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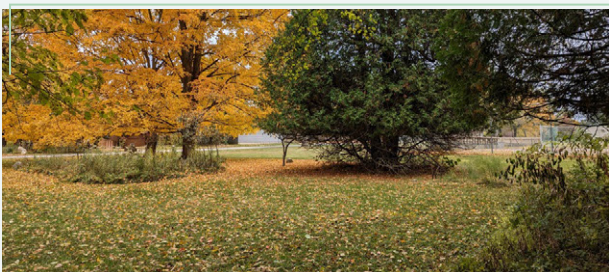
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Together, we are proud to report that throughout 2022 the Conservancy and our supporters...

Provided hundreds of unique Clear Lake experiences at our properties. We are honored to have protected and maintained over 100 acres of wetlands, woodlands, prairies, public spaces, stream beds, an island and a fen to continue to foster these experiences in 2022. Thank you to all of our volunteers for all that they did to add to these unique experiences in our community.



Gathered data through the **WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY** to establish an extensive database to identify key projects that will enhance and protect the health and safety of Clear Lake, Round Lake, and the ditches feeding the lakes.



Launched a legacy donation program, **THE LEGACY SOCIETY**, encouraging supporters to create planned gifts naming the Conservancy in your will or living trust or as a beneficiary of retirement or financial accounts. The Legacy Society Bequest Challenge quickly gained momentum with 5 bequests announced in 2022.



Repaired the hydrology of the west end of the Clear Lake Nature Preserve with the installation of a drainage tile with our partners from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and Blue Heron.

Received **GIFTS AND DONATIONS** from 314 contributors (73 of them new), with generous responses to the Year End and "Giving Tuesday" appeals and at our summer gala, which demonstrated community participation of about 31% in our work.



Treated and reduced a major infestation of **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL** in our Clear Lake waters. This project continues in 2023.

Grew the four-year old endowment fund, newly named the **FOREVER FUND**, held at Vanguard by 16%, primarily through generous donor contributions to honor outgoing Executive Director, Bridget Harrison, in the "Honoring Bridget" campaign.

Accepted the 2022 Indiana Lakes Management Society's Outstanding Water Project Award for the Cyrus Brouse Clean Stream Project on our Settlers Wetland Nature Preserve. The project has and will continue to provide a valuable filter for the largest flow of water into Clear Lake.

Invested **1,033 VOLUNTEER HOURS** in testing water quality, removing invasive plants, trail maintenance, land stewardship and organizational development. We led a third annual community-wide spring trash pick-up. Volunteers include 14 Board members and 34 Committee members.



Celebrated an evening of friendship and generosity at our summer fundraiser, the "Soirée on the Water." With representation from 38 local businesses and 220 attendees bidding on 44 auction items, **\$98,000** was raised to support the Conservancy's work.

Engaged 1,136 **COMMUNITY MEMBERS** in educational and outreach programs, including 5 **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST** sessions, the Fremont Public Library's "Picnic in the Park," guide-led wildflower and scavenger hunt hikes through the Clear Lake Nature Preserve, **PORCH CHATS**, and the December public meeting updating progress of ongoing Water Quality projects *Eurasian watermilfoil and the Watershed Diagnostic Study*.



Co-authored a children's picture book with the 78 second graders from Fremont Elementary depicting a waterdrop's journey through the watershed.

The Conservancy Sustainers Program doubled to include 13 families who donate monthly, providing steady, year-round support for Conservancy operations. Every form of giving makes a difference in our work. All of our 2022 donors are proudly listed on the following page. **THANK YOU!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 - December 31, 2022)

ASSETS / NET WORTH

VALUE OF NATURE PRESERVES	\$ 4,261,042
OTHER ASSETS	\$ 9,507
BANK ACCOUNTS	\$ 306,034
RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS & ENDOWMENT**	\$ 410,004
TOTAL	\$ 4,986,587

REVENUES / EXPENDITURES

RESTRICTED / UNRESTRICTED GIFTS (314 donors)	\$ 255,584
GRANTS (public and private from 15 funders)	\$ 47,407
EVENT INCOME	\$ 133,683
OTHER REVENUE (interest, other)	\$ 7,779
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 444,453
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 370,511
NET REVENUES	\$ 73,942

**Does not include two funds totaling \$375,805 held at Steuben County Community Foundation for the benefit of Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.

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