

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020



Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Report

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. This annual report represents the activities and financials from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Please contact the KRLT office if you would like to receive a copy of our published financial statements for FY2020.

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CURRENT ASSETS

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$163,026 |
| Investments | \$235,891 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$7,100 |
| Promises to Give | \$3,350 |
| Other Deposit | \$20,000 |
| Total Current Assets | \$422,267 |

NONCURRENT ASSETS

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| Promises to Give | \$19,713 |
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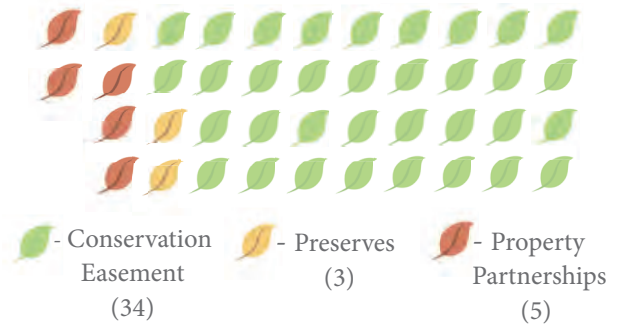
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

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| Total Assets | \$1,305,204 |
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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| Total Current Liabilities | \$6,462 |
| Total Net Assets | \$1,276,208 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | \$1,305,204 |

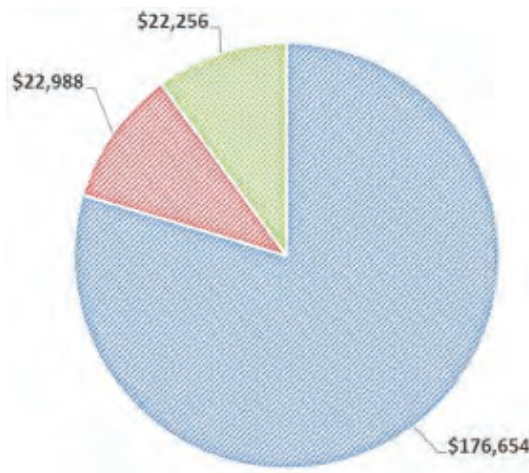
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Revenues and Expenses

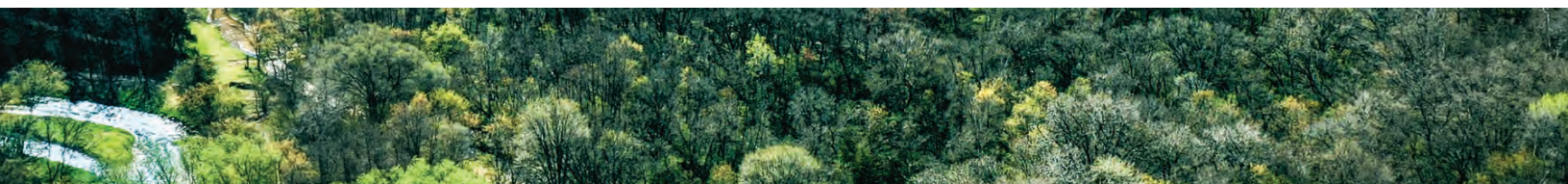
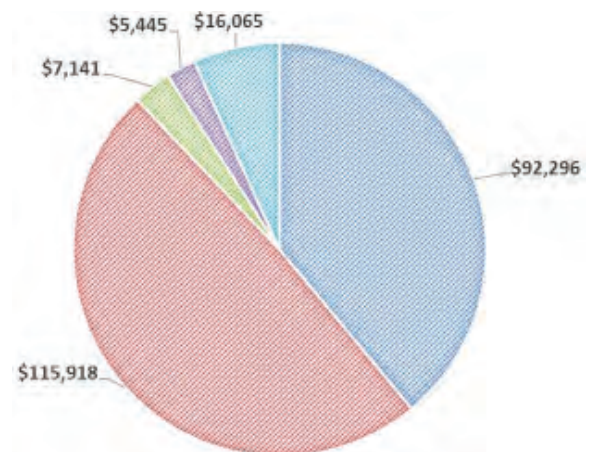
REVENUES

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| Individual Contributions | \$92,296 |
| Corporate/Foundation/Grants | \$115,918 |
| Investment Income | \$7,141 |
| Special Events | \$5,455 |
| Sponsorship & Other Income | \$16,065 |
| Total Revenue & Other Support | \$238,190 |



EXPENSES

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Program Services | \$176,654 |
| Management & General | \$22,988 |
| Fundraising | \$22,256 |
| Total Expenses | \$221,898 |





Greetings From Executive Director Charlene Brooks

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust is a passionate advocate for Kinni and the community that relies on its protection. For over 26 years, KRLT has worked with landowners, government partners, donors, and conservation-minded entities to protect conservation values that ensure the Kinni stays cold, clear, and free. With our mission in hand, we also strive to ensure that individuals have high quality public spaces, in which to enjoy the river.

But in 2020, the need for these green spaces, which offer so much tranquility, became more apparent than ever. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we have all been hit hard with a great deal of uncertainty and confusion. With clear connections between nature and mental health, KRLT is more determined than ever to improve our three preserves. The coming year will include improved parking, trails, signage, and management on our properties.

I am proud of the unbounding creativity, passion, and generosity that we've seen over the last few months. The Kinni is a gem and a treasure for all! As we continue to test our resilience, I do hope you find yourselves inspired by the Kinni's wonder....even if it's just for a second.



Trumpeter Swan Access Road

The Trumpeter Swan Preserve in southern St. Croix County is a diverse place with wetlands, upland, and groundwater seeps. It's also a super special site; home of the headwaters of none other than KRLT's namesake Kinnickinnic River. With such an august claim to fame, it should be no surprise that the Trust has begun a concerted effort to restore the 46.6 acre preserve to a mix of oak woodland, oak savanna, pine plantation (improving the management of pines planted for that purpose by a previous owner) and, of course, riparian wetlands.

Adjacent to a 40-acre Trust-held easement and the WDNR's ~2,341-acre Headwaters Fish and Wildlife Area, the only access to this headline preserve has been across the DNR property. And not like "hop on a trail and it'll take you up to the property line" kind of access either. Nope; you're trekking across undeveloped acre after acre to get there. Now, that's generally a good thing; it's the sort of vast natural areas that most anyone reading this strives for. But it does make getting to the preserve to engage in restoration work – let alone enabling the public to enjoy the land – a tad difficult. That's all now a thing of the past, with a 0.76 acre, 66' wide addition on the north side of the preserve that will provide access off of a local road. It's a small parcel with a big impact.

David Holman, Gathering Waters





Community Forest on the Kinni

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT) launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$500,000 the money needed to purchase a key 44-acre, old growth forested parcel of land in the lower river canyon downstream of the City of River Falls. The parcel contains 1,500 feet of river frontage and includes the mouth of Rocky Branch. The purchase will connect the River Falls School Forest, which has been landlocked for years, to Glen Park and River Hills Park.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for KRLT, the community of River Falls, and the River Falls School District. “A purchase agreement has been signed with the JoAnn Ailport-Dreistadt Estate and we are excited to move forward with raising the funds needed to make the purchase of the property a reality,” states KRLT Executive Director, Charlene Brooks. Successfully securing this 40-acre community forest will enhance public access to the Kinnickinnic River, increase angler opportunities, protect Rocky Branch, provide space for environmental education, and expand recreation.

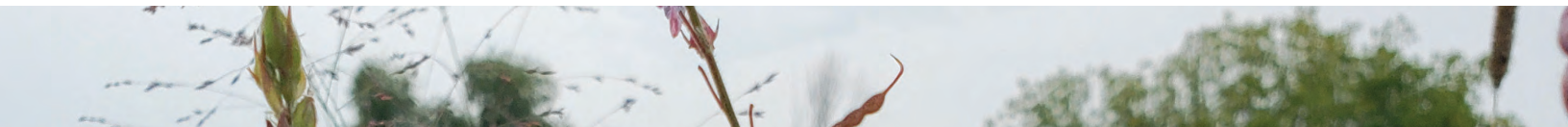
“We would like to thank the JoAnn Ailport-Dreistadt Estate and the School District of River Falls for their collaboration and for their commitment to making this beautiful forest accessible to the people of this community for generations to come,” shares KRLT Board President, Alison Page.



Easement Monitoring



Each year KRLT staff, board members, and volunteers visit each of KRLT's 3 preserves and 34 conservation easements to evaluate their current conditions. This monitoring process is one of the most important land trust responsibilities and ensures that conservation goals are being upheld. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the 2020 easement monitoring season and to the conservation easement holders for continuing to preserve and protect the Kinni for future generations. Each fall is when the monitoring process takes place, if you are interested in participating in 2021 please visit our website kinniriver.org or contact our office at 715-425-5738 for more information.



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