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Livingston Land Conservancy Announces Annual Fundraising Event

Brighton, MI – Livingston Land Conservancy announces plans for their annual *Land on the Horizon* public fundraising event to directly support the organization's mission of protecting the natural heritage and rural character of the greater Livingston County area.

This year's event will begin at 6:30 pm, Thursday, July 21, at The Company Plane corporate hangar located at 3800 W. Grand River Ave., ½-mile west of Livingston County Airport in Howell. 100% of the proceeds raised at the event will go toward protecting land in Livingston County through the Conservancy's Land Acquisition and Stewardship funds.

The event, sponsored by local corporations and private benefactors, will again feature gourmet food and beverages presented by popular dining establishments from the surrounding area, including Ciao Amici's of Brighton, Applebees, Tomato Brothers and T.W. Friends, all of Howell, La Casa del Grande of New Hudson and Arbor Beverage Company of Ann Arbor. The evening is featuring live band music by *Billy Mack and The Juke Joint Johnnies*, as well as both live and silent auctions.

"Our annual fundraiser is vitally important to our mission of protecting and preserving land in Livingston County," said Sara Thomas, the Conservancy President. "Last year's event was a huge success. We are grateful for the support of our Corporate Sponsors this year: First National Bank of Howell, Sierra Club/Crossroads Group of Livingston County, Kizer Law Firm of Howell and CAE, Inc. of Hamburg."

The cost is \$40 per person and advanced reservations are preferred by calling the Conservancy at 810-229-3290. Auction donations of products, professional services, and land-based goods such as nursery items or farm produce are also being accepted. Event sponsorship opportunities are also still available for interested corporate or private entities. For more information, contact the Conservancy at 810-229-3290 or info@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. The Conservancy funds their land protection activities through private donations, gifts from corporations and foundations, and memberships.

For more information on the Livingston Land Conservancy, visit the organization's website at www.livingstonlandconservancy.org.