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The Conservancy is driven by a collective community goal: to preserve, protect, and manage the natural environment within the Clear Lake watershed and township for future generations. It is through the collaboration and support of our generous community and partners that we can carry out this mission. Our gratitude is overflowing as we reflect on all that we have accomplished this past year. Together, we are proud to report that throughout 2024, the Conservancy and our supporters...

Continued the preservation and stewardship of 19 properties, including the acquisition of 45 additional acres at South Bridge Preserve and Waterfield Preserve to total **145 ACRES OF LAND** in the Clear Lake Township, **PROTECTED FOREVER**.



Opened a new pollinator and wildflower trail through the Clear Lake Nature Preserve to create a nearly 2-mile trail through Brennan Woods and the prairie.

Surveyed the **AQUATIC VEGETATION COMMUNITY** in Clear and Round Lakes and treated invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil.



Gathered water quality data with the **WATERSHED DIAGNOSTIC STUDY**, including full-scale data collection in two major inlet ditches, one major outlet at Round Lake, and multiple locations within Clear Lake to understand nutrient capacity, sediment movement, and oxygen concentrations throughout the changing seasons.

Proudly represented Clear Lake at gatherings hosted by the Indiana Land Protection Alliance, Indiana Lakes Management Society, Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Land Trust Alliance.

Continued the **CONSERVANCY SUSTAINERS** program with generous support from **12 FAMILIES** who donate monthly, providing steady, year-round support for Conservancy operations.



Supported 5 residential shoreline projects with a 25% cost share from the Land Trust Alliance \$4,000 grant to install glacial stone seawalls that absorb wave energy, reduce erosion, and protect sensitive habitats.

Received continued support from our \$59,000 grant from the **MIDWEST GLACIAL LAKES PARTNERSHIP** and **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE** for our Watershed Diagnostic Study for improving water quality and monitoring fish habitat conditions.



Hosted our annual **RUN DAY, FUN DAY** fundraiser with 192 runners participating in a 10K, 5K, or 1-mile walk/run and over 50 youth participating in Fun Day activities. With representation from 26 sponsors, \$43,600 was raised to support the ongoing work of the Conservancy.

Expanded the **LEGACY SOCIETY TO 17 MEMBERS** that have shared their intentions of a future planned gift and finished the Legacy Society Bequest Challenge with \$17,000 in unrestricted support from a generous anonymous donor.

Grew the six-year old endowment fund, named the **FOREVER FUND**, held at Vanguard by 46% in 2024, through generous donor contributions and interest earnings.



Engaged **902 COMMUNITY MEMBERS** through educational and outreach programs, including 4 sessions of Knee-High Naturalists and Run Day, Fun Day in July, Soarin' Hawk's Raptors of Indiana in August, the Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Field Day for Steuben County Fourth Graders in September, and various guided hikes and public meetings throughout the year.



Invested over **2,570 VOLUNTEER HOURS** to support water quality testing, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, land stewardship and fundraising support from 14 Board members, 30 committee members and 85 community supporters.

RECEIVED GIFTS AND DONATIONS FROM **268 CONTRIBUTORS** WITH GENEROUS RESPONSES TO YEAR END GIVING, "GIVING TUESDAY," AND RUN DAY, FUN DAY, SHOWING COMMUNITY GIVING OF AROUND 30% OF OUR WORK. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 – December 31, 2024)

ASSETS / NET WORTH

VALUE OF NATURE PRESERVES*	\$ 4,684,946
OTHER ASSETS	\$ 14,204
UNRESTRICTED ACCOUNTS	\$ 352,012
RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS & ENDOWMENT**	\$ 707,649
TOTAL	\$ 5,758,810

REVENUES / EXPENDITURES

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS	\$ 204,135
RESTRICTED GIFTS SPENT	\$ 110,469
EVENT INCOME	\$ 43,663
GRANT (public and private) FROM FUNDERS	\$ 9,992
OTHER REVENUE (interest, branded items)	\$ 26,143
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 394,402
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 333,908
NET REVENUES	\$ 60,494

*Increased by \$423,904 in 2024 with the acquisition of Waterfield Preserve and South Bridge Preserve.
** Does not include four funds totaling \$500,735 held at Steuben County Community Foundation for the benefit of Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy.