

Three Conservation Success Stories

Our Protect the Kinni Campaign included three significant land deals with meaningful impact to the long term vitality of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed. Through these projects, we opened hundreds of acres of land for public use in the last decade. We enabled access for the community to enjoy the river and adjoining natural habitats.

Manion Wildlife Area Acquired 10/2009
232 Acres Purchase Price \$1,350,000
 Located on County Road FF in River Falls. 159 Acres transferred to WI DNR managed as wildlife area with oak savannas and goat prairies. KRLT created access to our Jackson Preserve – the only public access to the lower Kinni canyon between River Falls and the St Croix River. Open to the community year round. A beautiful scenic area.

Johnson Conservation Easement Acquired 9/2007
195 Acres Purchase Price \$1,000,000
 Located west of River Falls, below the lower dam and near Glenn Park and Foster Cemetery. Added to the lower Kinni conservation corridor and protected over one mile of river front. Diverse topography and plant/animal communities. KRLT’s acquisition enabled subsequent land swap with RF School District Forest designated as an accessible outdoor learning space for our children and community.

Quarry Road Fishery & Wildlife Area Acquired 7/2010
114.8 Acres Purchase price \$1,100,000
 Located northeast of River Falls, on the upper Kinni, the Quarry Road project permanently protects important Kinni river frontage and surrounding lands. This land had been slated for subdivision and development, but it is now open to public recreation with access from Quarry Road and the ‘Swinging Gate.’ Quarry Road is a large, precedent-setting success on the upper Kinni.

Cost of Conservation – Financial Impact

Land Conservation funding is a complex financial transaction involving the hopes and dreams of the landowner to leave a meaningful legacy. To create the success stories in these three deals required the mix of private funding (KRLT raised funds through your donations) and Landowner donations; DNR Stewardship funds; Federation Funds; Land Sale and short-term Borrowing with deferred interest through a line of credit.

Project	Total Cost	Total Borrowed	% of total borrowed
<i>Manion</i>	\$1,426,930	\$175,000	12%
<i>Johnson</i>	\$1,081,566	\$376,000	35%
<i>Quarry Road</i>	\$1,122,500	\$250,000	22%
Totals	\$3,630,996	\$801,000	22%
Principal paid	Thru 06/30/2017	\$744,939	
Principal Balance Due by or before	03/31/18	\$56,062	
Interest Balance Due by	03/31/18	\$70,845	
		Total Due	\$126,907

Protection Benefits
 Your gift toward resolving the debt from our prior successful projects:

- ✓ Is fiscally responsible and a core principal of our Accredited Land Trust status. You can trust the organization is operating well;
- ✓ Lays the foundation for future funding and capital investment campaigns to support our mission and vision;
- ✓ Builds upon our overall protection accomplishments of:
 - 34 Conservation Easements
 - 3 Preserves
 - Over 2800 acres of land and more than 10 miles of river frontage

Your future support - The next 10 years

The work of KRLT continues and will need your long-term support and investment to create more conservation success stories.

- ✓ KRLT is actively pursuing new conservation projects within the watershed by working with land owners and partner organizations. Your on-going investments to operations and acquisition funding make conservation possible;
- ✓ KRLT is committed to the long-term health and vitality of the watershed, including river restoration and removal of the dams on the Kinni. Your voice matters;
- ✓ KRLT actively engages volunteers in preserve management, conservation easement monitoring and community participation and access through managed and owned lands. You can be hands-on;
- ✓ KRLT partners with other organizations and public entities to maximize the impact of your support.

- **R4F Fly Fishing Festival** – bringing people with the passion for fishing and spirits together to celebrate
- **UW-RF** – water quality and land management studies led by faculty and students to measure the impact
- **Kinni Corridor Project** - evaluating and planning the relationship of the community with the river and adjoining urban and undeveloped areas
- **WI DNR** – wildlife, fishery and land management
- **Friends of The Kinni** – community voices for dam removal and river restoration
- **St Croix River Fest** – celebrating the rivers in the valley as a community with fun festivities

Summary

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust is a worthy community organization providing valued services and investments in our quality of life today and for future generations. We are regarded by all who know our work as an exceptional organization poised for its next major steps in conservation and watershed projects.

We are actively engaged in the community as development pressures mount. We work with landowners, volunteers and stakeholders in our watershed.

KRLT is a vital resource to all those who enjoy and use the Kinni and surrounding public access lands.

Mission

We work with the community to conserve and protect the beauty and health of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed.



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*Keeping the Kinni
cold, clean and free...forever!*

*We have a rare opportunity for
transformational partnerships in the
watershed supporting our values and ideals as
we create a signature, connected community
engaged and energized around the Kinni.*