

# KINNICKINNIC River Land Trust

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

### Celebrating KRLT Conservation, Members & Partners

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust celebrated our 20th Anniversary when we were midway through our fiscal year, in December 2013. We were excited and proud of our two decades of conservation accomplishments leading to the protection of more than 2,800 acres of land and 9 miles of riverfront. Although anniversaries are typically tied to a day of the year, we engaged our many members and partners in celebrating conservation all year long with new conservation methods, new land protection, and new conservation issues.

Our fiscal year began with developing a new, all-volunteer conservation easement monitoring program. Former Board members Mike Miller and Dan Wilcox stepped forward to lead the reorganization, design, training and implementation of this important KRLT responsibility. KRLT Volunteer Coordinator Dale Jorgenson recruited and coordinated the work of 20 volunteers to conduct the annual monitoring of our 32 easements. (See photos on back page.) We were very pleased with the response from our volunteers and landowners, and the good results will pay dividends for the years ahead.

Our December anniversary coincided with sealing our latest land protection success and our first urban land project covering 4.34 acres of land on Riverside Drive in the City of River Falls. Wrapped around the east and south sides of the Bye, Goff & Rohde law office, the property includes about 700 feet of Kinni River frontage. With a major contribution from local attorney and landowner Chuck Bye and significant funding from the Wisconsin Stewardship Program and the City of River Falls, we acquired the property and transferred it to the City as conservation land. We retained a conservation easement on the property, our 33rd easement. (See map photo on back page.)

Then, in the spring of 2014, we had our 20th KinniRiverClean-Up. With the generous support of the City of River Falls, West

Wind Supper Club, River Falls Tire, Viking Coca-Cola, 3M SETAC and River Falls Rotary, we engaged several community groups and dozens of volunteers for our annual "cleaning of the Kinni." Who will forget the community mystery of the wedding dress found on a beaver dam and the mountain of trash we collected from the Kinni's shores? We hope to see you next spring!

A new community conservation issue emerged last year as the City of River Falls began the five-year process of applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to relicense their two hydroelectric dams on the Kinnickinnic River. This is a lengthy, formal, complicated process. We have collaborated with several other stakeholder groups to request an open application process, to submit comments on the preliminary application, and to request studies on the dams and their impacts on the river. Recently, the KRLT Board has followed its vision of a Kinni that is cold, clean and free-flowing, and has asked the City to pursue a process that would lead to the removal of the two dams. As this process evolves and continues to unfold, we will be guided by our mission to "work with the community to conserve and protect the beauty and health of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed."

As we begin our third decade of conserving and protecting the Kinni, we celebrate and thank our many members, volunteers, supporters and partners. Your time, effort and financial support make it possible for us to pursue our vision of a Kinni that is cold, clean and free!



Robert W. Chambers  
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Dave Fodroczi  
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and health of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed*



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# Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Report

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. This annual report represents the activities and financials from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Please contact the KRLT office if you would like to receive a copy of our published financial statements for FY2014.

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2014

### Assets

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 60,243
Investments	\$ 214,632
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,350
Promises to Give	\$ 23,899
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 301,124</b>

<b>PROPERTY &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 851,183</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,152,307</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Total liabilities	\$ 400,608
<u>Total net assets</u>	<u>\$ 751,699</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,152,307</b>

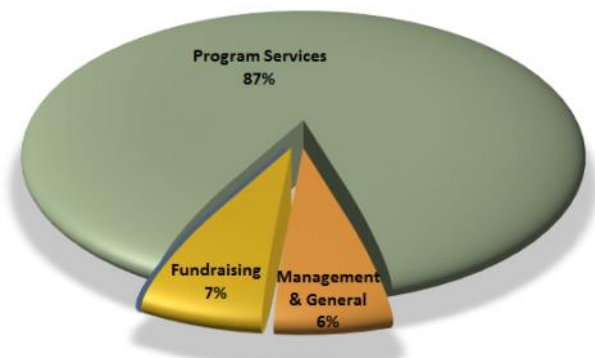
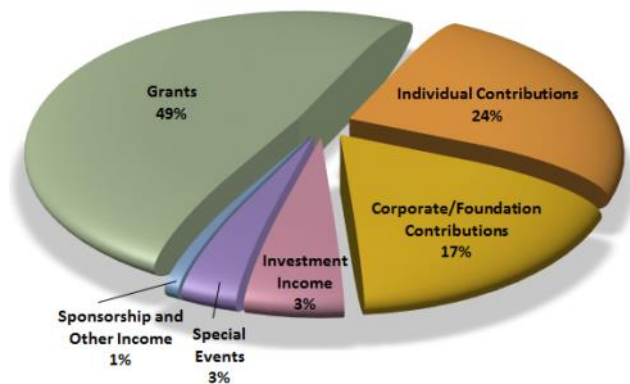
## Revenues and Expenses

### REVENUES

Grants	\$205,000
Individual Contributions	\$101,371
Corporate/Foundation	\$ 73,803
Investment Income	\$ 23,344
Special Events	\$ 13,572
<u>Sponsorship &amp; other income</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b>\$420,629</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$459,905
Management & General	\$ 33,902
<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>\$ 35,787</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$529,594</b>



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The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust would like to thank all of our contributors. All of the excellent work that KRLT has done over the past 21 years would not have been possible without all of our wonderful supporters.

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# THANK YOU!

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust Board of Directors and staff would like to thank all of our committed volunteers and partners for sharing their time, talents and services throughout the year!



Above: Property location map of our first urban land protection project on 4+ acres in the City of River Falls!  
 KRLT Photo.

Our 2013 Conservation Easement and Preserve Monitoring was successfully completed by a team of dedicated volunteers. Through the efforts of our staff, board, and Volunteer Coordinator Dale Jorgenson, 20 volunteers were recruited and trained for this important monitoring work.

The effort began in late September with two training sessions conducted by Hal Watson, KRLT Conservation Committee Chair. Volunteer Monitoring Team Leaders Mike Miller and Dan Wilcox then prepared packets for each conservation easement (32) and preserve (3) with information from the Baseline Reports.

Over the course of 5 weeks, more than 2000 acres of land were monitored by volunteers who spent in excess of 150 hours of their time doing the work. Reports and photographs related to the monitoring were submitted to the KRLT office. Feedback from the volunteers was very positive, and their reports were well done.

## Many Thanks to Our 2013 Volunteer Easement Monitors!

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