

Bengel Wildlife Center

Habitat at the Bengal Wildlife Center is divided into two types of management areas: wetland and upland. Each management area is outlined on the map. The numbers following the wetland (WM) or upland (UM) management designation indicate techniques that will be used on that area.

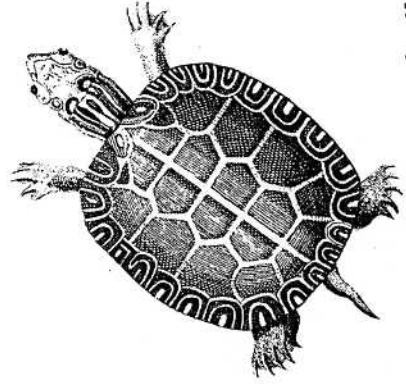
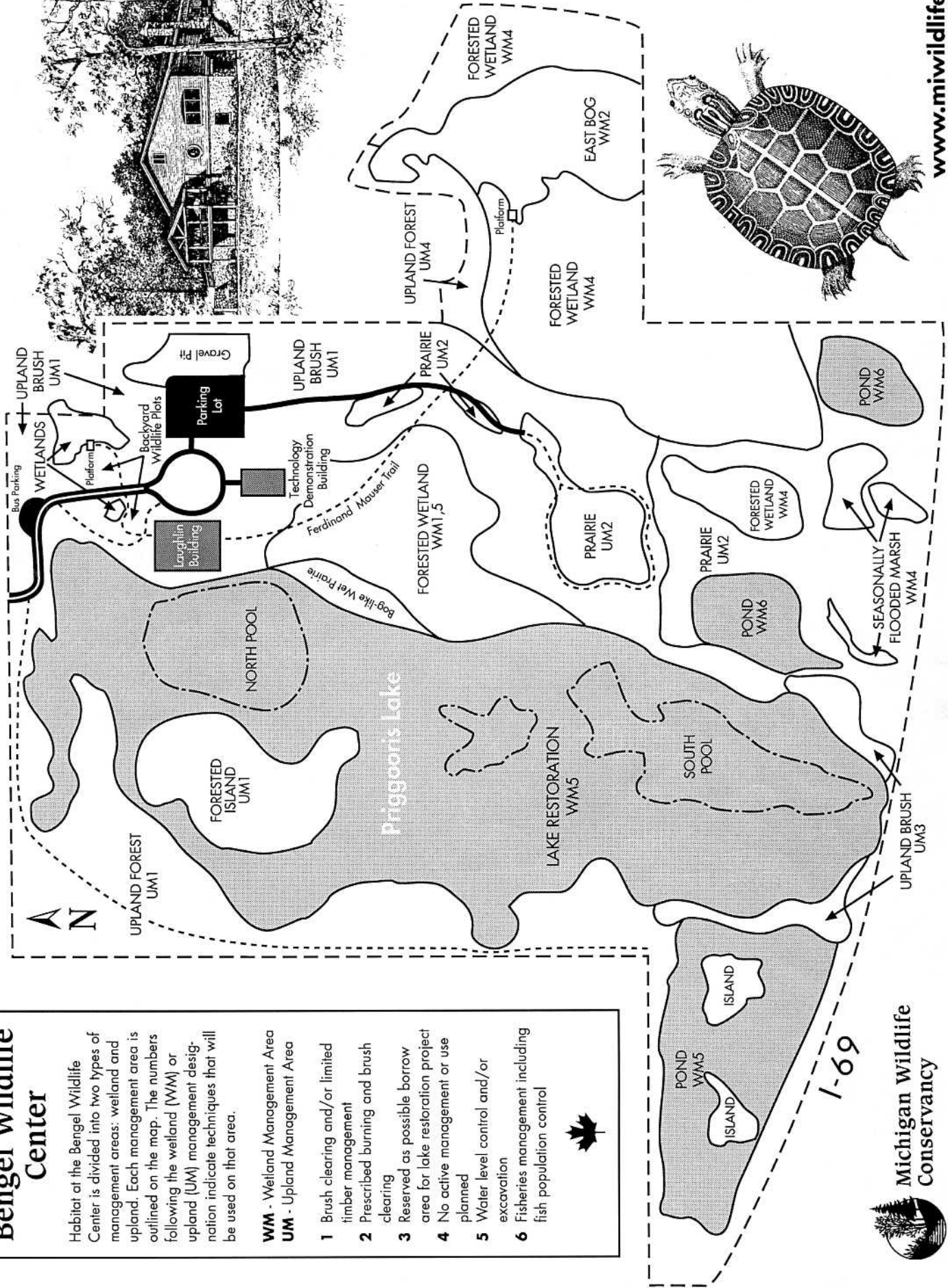
WM - Wetland Management Area
UM - Upland Management Area

- 1 Brush clearing and/or limited timber management
- 2 Prescribed burning and brush clearing
- 3 Reserved as possible borrow area for lake restoration project
- 4 No active management or use planned
- 5 Water level control and/or excavation
- 6 Fisheries management including fish population control



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Harmony with nature

The Mauser Harmony with Nature Foundation was founded in 1998 to honor Ferdinand Mauser, professor of marketing and promoter of products harmonious with nature. Bill and Rose Cook of Livonia established the foundation in memory of Mauser, who was their friend and mentor. Bill explained the name of the foundation, "The 'harmony with nature' comes from his interest in products that were safe for the environment. He wrote that we should be more cognizant of making products that were in harmony with nature." Mauser had discussions with the Cooks about the foundation before his death, but it was not officially created until after his death.

The Mauser Harmony with Nature Foundation made a gift of \$25,000 to the Conservancy to construct a trail at the Bengel Wildlife Center. The trail runs from the gazebo outside the Laughlin Building to the edge of the bog and allows for viewing and interpretation of the bog without causing environmental damage. The trail is open to the public whenever the Bengel Wildlife Center is open. The Cooks chose to invest in the trail at the Bengel Wildlife Center in Dr. Mauser's memory because Mauser had always loved the land, and they were impressed with the work of the Conservancy and the educational programs at the Bengel Wildlife Center. That was a natural connection. According to Bill Cook, "We connected the dots."

Mauser had a colorful career. Born in 1914 in Chicago, he received most of his education in the US, but obtained his doctorate from the University of Munich in Germany. He served in the US Army in the Philippines during WWII. He taught for many years in the Marketing Department at Wayne State University, wrote several textbooks, and promoted products that were environmentally friendly.

At the age of 60, he took a bold step and accepted a teaching position at Keio University, Japan's leading business school. "He was the type of person who made you feel you could accomplish anything you wanted in your life. Bill and I had the utmost respect for him. He was such an educated, Renaissance man," said Rose.

While you are walking the Ferdinand Mauser Trail today please give thought to how you might make a personal Commitment to the environment. It is the responsibility of each of us to find ways to make our environment more sustainable for future generations. Small personal commitments can change a community, or a nation. Let's make the world a better place, in harmony with nature.

Bengel Wildlife Center – Building hours – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Mon – Fri
Trail hours – Jan. 3 – Sept. 30: Dawn – Dusk
Oct. 1 – Jan. 2: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rules for Use of the Bengel Wildlife Center

1. Foot traffic only on trails.
2. When the gate is locked park outside the gate and walk in.
3. When the gate is open park on the asphalt in front of the pole building.
4. No picking or removing of plants or animals is allowed.
5. Dogs are allowed but must be on a leash.