

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## TOGETHER in 2019 we advanced the Conservancy's mission as we:

- Permanently protected properties covering just under 100 acres. Three properties were added: a 4-acre expansion of **Borton Wetland Nature Preserve**; a 3-acre **forested wetland** near Flora Husselman Trumbull Nature Preserve; and a 3.7-acre **preserve south of 120**. Funded by 10 generous individuals and families through the Conservancy's Land Acquisition Fund, the three acquisitions protect wetlands along the Alvin Patterson and Cyrus Brouse Ditches that flow 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, Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District, and groups from Fremont Middle School and Phi Kappa Theta fraternity at Trine University.
- Completed the three-year Kasota Shoreline Restoration Project! Bioengineered seawalls of glacial rocks, native plants, and woven fabric now encircle the **Kasota Island Nature Preserve** to slow the 3+-inch annual erosion rate of recent years.
- Designed, approved, and contracted for a landscape project for **Kasota Island Nature Preserve** during 2020-2021. Over 60 new trees and shrubs will be planted during the landscape project which was delayed during the Shoreline Restoration.
- Invested **1387 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 **1300 community members** in educational programs, including Knee-high Naturalists, Michindoh Aquifer briefing by Trine Professor Jeremy Rentz, Solar Farm tour at Fremont Middle School, Night Sky event for stargazing and light pollution education with local naturalist Fred Wooley, a Native Plant sale, and environmental classes and fieldwork for Fremont Middle School students and Youth Conservation Field Day and Duck Day programs at Pokagon State Park.
- Supported **financial sustainability** through SummerFest2019 at the Clear Lake Yacht Club, gathering almost 200 community members in June and netting over \$65,000 for Conservancy operations, land protection, and preservation activities.
- Expanded **staffing** as Executive Director Bridget Harrison welcomed Tracy Hughes as Program Assistant for Conservation.
- Recognized Nancy Webster for four years of leadership as Board President and welcomed new leaders Karen Horrell (President) and Dan Rippe (VP). Thirteen Board members and sixteen other volunteers supported CLTLC's mission through six committees.
- Received **gifts and donations** from 239 contributors, including generous responses to the second Annual Giving and first "Giving Tuesday", SummerFest Auction, In-kind support, and Wish List programs. THANK YOU!

***Thank you for protecting the beauty and water of Clear Lake Watershed and Township in 2019 and FOREVER.***

*Right: Fremont Girl Scout Brownie creation from Giving Tuesday Kids program.*



## 2019 INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 – December 31, 2019)

### ASSETS / NET WORTH

Value of Nature Preserves	\$4,227,688
Equipment	\$ 13,593
Bank Accounts	\$ 95,390
Restricted Accounts and Endowments*	\$ <u>291,891</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,628,562</b>

\*Does not include two funds totaling \$366,802 held at Steuben County Community Foundation for the benefit of Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

### REVENUES / EXPENDITURES+:

Restricted / Unrestricted Gifts (198 donors)	\$221,268
Grants (public and private) from 6 funders	\$ 53,349
Other revenue (interest, other)	\$ 4,965
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$279,582</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES+</b>	<b>\$<u>123,127</u></b>
<b><u>NET REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>\$156,455</u></b>

+ 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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