

Howard Farm

106 Acres

Vergennes Township

- Preserved in 2005
- First farm preserved by the Kent County PDR Program.
- Field crops. Soy beans produced on the farm are low trans fat beans use to make cooking oil by Zeeland Farm Services.
- Supported by: Lowell Area Community Fund, Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Steelcase Foundation, and the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.
- *Development Rights Cost: \$4,172 per acre (before the market crash of 2008)



Photo of the Howard family taken by Kendra Wills of MSU Extension at the closing ceremony in 2005.

*Note: All Development Rights Costs were determined by an independent, state certified appraiser hired by Kent County. This is true for all 21 farms preserved by the Kent County PDR Program.