



Dear Friends of Driftless Area Land Conservancy,

This weekend my yard was filled with the sounds of Robins and Red-winged blackbirds returning, and, for the first time this year, the wobbly [call](#) of Sandhill cranes overhead – I reveled in the tried and true return of spring during this time of uncertainty.

Here at Driftless Area Land Conservancy, this is normally the season of checking in on conservation easements and visiting with those of you who have protected your land, planning our summer events, field trips and work days, and meeting with partner organizations to continue working on big community conservation projects like the Lowery Creek Watershed Initiative.

We want to let you know that we are still doing all of those things! But like Mother Nature, we are adapting. Here are some measures we've taken in this rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation:

- We are following the science and adapting our work as necessary to slow the spread of the virus and to keep ourselves and those around us safe.
- Most staff are working from home – our office is open but with reduced staff. We are washing our hands and surfaces regularly. We are staying home if we are sick or feel we might be a risk to others.
- We are hosting all meetings remotely, or postponing.
- We are carrying on with our event schedule, but will evaluate each event on a case by case basis and will cancel if conditions require it.

Staff are staying connected – we meet remotely once a week to check in on each other, and we are researching ways to offer virtual events to you to help fight that cabin fever – stay tuned!

Our mission - to protect and restore Southwest Wisconsin's natural and agricultural landscape, and to connect people to the land and each other through nature – is more important than ever.

Nature's rhythms haven't changed. Let's be on the lookout for the return of spring together. I'm looking forward to the return of [Bloodroot](#) (my favorite spring wildflower) and the chatty "butter butts" ([Yellow-rumped warblers](#)) to the woods. Send us a picture of spring – we'll post it!

We all hope you and yours are adapting to this new normal and finding times

of peace and connection even while we are socially distanced.

-Jen



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I go to nature to be soothed, healed, and have my senses put in order.
-John Burroughs

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