

PROTECT THE MIGRATION

with the Crane Trust

NOTE FROM THE CEO: CHUCK COOPER



The conservation and management efforts put forth these past 40 years have protected thousands of acres of habitat and established the Crane Trust as a leader in the science of restoring prairie to its original state. These efforts wouldn't have been possible without friends like you.

The Trust has introduced giving levels that allow our Friends to become more involved. These levels provide support for Trust projects and give you intimate information on our projects, concerns, and dreams that cannot be relayed to everyone. You can find more information about the levels at CraneTrust.org/Levels.

If you choose to be more involved you will know that your support is changing the world in which the cranes live, and ensure that the next generation will be in awe of the same migration as we are today. Please consider one of the levels that are presented on the tear-off card so that we can continue the work of fulfilling the mission of the Crane Trust.

*I hope you choose to join our other friends that have become even more involved!
Thank you!
Chuck Cooper*



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Yes! I WILL HELP PROTECT THIS VITAL STRETCH OF THE PLATTE RIVER SO FUTURE GENERATIONS MAY EXPERIENCE THE HISTORY AND BEAUTY WHICH NATURE HAS TO OFFER.

● FRIEND OF THE TRUST \$250-\$999 ● AMBASSADOR \$1000-\$2499 ● PRESIDENTS COUNCIL \$2500+
Your gift of any amount is deeply appreciated. My tax-deductible gift is enclosed in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____ VISA MasterCard Discover Card

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Name on Card (Print): _____

Phone: OH _____ OC _____ DONATE ONLINE: VISIT CRANETRUST.ORG/SUPPORT

E-mail: _____ CHECK ENCLOSED: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CRANE TRUST

Yes! I would like to receive the Prairie Pulse, a Crane Trust monthly e-Newsletter, with the latest conservation news and events.



ENSURE A FUTURE FOR THE CRANES

In March each year, the cranes arrive in Nebraska and hundreds of thousands of them come to the historic prairie that is protected by the Crane Trust. These cranes come, as they have for a million years to this stretch of the river to roost and to increase their body weight for the remainder of their 5000 mile migration where they lay their eggs and raise their young. This piece of the historic Platte River is critical to the health and growth of the sandhill cranes. "The annual Sandhill Crane migration is one of the world's greatest natural spectacles," said a Wall Street Journal writer. We now estimate that the sandhill crane migration may be as large as 800,000 birds an amazing number and it's partly due to the work of the Crane Trust and other conservation organizations.

The Crane Trust has been protecting land along this vital part of the Platte River for 40 years. The Trust has permanently protected nearly 25,000 acres along this small part of the river but our work to see that the cranes have a permanent place to rest and feed is not done. The Trust owns seven miles of the north side of the river and this land will always be available to the cranes to feed and rest here in central

Nebraska. We have now turned our attention to the other side of the river because as you look out of our blinds at this magnificent migration in most cases the land on the other side is not protected. If a housing development or a gravel pit was developed on that land it would permanently destroy this roost forever.

Our "South Side Vision" is to protect this critical habitat as we have on the north side. This will provide a home for the cranes for as long as time exists. You can help, we have made our first purchase of 260 acres and also a conservation easement on another piece but there are miles to go.

We need your help and we need it now, its possible someone is planning a development at this moment and unless we act to protect the land soon, the migration and our habitat might be negatively impacted forever. Your support of the Crane Trust will see that the cranes have a permanent home, somewhere where they will be able to stop, rest and feed for generations to come. Please help, the migration depends on it.

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Cindy and I were touched by the beauty of the Crane Trust, the amazing migration, and the work they have done to protect this important piece of Nebraska. Their work to protect the south side of the Platte River may be more important than anything they have done in their 40 year history. We should all help if we can.

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