greenbelt Advisory Commission
City of Ann Arbor
100 N. Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Commissioners:

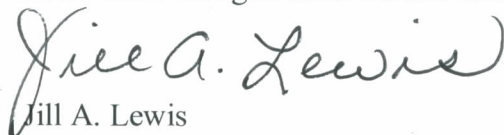
I am writing on behalf of Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) to express our support for expanding the current Ann Arbor Greenbelt boundaries. By adding new sections in Salem Township and by allowing projects to be considered where the property is adjacent to the boundary and owned by landowners who also have adjacent property within the Greenbelt, the Commission is giving landowners a conservation financing opportunity they haven't had before while at the same time reasonably expanding the existing boundary into areas that are worth conserving.

SMLC is specifically interested in the adjacent property criteria because one landowner, Bob Schultz, whom we have worked with in the past, has property that lies outside the current boundary which is adjacent to property he owns that lies within the existing Greenbelt. This change would be of interest to him since he is a conservation-minded farmer.

In addition, SMLC has discussed focusing more effort on Salem Township land protection in the future. This makes sense for us since we are one of the partners besides Superior Township and Washtenaw County who created the 1,800-acre Superior Greenway in Superior Township.

We look forward to hearing about the outcome of these deliberations and encourage you to move forward on expanding the existing Ann Arbor Greenbelt boundaries.

Sincerely,
Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy



Jill A. Lewis
Executive Director