



Friends of the Mukwonago River Newsletter | 2012

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

You might say we had a watershed year in 2012: we held our first watershed event (thanks to all who attended and to our hosts, the Lake Beulah Yacht Club), we mailed our brochure to over 2000 watershed residents (gaining many new members as a result), we held our first volunteer appreciation event, and we added four new people to our Board of Directors (see article on page 8). I hope you attended one of our events or a paddle this past year—if not, there will be many more chances this year. Please join us!

We have good news on the fundraising front again this year, which means we can continue to coordinate terrific educational opportunities for youth and adults alike in partnership with the watershed's school teachers, youth camps, land trusts, lake districts, and other partners. Thanks to the good work of our Watershed Coordinator, Cynthia Holt, we landed a \$10,000 grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board last summer. We are excited about the watershed educational consortium this grant has helped us build, and we look forward to the educational opportunities the group will create this year, from water quality testing to service learning opportunities, watershed models, and much more. More details on page 3.

As always, the newsletter can hardly contain all of the amazing work our volunteers, Board, and Watershed Coordinator, as well as our great partners, accomplished this past year. Please read on for all the details.

We need your help to be able to keep up the good work. Please contact us if you'd like to donate your time—our committees can always use new blood. (We are particularly in need of interested people to join our PR & Communications Committee.) And please donate if you can, or renew your membership if it is time. We appreciate all of your help and support and look forward to a great 2013. See you out in the watershed!

Ezra Meyer, President

Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Mukwonago River is to protect the Mukwonago River and its associated watershed ecosystems by way of education, advocacy, and promotion of sound land use throughout the watershed.

*Now entering
our 14th year!*

(Thanks to you!)



Friends' Environmental Education Grant Supports Watershed-wide Educational Partnership

The Friends received a grant for just under \$10,000 effective July 1, 2012, from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board. The grant supports a Mukwonago River Watershed educational consortium that we envisioned would help us accomplish water management service projects as prioritized in SEWRPCs Mukwonago River Watershed Protection Plan. Indeed the group that we have been able to organize behind this project has already accomplished great things.

The project will target three audiences whose coordinated watershed education and cooperation are critical to the health of the watershed. The primary audience includes local camps and environmental education centers (Edwards YMCA Camp, Phantom Lake YMCA Camp, Camp Timberlee, the B'Nai B'rith Beber Camp, Nature's Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Camp Alice Chester, and Eagleville School). The second target audience is youth ages 8 to 18 living within the watershed. The third comprises those adults—including parents, staff, administrators and board members—who are leaders within the community.

The overall project goal is to engage youth organizations within the watershed and build a network of environmentally literate organizations and youth who are fully engaged in the watershed and able to join us in our work toward long-term goals to improve watershed health. Planned activities include implementation of consistent water testing programs;

watershed service learning projects with schools and camps; regularly scheduled community education and training opportunities; and community events to celebrate the watershed and all of its treasures.

Our Education Committee has become the forum where the terrific consortium partners behind this project meet. We really appreciate all of the effort put forth by consortium partners to make it all a reality!

Membership and Donations Double Thanks to Our Efforts under Our 2011 DNR River Protection Planning Grant

The Friends have now completed most of the deliverables under our 2011 DNR River Protection Planning Grant, which supports the second phase of our multi-year organizational capacity-building effort. The best accomplishment to come of this work so far is that it has helped us to double our membership and donations!

A key component of this phase of this work is to implement the strategic plan you helped us create in 2011. Through the work of our committees, Board, volunteers, and staff, our goal is to continue to grow the Friends to be the strong, effective organization we all want it to be with visible accomplishments in all six areas we identified as strategic plan priorities.

Some goals of this grant that are now complete or well underway:

- Volunteer Recognition Program: last December, for the first time, we held a volunteer recognition celebration featuring Watershed Champion Awards
- Water Quality Testing/Monitoring Program: in progress with consortium partners
- Annual Friends/Watershed Activity Calendar: currently being filled with this year's events
- Watershed Educational Consortium: As detailed in our WEEB grant update, this group is up and running and working with our Education Committee to pull together a great list of educational opportunities this year and beyond.
- Annual Giving Campaign & Fundraising Event: Last June, we held our first annual watershed event in the form of a pancake breakfast at Lake Beulah Yacht Club. We invited over 2000 watershed residents, and well over 100 attended.

Turtle Signs Vandalized: They've Vanished!



Four turtle crossing signs placed along Highway LO in 2009, in a wetlands area close to the Mukwonago Village, disappeared this spring. Jean Weedman, a longtime Friend, volunteer, and past Board member, was shocked and dismayed as she drove her daily turtle assessment run and discovered the signs gone. We had lost one in the same area the prior year, which the Friends had replaced.

Waukesha County installed the turtle crossing signs at the request of the Friends to help increase driver awareness about the female turtles that cross the roads from nearby waterways in their annual trek to make nests and lay their eggs.

The turtles' annual nesting movements occur primarily in June and July. The Mukwonago River watershed is home to most of Wisconsin's 11 turtle species, six of which are listed as endangered, threatened or species of special concern by the DNR. One such threatened turtle, the Blanding's turtle, can be found throughout the watershed.

Our goal with the highway signs (along with articles, presentations, and web information) has been to raise awareness of the turtles and their habitats and habits in the Mukwonago River watershed and to ensure they can continue to safely coexist with us humans in this most amazing place we all call home.

The signs have been a great tool to help our local turtles survive with just a little human help in a world that moves a little too fast for them.

For now, we seek to replace the signs at the high cost of over \$800, and we are also looking into alternative methods to raise turtle awareness that are not so susceptible to vandalism and not as costly. Any thoughts are welcome. Email us at friendsofthemukwonagoriver@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner 2012

The Friends held our first annual volunteer recognition event on December 1st at the home of longtime Friends, Barb and Andy Holtz. Over forty people attended. It was a wonderful evening. We honored all of our fantastic volunteers for their contributions to the Friends and the river and watershed, and we specifically acknowledged this year's designated Watershed Champions in the following four categories:

Stewardship (Organization):

Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources: for streambank restoration efforts on the former Rainbow Springs property, now the Mukwonago River Unit of the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest

Stewardship (Individual/family):

The Tarman-Ramcheck family: for their land stewardship efforts in the area around Lake Beulah and the Beulah Bog State Natural Area

Education:

Eagleville School PTO and Jean Weedman: for their collaboration on the Eagleville School prairie garden

Community partners:

Lake Beulah Yacht Club: for their assistance in connecting Lake Beulah and the rest of the watershed through our first annual watershed event last June

Thank you to all our volunteers and kudos to our 2012 Watershed Champion award winners.

We really appreciate the work you do in support of the Friends and the amazing Mukwonago River and her watershed. Each and every volunteer is the lifeblood of this organization. We love you, we need you, and we support and appreciate you. *(See our website for a full list of this year's honored volunteers in all categories.)*

Committee Updates

In late 2011, the Friends' Board of Directors formed committees to directly support the key priorities identified in our strategic plan. If you are interested in participating, please join a committee. Contact us at friendsofthemukwonagoriver@yahoo.com.

Education Committee supports the educational portion of the Friends' mission. The group is helping us implement our two current grants by partnering with area camps, schools, and other partners in environmental education to engage youth and adults in the wonders of the outdoors and specifically our incredibly special river watershed. Work under the two grants has centered on establishing a calendar of events, service learning projects, and building models of a river/watershed system for use in the classroom. The Educational Consortium intends to add water quality monitoring activities to the list this year.

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The **PR / Communications Committee**, charged with shaping the Friends' organizational messaging and outreach, oversees the annual newsletter, monthly e-newsletters, press releases, invitations and displays, and our Facebook page and website postings. We continue to review those communication tools, along with our "Glacial Refuge" video, brochure, and more, to ensure they engage current and potential members and effectively communicate the importance of the Mukwonago River and its watershed and the critical role the Friends play in its protection and restoration.

We held a successful Watershed Awareness event in June at the Lake Beulah Yacht Club and offered educational activities and display space to partners. This past December, we participated in Mukwonago's Midnight Magic Parade and hosted a Volunteer Recognition event.

This committee seeks creative individuals with communications, PR, writing, event planning, photography, and other related skills to join us.

The **Protection and Restoration Committee** met several times last year and will have a busy 2013. This committee's charge includes educating, advocating, and partnering to promote sound land use and water management decision-making. It encompasses a very broad scope.

Our work includes supporting and promoting land protection efforts by land trusts and others, educating landowners on options to preserve and protect their shorelines and natural lands, and helping watershed landowners and recreational water users to prevent and manage invasive species.

This year, we will help to implement SEWRPC's Mukwonago River Watershed Protection Plan in coordination with our partners. The master planning process for the Mukwonago River Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest will be a key focus.

As in the past, with support from other committees and help from our Friends, we will react to issues that need attention and work with our local officials, and we will take proactive stances on issues relevant to our mission. We will continue to advocate for the protection and preservation of the Mukwonago River and, with your help, keep it in its pristine condition.

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The **Fundraising Committee** worked diligently this past year to engage more watershed residents, businesses, and organizations as members and donors. We met or exceeded our fundraising goals to raise \$5,000 through individual donations and memberships and \$3,000 in corporate sponsorships for our pancake breakfast. We mailed our brochure and a "welcome to the watershed" letter to over 2,000 watershed residents, and we expanded our membership by nearly 50 through that mailing and the watershed event. We have also nearly doubled the number of contacts in our lists to almost 400.

This group is excited to pick up this year's fundraising goals and to make them a reality with expanded business outreach and another watershed event.

Friends 2012 Events

We held a wonderfully attended Watershed Event on June 3rd, featuring a pancake breakfast with our Lake Beulah partners and paddling thanks to on-water boat demos provided by Clear Water Outdoor from Lake Geneva. Several watershed partner organizations displayed their work, including an educational interactive display on how watersheds work. It was a beautiful day and a great time. Many great volunteers worked to make this event a huge success. We intend to make this an annual event: this year, it's on the calendar for Sunday, June 2, 2013.



A rainy day awakened the group of Friends attending our August 26 paddling trip from Eagle Spring Lake up to Lulu Lake. Regardless of the weather, several stalwarts in canoes and kayaks had a great paddle. Participants included Cynthia Holt, Kitty Welch, Beth Gehred, Pamela Meyer, Martha Welch, Ed Olson, and Donna McElwee, Cathy Felske and her sister-in-law, all from Booth Lake.



In early December, the Friends participated in the Mukwonago's annual Midnight Magic Parade for a second year. Wearing one of our very unique and sought-after fish hats Tim Roebke carried our banner with Chris-Ann Lauria. We had a great turnout with over ten adults and kids parading, including several board members Gina Howden and Ed Olson (from left), Dick Jenks, Ezra Meyer, Pamela Meyer, and David Swanson (not pictured) and their families.

Our Volunteer Recognition Event, also held in early December, was a huge success. We acknowledged our Watershed Champions and thanked everyone for their (your) volunteer efforts. The picture at right shows a few of the over 40 attendees in the living room of the Holtz home. We intend to make this an annual event in honor of the fact that volunteers are so critical for our success. Thank you for your contributions to our mission.



Volunteers, including Friends, Survey for Invasive Plants

The Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium (SEWISC) is processing the tremendous amount of data submitted by 122 volunteers, half a dozen of which are also active Friends members, who participated in a roadside survey for invasive plant populations this past year. These citizen scientists collected location and population size data for several selected plant species. The survey was among 18 projects selected for assistance through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2012-13 Citizen-based Monitoring Partnership Program. Additional funding was provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Due to the short flowering period of wild parsnip, this year's prime target species, survey teams only had a few weeks to conduct their searches this year which conflicted with the vacation plans of many volunteers. As a result, several 2011 teams recruited friends, colleagues, and family members to conduct the 2012 surveys and 47% of our volunteers were new recruits!

Many thanks go to the 181 volunteers who donated more than 2,500 hours and drove, hiked, and biked nearly 26,000 miles through their neighborhoods over the past two years to identify and map these problematic species. Thanks are also due to our County GIS departments and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, who eagerly supplied the volunteers with maps. *Adapted from SEWISC's Winter 2012 e-newsletter.*

SEWISC is a broad-based coalition that promotes efficient and effective management of invasive species throughout an 8-county region (Sheboygan, Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha).

The Friends of the Mukwonago River volunteers who participated in this effort were: John and Julie Mann, Jean Weedman, Barb Holtz, Pam Meyer, and Jacki Lewis.

The Friends would like to engage willing volunteers and our watershed organizational partners to organize similar efforts designed to inventory and map populations of *aquatic* invasive species along the shores of the river and the watershed's lakes. Please stay tuned to our monthly email newsletters and our website for details on those opportunities.

The key with invasive plants, be they on land or in the water, is to prevent their spread in the first place as much as possible. Beyond that, the key is to find them early so that there is some hope of responding rapidly and controlling them before they get a foothold and begin to outcompete valued native species.



The Friends of the Mukwonago River

Board of Directors—June 2012



Ezra Meyer—President A founding member of the Friends, Ezra grew up in the watershed on Eagle Spring Lake, fourth generation. He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Master's degrees in Water Resources Management and Urban & Regional Planning from UW Madison. He's been the Water Resources Specialist at Clean Wisconsin for almost 5 years. Ezra is passionate about building on the watershed's long history of people and nature coexisting in a mutually beneficial way.

Ed Olson—Vice President Ed has resided near and kayaked and waded in the Mukwonago River for over thirty-five years. Retired as of last February, for thirty years he served in executive capacities with Waukesha Memorial Hospital (WMH) and ProHealth Care, including eight years as President/CEO of WMH. Ed has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Carroll University, and his graduate work at UW-Milwaukee was in Urban Studies. His extensive volunteer activities have included board directorships with United Way, the Women's Center, Mukwonago YMCA, Interfaith Senior Programs, American Heart Association, Wisconsin Hospital Association, Waukesha County Business Alliance and more. Ed and his wife, Linda, have two grown daughters and one amazing grandson.

Pamela Meyer—Treasurer Pamela grew up on Eagle Spring Lake, raised three children, and lives there today. In 2003, she worked with The Nature Conservancy to permanently protect her roughly 60-acre Christmas tree farm featuring 1,500 feet of Mukwonago River frontage through a conservation easement. She has served 3

terms on the Waukesha County board, currently serving on the Finance and Land Use, Parks, and Environmental Committees. She is passionate about water issues, land use planning, and the critical connection between the two for the Friends' watershed protection mission.

Dick Jenks—Secretary Dick grew up on a dairy farm in central Wisconsin. He is now retired after a 30-year management career in telecommunications. Dick has a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from UW Madison and an MBA from UW Whitewater. He is a licensed real estate appraiser. Dick and his wife Mary have lived on Upper Phantom Lake since 1985. They enjoy travel, hiking, and canoeing. Dick served several terms on the Phantom Lakes Management District and is a member of the Friends of Vernon Marsh. Dick is excited to be a part of the Friends' continued growth, helping with the environmental challenges just outside his back door.

Gina Howden Gina lives in Eagle with her husband, Eric, and their two children. She grew up on Lake Keesus in Waukesha County and went to UW Whitewater. She has always been passionate about protecting our local water resources for current and future generations. Gina works at Standard Process, which owns a farm on Jericho Creek. Gina and her family enjoy exploring local waterways as often as possible in their canoe, affectionately named "Bella." As an active Eagleville Elementary parent, Gina is excited about the continuing relationship between the Friends and Eagleville to educate the next generation of watershed protectors.

David Swanson David became a friend of the Mukwonago River when he moved here to take a teaching position at Nature's Classroom Institute of Wisconsin in the heart of the watershed near Lake Beulah. David grew up in Chicago and attended Northland College in Ashland, WI on beautiful Lake Superior, where he obtained degrees in both Mathematics and Biology. Presently, David teaches at Milwaukee Montessori School and raises his daughter on the shores of Honey Creek in East Troy.

Kettle Moraine State Forest, Mukwonago River Unit: Open to the public, river restoration begun—it's Master Planning time.

The Mukwonago River Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, formerly Rainbow Springs, saw some major changes in 2012. Wisconsin DNR staff were active on many aspects of the property this past year. "Demolition of the Lake Lodge, pool house, convention center, kitchen building, irrigation pump house, the sewage disposal plant, and some large holding tanks was completed in 2012," said Paul Sandgren, Forest Superintendent of the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. "The Pro-shop and ice skating warming cabin remain, with replaced roofs and underground electric installed to them. Foundations and the concrete rubble pile for the convention center have been covered with topsoil and seeded to a cover crop. The overhead electric lines, poles and transformers, including the substation have been removed," reports Jim Jackley, DNR real estate specialist.

The Waukesha County portion of the property opened to the public on November 10, 2012. A parking lot at the entrance on County Highway LO and a gate to control access at that point were installed for use by hikers, hunters and fishermen, and others entering by foot. Horses, bicycles and motor vehicles are not permitted on the property. The entrance road and the bridge and culvert remain at this time (though they are limited to pedestrians only). The removal of the covered bridge due to its poor condition opened up a view of the river, a view improved thanks to brush-removal work by the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Some interesting notes from Paul Sandgren: "Some of the lumber in the hotel was salvaged by the demolition company for use in their Beloit offices. Many tons of steel were recycled from the hotel. The lowest level of the kitchen building, originally planned to house a restaurant, turns out to have been built below the groundwater table and was flooded until this past summer's drought lowered the water table."

A project sponsored by the Kettle Moraine Natural History Association and funded by the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission allowed work to begin on culvert removal to restore the portion of the Mukwonago River that was heavily modified to create the golf course in the 1960's. Benjamin Heussner, DNR fisheries biologist, reports, "A cooperative effort to improve habitat and navigability is well on its way with two culverts removed in fall of 2012. A habitat evaluation was completed in summer 2012 that helped inform the culvert removal plan. A mussel survey was also completed, and native mussels were transplanted upstream out of harm's way. An electro-fishing survey allowed documentation of species diversity and abundance prior to restoration efforts. Brush bundles, stream mapping, garbage clean-up, water quality monitoring, and invasive plant removal were performed through cooperation between Nature's Classroom Institute, Trout Unlimited, and DNR. This is the beginning of a large-scale restoration effort to include the removal of five more culverts in 2013."

Four areas of the property, totaling around 240 acres, whose purchase was specifically funded by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, will be managed for wetland habitat per that program's requirements.

Having spent 2012 laying groundwork for the effort with guidance from Endangered Resources staff, the Mukwonago River Watershed Protection Plan, and others, the DNR has begun the master planning process, which will run for roughly the next eighteen months with stakeholder and public input beginning this spring (2013). This comprehensive process will define a collective vision for the lands and waters of the Mukwonago River Unit and Lulu Lake Natural Area. The DNR has a strategy for public involvement which will begin in the first quarter of 2013. "There will be opportunities for all entities and individuals to weigh in on the use and restoration of the property," noted Sandgren.

The Friends plan to take an active role in this process as it unfolds. We hope you will participate and provide input. Please watch for updates from the DNR and from the Friends. If you are not signed up for our email service, please do so at www.mukwonagoriver.org.

Eagle Spring Lake Weather Project

By Pete Jensen, Eagle Spring Lake Resident

In 2008, a weather monitoring system was installed on Eagle Spring Lake. That basic system has now grown into one of the most significant data collection systems monitoring weather and lake temperatures in Wisconsin.

In addition to collecting normal weather data—air temperature, wind speed / direction, relative humidity, precipitation and precipitation rates, solar and UV radiation—the system collects water temperatures from around the lake throughout the year. This data, archived every minute, produces over 21 million data points a year. The data is transmitted into the Meteorological Assimilation Data Information System (MADIS) where it can be used and tracked by government agencies, such as the National Weather Service and U.S. Geological Survey, and users.

On June 21, 2010, the Eagle Spring Lake Weather Station recorded the passage of the Eagle Tornado, which traveled from West to East approximately 1.4 miles from the recording station. The barometric pressure drop of a tornado can be easily seen on the graph in Figure 1, below at left.

A primary purpose of the weather collection system is to monitor lake temperatures for use in scientific research. This information can be used to study the stresses on aquatic life due to high or low temperatures or extreme temperature shifts. Figure 2, below right, shows one example of the rapid temperature shifts that can occur in the lake, stressing the aquatic environment—the shift shown there occurred in less than a week.

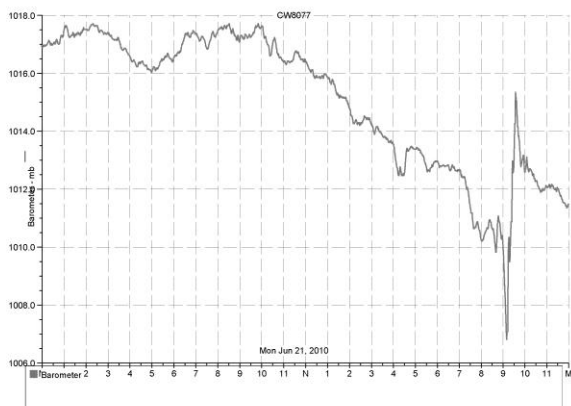


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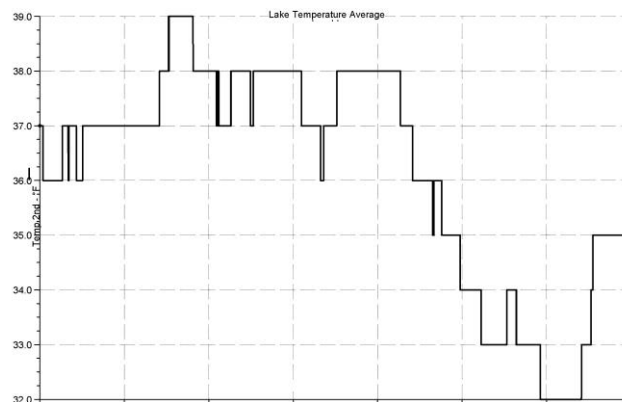


Figure 2.

As more data is collected and analyzed, a better understanding of the weather and temperature dynamics of this unique shallow lake along the Mukwonago River will be gained. This weather information is available to the public through a website maintained by the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (at www.eagleweather.com).

This spring, the UW-Parkside is providing 20 computer science students to improve and update the weather website and data collection systems. These improvements are provided to the district at no charge as part of the UW's outreach programming. While everyone complains about the weather, little can be done to change it. But much can come from a better understanding of how changing weather patterns affect our local environment. This project of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District aims to gain a better understanding of these relationships and how to employ better management techniques to work with the weather rather than just complaining about it.

Editor's note: The Friends thank Pete Jensen for contributing this article and for his volunteer contributions to the watershed, and we thank Eagle Spring Lake Management District for sponsoring this incredible effort.

Land Trusts, Waukesha County Preserve Watershed Lands

Waukesha County Land Conservancy

In 2012, Waukesha County Land Conservancy purchased 51.6 acres on the Mukwonago River adjacent to the Kettle Moraine State Forest's Mukwonago River Unit and a 128-acre conservation easement along Jericho Creek, bringing their total for environmentally significant lands protected in Waukesha County to 2,660 acres. Through these important agreements with landowners, WCLC preserved primary environmental corridor, undisturbed shoreline, pristine floating bog, uplands, woodlands and wetlands for generations to come. We applaud the effort.



Waukesha County Greenway on the Mukwonago River

In 2012, Waukesha County purchased a 61-acre parcel adjacent to the Kettle Moraine State Forest's Mukwonago River Unit and with frontage along the Mukwonago River as part of the greenway plan designated in the County's Park and Open Space Plan. The land, lying just south of County Highway LO several miles west of Mukwonago, includes an oak forest with deep kettles and high ridges and a low-lying area featuring a small lake.

Greenways protect high quality natural resource-based elements, connect major state, county and local parkland, as well as other community social and cultural amenities, and provide recreational and educational opportunities for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

The property was purchased using the County's Walter Tarmann Fund. The County will also apply for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The Friends is always happy to write letters in support of land purchases or easement acquisitions that will protect land in the watershed, typically pieces that add habitat corridors or preserve natural areas and environmental corridors. These parcels serve to connect conservation land owned by many organizational partners—The Nature Conservancy, the DNR, and local land trusts—as well as private landowners.



Award-winning private land steward, Barb Holtz of Holtz Farms (third from right, a longtime Friend), and DNR staff along with staff from The Nature Conservancy and Kettle Moraine Land Trust. The group was in attendance at the Oak Savannah Alliance's first annual workshop last spring.

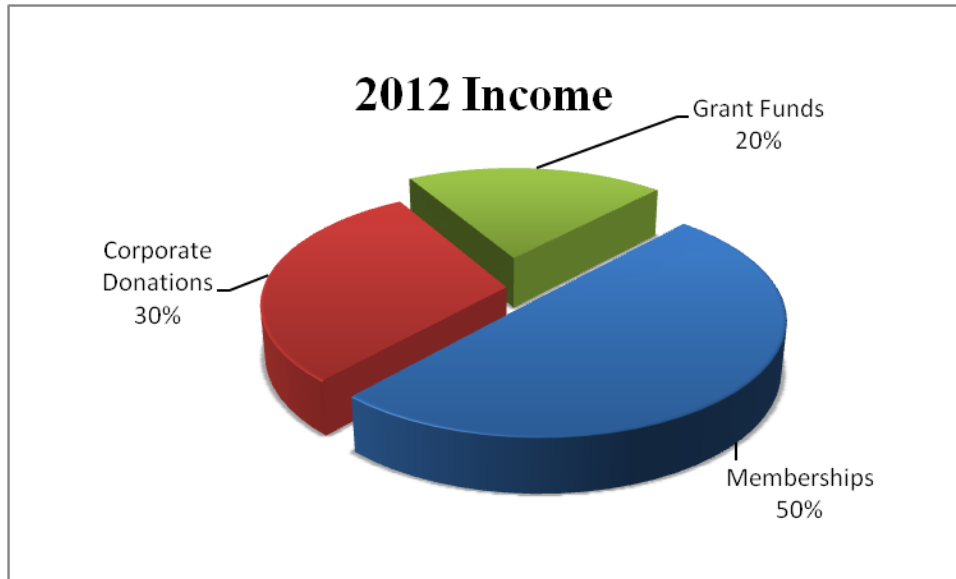
Kettle Moraine Land Trust Awarded Accreditation, Protects Beulah Bluff Preserve

The Kettle Moraine Land Trust has been awarded the national seal of land trust excellence by an independent commission—the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Accredited land trusts have met national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust, and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent. In Wisconsin, only one out of forty land trusts is accredited.

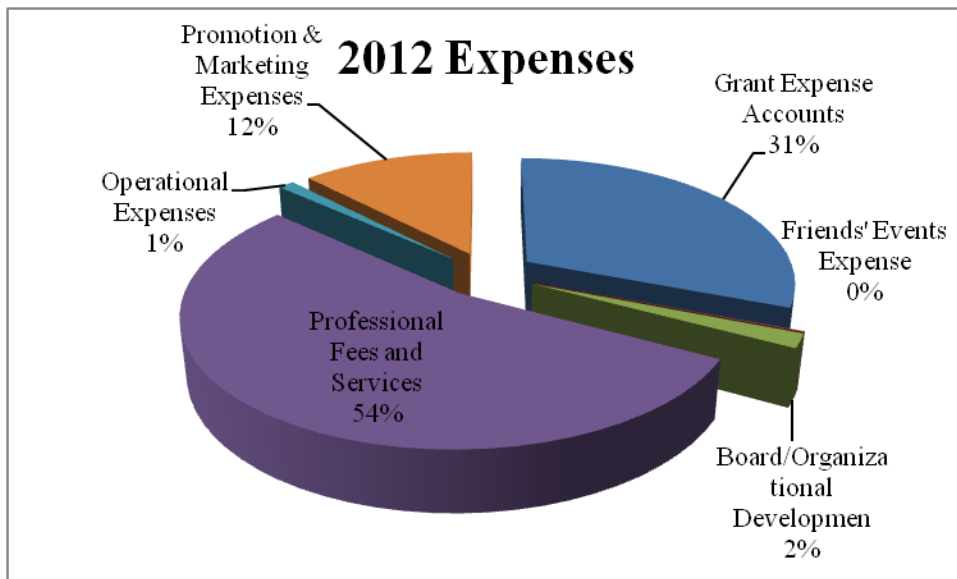
After nearly three years of negotiations, the Kettle Moraine Land Trust completed the purchase of a property in the Mukwonago River watershed at the top of a bluff near the western shore of Lake Beulah. The new 8-acre preserve, named Beulah Bluff, hosts both native prairie and woodland habitats and permanently protects a scenic vista and important groundwater recharge area for the lake. Beulah Bluff will have limited access to the public until the fall of 2015. At that time, all buildings will have been removed and the entire preserve will be open for public enjoyment.

In 2013, Kettle Moraine Land Trust will be the recipient of grants from the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation and Wisconsin Energies Foundation. Support from these foundations helps the Trust build local partnerships with landowners and others for the protection of natural habitats and ecosystems in Walworth County. The Friends are proud of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust for all of its accomplishments and appreciate very much having them as a partner in the watershed.

Friends of the Mukwonago River 2012 Financials



Total income \$12,358 *



Total expense \$14,146 **

* Membership donations in 2012 almost doubled over the previous year due to our outreach activities.

** Thirty percent of accumulated expenses shown here will be covered by our two grants.

The Friends of the Mukwonago River is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.



Join the Friends of the Mukwonago River

As a member:

- You will receive our newsletter and other updates on activities, such as work parties and joint projects.
- You support us in our efforts to limit harmful impacts to the river from the pressures of development and activities throughout the watershed.
- You increase awareness of the importance of this river and its watershed, unique for its incredible fish and wildlife diversity and unparalleled quality.
- You provide a voice for the river in the planning and decision-making processes within local communities.

You may now donate online at www.mukwonagoriver.org!

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Thank You!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our members, donors, volunteers, and partners who made this past year a success. You helped preserve the health of the Mukwonago River watershed and educate others about its importance. We appreciate all you do and thank you for your support of what we do.

INDIVIDUALS

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Citizens Bank of Mukwonago
Clear Water Outdoors
Eagle Lake Yacht Club
Eagle Spring Pub
Eagleville Elementary School PTO
Farris, Hansen, and Associates, Inc
Kettle Moraine Land Trust
Mukwonago Community Library
Mukwonago Family Dentistry
Mukwonago Rotary Club
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Parkview Middle Sch. Science Class
Phantom Lake YMCA
Pro Health Care, Inc.
River Alliance of Wisconsin
Spring Lake Association
Standard Process, Inc.
The Nature Conservancy
Timber-Lee Camp & Retreat Center
United Unitarian Universalists
Waldheim Park
Waukesha Land Conservancy
Waukesha County Parks & Land Use
WI Dept. of Natural Resources
WI Environmental Education Board

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