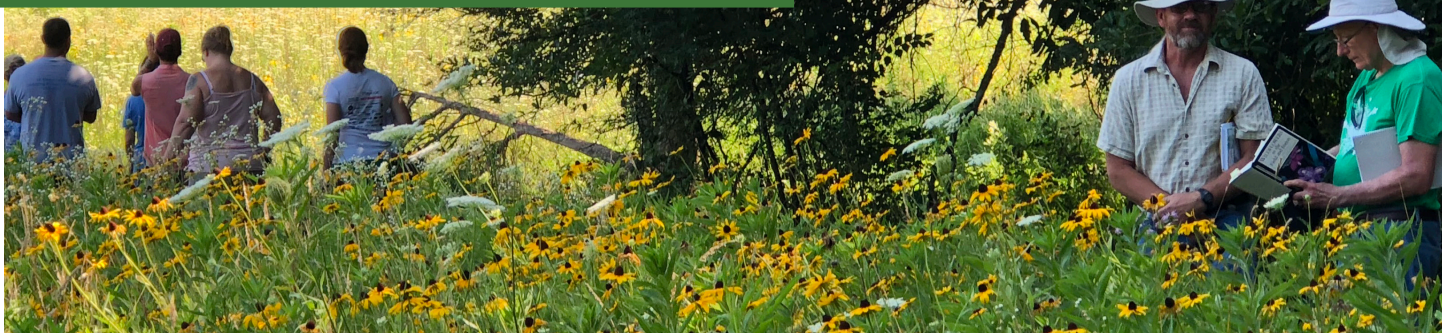


Hilltop Farm Nature Preserve



William J. Doud Jr (Uncle Bill) and Mary T. Doud (Tee Tee) purchased Hilltop Farm on April 1, 1946. From that time forward, an endless stream of family visitors were welcomed, to the point that Tee Tee called their home “The Grand Hotel.”

Imagine the excitement of children who lived in small towns or suburbs as their family vehicle cautiously climbed the hill to the sound of gravel being displaced by the tires and the shadows of trees dancing on the lane. Finally, there was the thrill of turning the corner and the house coming into view. Tee Tee and Uncle Bill, who were like grandparents to so many of their nieces and nephews, were there to welcome all with open arms.

Uncle Bill and Tee Tee reveled in their independence. They grew vegetables

for their own use, much of which they canned. The corn that was grown for cattle was also served to the family. There were fruit trees, including peach and Kiefer pear. They raised chickens, hogs and cattle, which they butchered as needed. A Jersey cow provided milk and cream for house use and making homemade ice cream.

Tee Tee and Uncle Bill each had their horses, which the family enjoyed riding. The Doud parlor was resplendent with trophies attesting to the quality of the AKC collies they raised.

Hilltop Farm Nature Preserve holds so many wonderful memories because Uncle Bill and Tee Tee were the heart of the family. As much as they loved their family, they also loved the creatures (however small) that lived

there. They cherished the land.

It is little wonder then that Tee Tee sought to find a way to ensure that her beloved farm would not become a subdivision as is happening to surrounding areas, but would remain a memorial to the family and to the animals – both tame and wild – that were so much a part of its history.

— Excerpts from Diane Hartmann’s article on Hilltop Farm from the 2004 Oak Heritage Conservancy newsletter



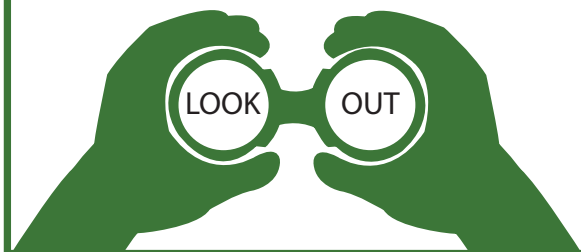
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Take Time For Turtles.

Look and listen for wildlife at this 119-acre nature preserve. You might find a 30-year old turtle, glimpse a fox or a white tail deer, or hear songbirds singing as they make their nests.

See Commitment With Your Own Eyes.

Hilltop Farm became a nature preserve because the Doud family, who donated this land, wanted it to be protected as a natural area forever. We can enjoy this place because of their commitment.



Look for Busy Bees...and Birds and Butterflies!

These creatures are special because they pollinate the flowers we like to look at – and much of our food, from pumpkins to blueberries. We’ve planted acres of native grasses and wildflowers at Hilltop Farm so that pollinators can thrive here.



Points of Interest



Educational Sign



Observation



Parking



Trailhead

Streams

Trails

Property Lines Light

Habitat Type

Access

Hay Field

Immature Forest

Mature Forest

No Access

Old Growth Forest

Open/Meadow Area

Open Water

Pollinator Habitat

Restoration Area-Forest

Restoration Area-Pollinator

Native Wildflowers

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles

