

# BELWIN CONSERVANCY'S SAVANNA HILLS PROPERTY

## History 1950 to present

### late 1950s

George & Mary Metcalf purchase 125 acres & build their home on it.



### late 1990s

Belwin begins discussions with the Science Museum of Minnesota about taking over and restoring the land.

### 2009

Belwin acquires Metcalf home + 10 acres, unifying the original property.

### 2011

A juvenile red-headed woodpecker, a species targeted for conservation in Minnesota, is spotted on the site.



### TOMORROW

Belwin is committed to protecting this restored habitat forever. **Your support ensures this land remains healthy for years to come.**

### 1972

The Metcalfs donate 115 acres to the Science Museum of Minnesota to be used as a nature preserve.



### 2000

Belwin decides to purchase 92 adjacent acres from a gravel company. On touring the property, David Hartwell, Belwin's Board Chair, said, "the property was completely overgrown...it was almost impenetrable, but the view that I did find provided real hope."

### 2006

The former Metcalf property is officially transferred to Belwin Conservancy. Hartwell noted, "the property was choked off with invasives you would not be able to walk through without effort and drawing blood." Large-scale restoration begins in earnest.

### 2013

Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant expands restoration by 34 acres



### 2009-2010

After nearly a decade of heroic restoration efforts by Belwin staff, a grant from the MN DNR funds the use of large logging equipment, increasing the pace of restoration tenfold. The biomass removed during this period was taken to Excel Energy in Saint Paul, where it fueled the plant for two weeks.

### 2019

More funding from the CPL allows Belwin to begin restoration on the final 130 acres on the north east side of the Savanna Hills property. This work was completed in 2021.