



Kinnickinnic River Land Trust

ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2022

CONNECT EDUCATE PROTECT

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



Greetings From The Board President



CHARLES RADER

I am pleased to report that fiscal year 2022 was a successful and busy year. Our financial situation is solid, and we continue stewardship of lands in the watershed. We held a successful community event with Wisconsin comedian Charlie Berens which raised funds to support projects at KRLT's four nature preserves. KRLT saw the departure of executive director Charlene Brooks Simonson and welcomed in Julie Smith. Two conservation easements were completed, adding an additional 40+ acres of protected land. Working with the River Falls School District, access was improved to The Community

Forest and School Forest. Plus, staff finalized management plans for three of our preserves.

Our continued success is because of the support from our members, guardians, corporate and foundational donors, community, volunteers, dedicated staff, and board of directors. Thank you all for helping us to keep the Kinni cold, clean, and free...forever.

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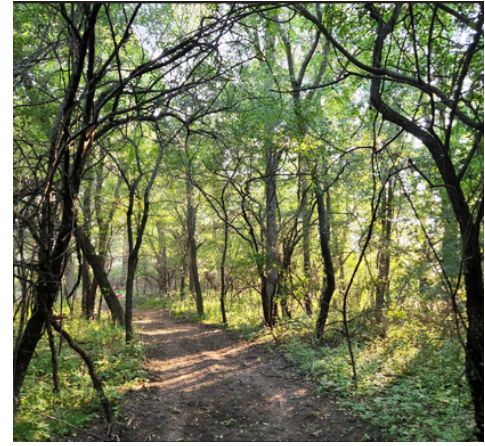
Marty Engel

Land Stewardship Manager

Community and Outreach

THE COMMUNITY FOREST

In January 2021, the purchase of KRLT's newest preserve, The Community Forest, was finalized. It protected over 44 acres and gave access to the landlock School Forest owned by the School District of River Falls. KRLT and the School District of River Falls are working together to create a space that will inspire outdoor education, recreation, and a place where all feel welcome. KRLT is also working with UWRP's (University of Wisconsin - River Falls) Forestry Program to create a forest management plan for the preserve that will tentatively be completed in 2023.



CHARLIE BERENS COMEDY SHOW



In September of 2021, KRLT and local river enthusiast group R4F hosted Wisconsin comedian Charlie Berens at the FNBRF Baseball Field. This sold-out event helped raise over \$50,000 that will support improvements at the four nature preserves (The Community Forest, Headwaters, Kelly Creek, and Drewiske).

Honoring The Water

In the spring of 2022, KRLT partnered with local artist and 2022 Poet of Place, River Maria Urke, to create a weekend honoring the waters of the Kinni. Poet of Place is an advocate and ambassador for poetry and creativity in the lower St. Croix Valley.

NIBI WALK

Sharon Day, Executive Director of the Indigenous Peoples Task Force in Minneapolis, MN, led an Indigenous ceremonial walk of prayer called a Nibi Walk to honor and pray for the water of the Kinnickinnic River. The walk began near the fishery headwaters. Women carried the water along the meandering river and ended at the Kinnickinnic State Park near the confluence of the Kinni and St. Croix River. KRLT sponsored the Nibi Walk in partnership with KinniCC and North Woods and Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area.



Photo: Thomas Lindfors

Conservation and Land Stewardship

NEW CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, KRLT worked with two passionate community members within the Kinnickinnic River Watershed to add a new conservation easement and additional acreage to a pre-existing easement totaling over 40 acres.



We are fortunate to live on a beautiful piece of land containing a large wetland and a little high ground. While planning for a prairie installation on some of the high ground, we were approached by a KRLT board member who suggested that we consider putting the land in a conservancy. We had been discussing how to protect the land after we're gone because the spring-fed wetlands are an important drainage buffer for the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, and we are only two miles from the city limits of River Falls. Both of us have lived in River Falls most of our lives, and we wished to leave a legacy to our community. The conservancy is our legacy.

-Mary Foster

PRAIRIE BURN AT KELLY CREEK PRESERVE



Photo: Mike Wurm

In the spring of 2022, a prairie burn was conducted on 34 acres at the Kelly Creek Preserve, which was successfully completed on May 16th by Habitat Creations, LLC. Funding was provided by grants from Tropical Wings Foundation and Star Prairie Fish and Game. This helps to control invasive species and helps with the overall prairie health by removing plant debris.



Photo: Michael Goodnature

NATURE PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS APPROVED

KRLT staff and the Conservation Committee are updating and developing a five-year operational plan for KRLT's four preserves. Updated plans will help set the stage for future infrastructure and habitat management on the preserves. The annual plan includes monthly trail mowing and parking lot maintenance over the summer growing season, as well as signage of the Community Forest and the Headwaters Preserves, a prescribed burn of the prairie at Kelly Creek, and invasive species control on the Headwaters Preserve.





Financial Overview

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, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Please contact the KRLT office if you would like to receive a copy of our published financial statements for FY2022.

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$195,845
Investments	\$328,323
Promises to Give	\$3,350
Prepaid Expenses	\$2,600
Total Current Assets	\$684,108

Noncurrent Assets

Promises to Give	\$12,500
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Property and Equipment

Total Assets	\$1,789,627
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Current Liabilities	\$7,486
Total Net Assets	\$1,782,414
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,789,627

35 Conservation Easements

4 Nature Preserves



REVENUES

Individual Restricted/Unrestricted Contributions - \$123,517

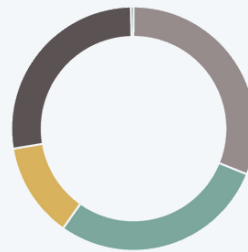
Corporate/Foundation/Grants - \$113,961

Investment Income - -\$49,923

Special Events - \$108,429

Other Income - \$1,360

Total Revenue & Other Support - \$308,875



FIXED ASSETS

Land - \$1,231,110

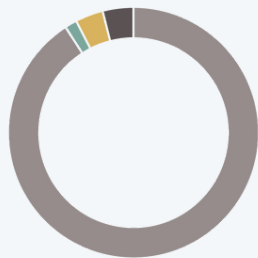
Land Improvements - \$21,200

Equipment - \$48,527

Easements - 34

Accumulated Depreciation - -\$53,862

Total - \$1,247,009



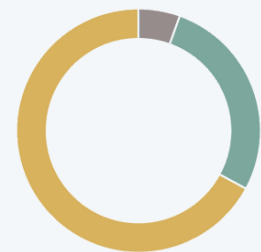
EXPENSES

Program Services - \$227,399

Management & General - \$18,615

Fundraising - \$92,829

Total Expenses - \$338,843



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Thank you to the following individuals who are leaving a legacy of land stewardship with a conservation easement on their property. Original owners of the easement are italicized.

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