

## ***KLT Adds New Preserve with Coastal Wetlands Grant***

The first phase of the Lightfoot Bay Cooperative Coastal Wetlands Project, funded by the National Coastal Wetlands Acquisition Program (United States Fish and Wildlife Service), Great Lakes Fishery Trust, and community partners, was completed in August 2007 with the establishment of a KLT preserve encompassing Lightfoot Bay, a large natural embayment of Huron Bay, near Skanee, along with a diversity of wetland habitats and pine forested dune. The preserve includes historic log cabins that will be used to house site stewards and resource professionals, along with eventual use by low-impact recreationalists in keeping with the permanent protection and enhancement of this rare, unique and diverse habitat. The Michigan Nature Association contributed



the fair market value of their nearby 79-acre Lightfoot Bay Sanctuary as land match to leverage grant funding. We are now working on inventory, site enhancements and planning for development of a management plan and implementation of outreach goals for 2008, along with determining if we can acquire additional land within this coastal wetlands system with remaining grant funds. About \$40,000 of additional local match may need to be raised before the end of 2008 to complete the grant objectives.