



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020

We celebrate 30 years of bringing life to the Conservancy's mission! You'll see the handsome 30th Anniversary logo throughout 2021. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the community and the Conservancy. We adapted for safety while advancing the mission in increasingly visible ways. TOGETHER we:

- Permanently protected and maintained almost **100 ACRES** of wetlands, woodlands, prairies, public spaces, stream beds and an island.
- Celebrated the “Year of the Tree” and planted **OVER 100 TREES** in the Clear Lake Township and Watershed. The significance may not be overly visible at this time, but it will be in generations to come.
- Completed planning and funding for the **CYRUS BROUSE CLEAN STREAM PROJECT** in the newly named **SETTLERS WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE** to better filter the largest flow of water into 800-acre Clear Lake. Settlers Wetland is our first property south of Indiana State Road 120.
- Identified an infestation of **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL** in Clear Lake, Round Lake and Lake Anne. The invasive aquatic plant was likely introduced by visiting boats. We opened a multi-year project to survey and treat the infestation. Funding efforts are underway.
- Finished key clean-up and planning projects as we now move to the final phase of the prairie restoration and trail building at the 46-acre **CLEAR LAKE NATURE PRESERVE**. A core group of volunteers made this possible, enabling community members to connect with nature at the Preserve during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Tackled the re-landscaping of the **KASOTA ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE** by removing dead and invasive trees, opening vistas and improving safety in the popular site. We planted over 3,000 plant plugs, 16 trees, and 30 shrubs. Almost 40 volunteers lent a hand for this community project which will conclude in 2021 with the planting of 20 more trees.
- Began the third **WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY** in our 30-year history. These studies identify key projects to protect and improve the health of the water in Clear Lake, Round Lake, and the ditches feeding the lakes. Funding efforts are underway.
- Created and distributed the first Conservancy **VIDEO**, *Protecting What We Love*. The all-volunteer produced video was viewed over 700 times in 2020 and captures the beauty and spirit of our natural environment.
- Invested **1,001 VOLUNTEER HOURS** in testing water quality, removing invasive plants, planting natives, trail building, signage, and land maintenance. We led a community-wide spring trash pick-up. Volunteers include 13 Board members and 18 Committee members. All work is ably staffed and supported by Executive Director Bridget Harrison and Program Assistant Tracy McArdle Hughes.
- Engaged over **100 COMMUNITY MEMBERS** in educational programs, primarily through the Knee-high Naturalists Program. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in cancellation of many annual programs and partnerships across our community in 2020. Instead, we connected with about 50 families in small groups held outdoors (or by Zoom) through a **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM** we call **PORCH CHATS**. We shared project updates and listened to valuable community ideas, concerns, and suggestions.
- Received **GIFTS AND DONATIONS** from 324 contributors, including generous and record setting responses to the Year-end and “Giving Tuesday” appeals. At year end, 199 donors (73 new) contributed \$155,471 for a 23% community participation rate. We launched a new Conservancy Sustainers program. All of our 2020 donors are proudly listed in the following page. THANK YOU!

## INVESTMENT & FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 – December 31, 2020)

### ASSETS / NET WORTH

|                                  |              |
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| VALUE OF NATURE PRESERVES        | \$ 4,227,687 |
| EQUIPMENT                        | \$ 10,839    |
| BANK ACCOUNTS                    | \$ 156,485   |
| RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS & ENDOWMENT* | \$ 335,167   |

### REVENUES / EXPENDITURES

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| RESTRICTED / UNRESTRICTED GIFTS (324 donors) | \$ 248,919 |
| GRANTS (public and private from 6 funders)   | \$ 33,617  |
| OTHER REVENUE (interest, other)              | \$ 3,182   |

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| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>     | <b>\$ 285,718</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$ 188,502</b> |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$4,730,178</b> | <b>NET REVENUES</b> | <b>\$ 97,216</b> |
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\*Does not include two funds totaling \$400,585 held at Steuben County Community Foundation for the benefit of Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

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\$10,000+

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