



## BLUE HERON HEADWATERS CONSERVANCY

### Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy Welcomes Jason Meekhof as New Executive Director

Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy (BHHC) has hired Jason Meekhof as its new Executive Director. A Michigan native and Wayne State University graduate,



Meekhof replaces the retiring Sue Julian, who will remain a volunteer with the organization and serve on its Board of Directors. Meekhof has worked for multiple nonprofit organizations and joins the BHHC from the National Deer Association, where he served as Midwest Regional Director. He is currently pursuing a Nonprofit Management Certificate at Oakland University.

“I am incredibly excited to work alongside our Board of Directors, dedicated staff, tremendous volunteers, and generous donors to build upon BHHC’s incredible 52-year legacy in our communities”, said Meekhof. “Deepening our connections in these communities and establishing meaningful partnerships with local governments, businesses, and residents in our service area will be crucial to our success. Together, we will safeguard our community's unique land, water, and wildlife”, he added.

BHHC Board of Directors President Emily DuThinh said, “Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy is thrilled to have Jason Meekhof as our new Executive Director. Jason has extensive experience in managing nonprofits focusing on outdoor recreation. Jason’s fresh energy and work experience will help BHHC continue our mission of protecting the headwaters of our four local rivers. We are also very grateful to Sue Julian for her years of dedication to the Conservancy and her vision and leadership while Executive Director.”



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BHHC, founded in 1972 as the Independence Township Land Trust and formerly called the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, is one of Michigan's first land conservancies. It is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that preserves 61 properties totaling over 1,600 acres. According to outgoing Executive Director Sue Julian, "Our mission is to protect the land, water, and wildlife in the headwaters region of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron, and Flint rivers through preservation, stewardship, and education." With five dedicated professional staff and more than 120 enthusiastic volunteers, the BHHC promotes community engagement to protect and care for natural areas.

BHHC aims to increase its partnerships with public and private organizations to further its mission. "We are very thankful for donations of money and land and the time devoted by our volunteers, which enables us to provide public access and nature education," said DuThinh. "We hope to protect more of our region's natural landscapes through partnerships, ensuring that current and future generations can enjoy these undeveloped lands and learn about the many benefits of preserving natural habitats", she said.

If you have any questions and would like to reach out to Jason, you are welcome to contact him at [jason@blueheronheadwaters.org](mailto:jason@blueheronheadwaters.org) or call 248.229.5347.

More information about BHHC and how to contribute to its mission can be found on its website [blueheronheadwaters.org](http://blueheronheadwaters.org).