

Mossy Point



***Protect Mossy Point today for
the children of tomorrow!***

The Campaign for Mossy Point



Our Opportunity

Kenneglenn in Wales is one of our most beautiful preserves. Its deep gorge on Hunters Creek is an iconic natural wonder. Its other half - an expansive forest called Mossy Point on the other side of Hunters Creek - was sold off long before the community protected Kenneglenn. After waiting many years, hoping Mossy Point would not slip away again, we have an opportunity to make Kenneglenn whole. We can purchase Mossy Point. Will you donate now and protect Mossy Point forever?

Mossy Point is breathtaking.

In the early 1920s, Buffalo's Charles and Florence Kennedy purchased a massive property in Wales. Hunters Creek ran right through the middle of the land, carving small waterfalls and a deep gorge. They spent countless days with their five children hiking the creek, searching for crayfish, and having adventures in the forest.

Charles and Florence's children eventually grew up and had children of their own. These grandchildren moved all over the country. As the years passed, the family had less time to visit and maintain the land, and they had to let it go.



Over the decades, many people in the community came to cherish this land. When it went up for sale, the community came together to purchase 131 acres of the Kennedys' property, all on the west side of Hunters Creek. This 131 acres became

the Kenneglenn Scenic and Nature Preserve that we protect today. But the 222-acre Mossy Point property was sold to a different landowner, separating it from Kenneglenn.





When you visit Kenneglenn and walk its trails, you can see Mossy Point on the other side of Hunters Creek. Its massive oaks, rolling hills, and misty valleys are enchanting. The deep woods provide perfect habitat for nesting great horned owls and woodland warblers. Wildflowers and ferns cover the forest floor in the spring. Beautiful hemlocks give the land color even during the snowiest winters. The clear waters of Hunters Creek splash over small shale ledges into cool pools below year-round.

You can protect Mossy Point and open it to the community.

This new nature preserve will be open to the public. New walking trails will meander through the forest. The trails will be perfect for hiking throughout the year, as well as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter. We will lead birdwatching and wildflower walks there in the spring and summer. People joining one of our annual creek hikes at Kenneglenn will finally be able to explore Mossy Point as well.

Protecting Mossy Point will also protect our water in the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes Basin contains 84% of the surface freshwater of North America and 21% of the world's surface freshwater. Mossy Point is part of this much larger system. Hunters Creek passes between Kenneglenn and Mossy Point, eventually flowing out to the Niagara River. Mossy Point is also adjacent to Hunters Creek County Park. Once we purchase Mossy Point, these three protected properties - Mossy Point, Kenneglenn, and Hunters Creek County Park - will form a contiguous 1,100-acre protected area that includes both sides of more than 14,600 feet of Hunters Creek. This will be one of the largest tracts of protected forests in the entire Niagara River watershed. As an intact headwater forest, this land will provide clean water and prevent flooding for hundreds of thousands of families living downstream. This affects everyone in the Great Lakes.

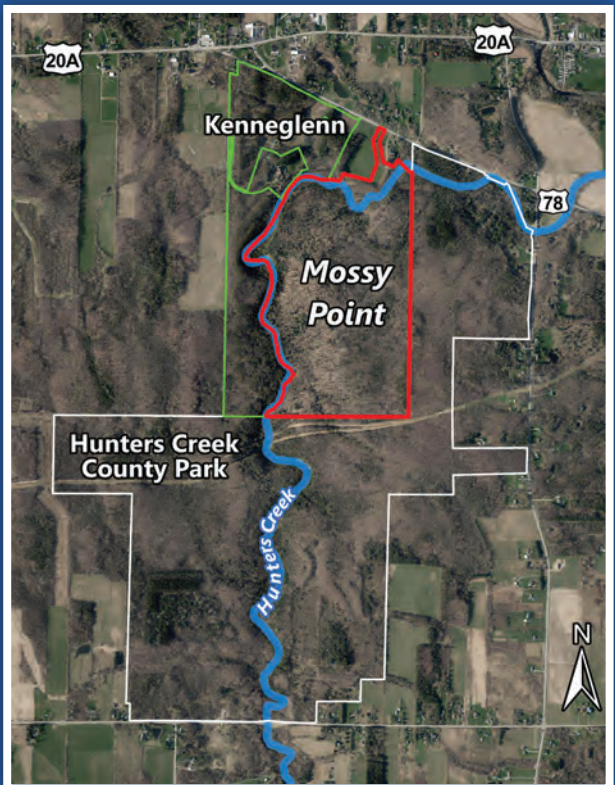




Mossy Point could be lost, but your gift today will inspire others to save it.

We only have until December 31, 2019 to raise \$1.6 million. That's enough money to purchase Mossy Point, create a new trail system, and steward the property for years to come. If we don't protect Mossy Point, it will likely be logged or transformed into a subdivision.

You can save Mossy Point. You can make sure people of all ages can experience this place far into the future. You can make sure its tall trees continue to provide food and shelter for wildlife, and you can make sure its young saplings can become massive oaks. Let's protect Mossy Point together!



*You can save
Mossy Point*

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Mossy Point

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Thank you!

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