

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



## TOGETHER in 2018 we:

- Permanently protected properties covering 63 acres and added one new property, **Borton Wetland Nature Preserve** (see photo below). Funded by 18 generous individuals and families, Borton's 7.8 acres contain wetlands along the Alvin Patterson ditch that flows directly into Clear Lake.
- Made significant progress in the prairie restoration and trail building at the 46-acre **Clear Lake Nature Preserve** with the help of community volunteers and groups from Fremont Middle School and Phi Kappa Theta fraternity at Trine University.
- Completed Phase II and began phase III of the Kasota Shoreline Restoration Project. Bioengineered seawalls of glacial rocks, native plants and natural canvas now encircle the **Kasota Island Nature Preserve**, with eight access points constructed along the sandy beach shoreline. East shore plantings will be installed in the spring. Planning began for the remaining landscape project.
- Installed signs at all CLTLC properties, welcoming public visitors to most and identifying appropriate use for each property.
- Partnered with Steuben County Lakes Council to host 40 participants in the Steuben County Life program for Clear Lake tours and an overview of the Kasota Shoreline Restoration Project.
- Invested **870 volunteer hours** in testing water quality, removing invasive plants, planting natives, trail building, land maintenance, sign installation, community education and outreach, and other Conservancy work.
- Engaged **997 community members** in educational programs, including guided property tours, Knee-high Naturalists, Invasive Aquatic Weed identification, Hoosier River Watch training, Fremont Middle School students, Youth Conservation Field Day and Duck Day programs at Pokagon State Park, and a Native Plant sale.
- Received the 2018 "Community Education and Outreach Award" from the North American Lakes Management Society for our "ASK BRIDGET" and Knee-high Naturalists programs.
- Updated the Conservancy's Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 (posted on the website) and added a Development Committee to six other active Board Committees to advance CLTLC's mission.
- Received gifts and donations of \$195,483 from 113 contributors, including generous responses to the first Annual Giving and Wish List programs. THANK YOU!

***Thank you for protecting the  
beauty and water of Clear  
Lake Township in 2018 and  
forever.***



## 2018 INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 – December 31, 2018)

### ASSETS / NET WORTH

Value of Nature Preserves	\$4,118,188
Bank Accounts	\$ 109,577
Restricted Accounts and Endowments*	\$ <u>255,937</u>
TOTAL	\$4,483,702

### REVENUES / EXPENDITURES+:

Restricted / Unrestricted Gifts (113 donors)	\$195,483
Grants (public and private) from 9 funders	\$115,386
Other revenue (interest, other)	\$ 22,327
TOTAL REVENUES	\$333,196
TOTAL EXPENDITURES+	\$ <u>90,069</u>
NET REVENUES	\$ <u>243,127</u>

\*Does not include two funds totaling \$332,708 held at Steuben County Community Foundation for the benefit of Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

+ Under current financial accounting standards, purchases of land and permanent land improvements are shown in financial statements as capital assets and additions to capital assets, not as expenditures.

**To get involved or support:**

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