

**Joe and Susan Merriman
Farm
57 Acres
Lowell Township**

- Preserved in 2008
- Field crops and Angus beef farm
- The property owners contributed over \$51,000 toward the preservation of their farm.
- Supported By: Institute for Systemic Change at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, Lowell Area Community Fund, Steelcase Foundation, Dyer-Ives Foundation, Urban Cooperation Board, and the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection program.
- Cost of Development Rights: \$4,982 per acre



Photo of the Merriman farm
by Kendra Wills of MSU
Extension in 2009.