

BOYCE WOODS NATURE PRESERVE



A Legacy of Caring: This 27-acre parcel was gifted to the Muskegon Conservation District by the family of George Gaylor and Elaine Brink Boyce. For over 100 years the Boyce family's conservation-minded stewardship protected this ecologically important area. The parcel was owned by the Boyce family for three generations. George Boyce received it as payment for a loan, and passed the land to his sons Edward and William Boyce.

Eventually the land passed to William's son, George Gaylor Boyce, a North Muskegon High School graduate and outdoorsman who often visited the property to photograph the tiny spring wildflowers and the brilliant colors of fall.

The parcel contains several acres of wetland and adjoining woodland along Bear Creek which will be permanently protected for future generations and the public good.

The Muskegon Conservation District works to conserve, protect, and restore local natural resources. To learn more about the work we do or the Boyce Woods Nature Preserve, please visit us at muskegoncd.org or call (231) 828-5097.



Special thanks to Nancy Klok (Boyce) and her husband Ken for facilitating the donation of the property.