



*Great Blue Heron*

*Photo by Roger Zimmermann*



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Kay Meyer*



If you've checked our website, you'll have seen that NCCT is closing in on protecting 5,000 acres of land in our eight-county Central Wisconsin service area. We're confident that we'll be celebrating that milestone in 2022, and are so appreciative of all the friends and members who have supported us along the way.

Most of our conservation easements follow the basic premise of protecting privately owned land from future development. Forested,

waterfront, and agricultural properties that landowners care deeply about, protected in perpetuity. The public generally doesn't have access to these properties, but benefits by having more scenic viewing options, animal habitat, and acres of vegetation for the carbon capture that is so valued in recent actions to counter global warming.

That's why this winter's legislative proposal to allow lands protected through the Knowles-Nelson program, which are public lands, to be taken out of their conservation status and sold, ending the land conservation agreement with the DNR, was so concerning. Such a move would threaten landowner trust and endanger relationships, not to mention reduce the access to the beautiful outdoors that we treasure in Wisconsin. We at NCCT support Knowles-Nelson and all that it's done to conserve Wisconsin's lands and waterways, and we hope you will too.

I'd also like to give a shout-out for two recent land transfers that benefited NCCT. A longtime easement holder in Lincoln County bequeathed his property to NCCT upon his death in late 2020. In late 2021, we sold that property, easement intact, and will use the proceeds to further our mission. The new owners are excited to be part of our land-conservation community. We also received a gift of eight acres in Waushara County. The owner's wish is to have us explore the possibility of restoring it to the prairie it once was, and if that isn't a viable option, to use it as we feel best.

I could not have more admiration than I do for these two individuals who turned their belief in land preservation into action.

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*By Chris Radford*



Spring is in the air! As we look forward to warmer weather ahead, I am once again reminded of the ongoing challenges that climate change continues to bring upon us. As we know, the increased emission of greenhouse gases over the years, mainly carbon dioxide, has resulted in an unnatural warming trend globally. Increasing temperatures have contributed directly to increased flooding events, frequent and more intense wildfires, habitat-range shifts for our local plants and animals (who can't always move quickly enough to adapt), more intense storms, and the list goes on. So, what can we do to help?

On an individual level, there are many things we can do to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions: walk or bike instead of driving, pursue renewable energy options like wind and solar, lower energy use at home by using less heat or air conditioning, and follow the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Collaboratively, we can support organizations like NCCT to permanently protect ecologically important landscapes. We are approaching the 5,000 protected acres milestone, and I think we all agree that nature truly is one of the best defenses against climate change and its impacts. NCCT's conservation easements provide habitat for displaced plants and animals, connect wildlife corridors, draw carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, contribute to clean water, and protect these special places from development and unnecessary degradation. Your support is what makes this possible!

By supporting NCCT's land protection mission, you are helping to preserve the environmental qualities of local landscapes, and that resonates globally. It is all of our responsibility to continue to support the protection of natural resources in this area. I am very excited to continue to work with you on initiatives that make our ecosystems and communities more resistant to changes in our environment. Continued support of your local land trust enables all of us to work together toward these common goals, and for all of us to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

## UPDATE FROM THE OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

By Becky Wadleigh

Last year Chris and I met with a supporter who grew up in Central Wisconsin and has lived in Stevens Point for a long time. They told us that they hadn't heard of NCCT before a few years ago. NCCT was started in 1994 by a small group of people who had a special interest in protecting green space and natural areas. Today, we serve eight counties, and have worked with landowners to protect 4,941 acres of land, and while the wording of our mission statement has been adapted, its function is unchanged. I think a key difference between now and 28 years ago is that protecting natural places is no longer a "special interest," it is a communal interest. NCCT's work is becoming more important as the impacts of land-use change, development, habitat fragmentation, and climate change compound. Our work becomes more relevant to everyone in the communities we serve as our understanding of the benefits of land conservation expand. Land conservation doesn't just benefit animals, plants, and water, but people too.



One of our goals for outreach is to spread the word about the communal benefits of our work so that NCCT continues to become a household name in our service area—not just for landowners, but for everyone. Since I started in August, we have been working to strengthen our communications with new and existing supporters by having more direct contact with them—instead of writing, we try to call, giving us a better opportunity to get to know people and ask them why they support NCCT. We've been using creative ways to increase support for our mission—making our Annual Dinner a public event and offering Roger's handmade snowflakes as a thank you gift for year-end donations brought in several new members and first-time donors. We're also working to maintain our established channels of communication (this newsletter, e-news, social media) while finding new ones that reach more people—last year, Chris was a guest speaker on a radio show, and just a few weeks ago he presented at the CFCW's Community Lunch Hour. We've also witnessed the power of press releases after a newspaper article about one of our projects in Clark County generated multiple calls from new landowners interested in learning more about their land-protection options!

We'll continue our endeavor to spread the word about NCCT in 2022. Lexi is helping us connect with more students at UWSP through Earth Week activities, and we anticipate meeting many new faces while planting on Bukolt Island this May! Thank you for YOUR support—we look forward to growing together. Give me a call sometime so we can chat (715) 344-1910, [outreachncct@gmail.com](mailto:outreachncct@gmail.com)

## NCCT WELCOMES STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT INTERN!

By Lexi Peirce

Lexi Peirce recently joined NCCT as the Stewardship and Development Assistant for a spring internship from January to May 2022. She is currently a senior at UW-Stevens Point, studying Natural Resource Planning with a minor in Sustainable Energy and a certificate in Spanish. She is excited to be a part of NCCT, and experience land-conservation efforts hands-on that will aid in creating better and more mindful land practices for current and future generations. Lexi believes that land conservation is a key part of bringing back people's access and personal connection to the natural landscape around them as our world has become more urbanized. She is looking forward to the time she will be working with NCCT and everyone who is a part of the organization, as well as applying the skills obtained through this internship to her future endeavors after graduation.



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## SUSZKO RIDGE DONATION, WAUSHARA COUNTY

By Lexi Peirce

Harry Suszko generously donated his eight-acre property near Wautoma in Waushara County to the North Central Conservancy Trust in November 2021. The property includes historic prairie that once contained flora such as pasque-flower, white sage, asters, and more. The legendary Dr. Bob Freckmann provided photos of the property taken in the 1970s during one of his flora surveys. Bob recounts that the property, "was a remarkable remnant of a dry moraine prairie," and that the DNR Natural Areas specialists said that it was the best stand of pasque-flowers in the state. He also added that, "It will require a commitment to restore it, remove species that have invaded, and to bring the original flora back from the seed bank." NCCT is looking into the feasibility of maintaining this property and/or restoring the prairie habitat. We thank Harry Suszko for this incredibly generous donation to conservation and our community! *Special thanks to the Portage County Public Library in Stevens Point for converting Bob's photo slides into digital format for NCCT!*



## LIDO CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROTECTS NEARLY 300 ACRES IN ADAMS COUNTY

*2021 was a great year for land protection at NCCT—we are thrilled to report that we ended the year by signing our largest conservation easement yet!*

In December 2021, Archer North, LLC, led by owners/developers Michael and Chris Keiser, donated a conservation easement permanently protecting 295 acres of their property located at the Lido Conservancy in the Town of Rome, Adams County. The property is undergoing significant ecological restoration and management work to restore the native habitat types once found throughout Central Wisconsin's historic sand plains. Archer North, LLC worked with NCCT to develop their conservation easement to complement the restoration work already underway, and permanently conserve the improved habitats being restored by the group's efforts.



The Lido Conservancy conservation easement is part of a larger development project being implemented by Archer North, LLC, to build single-family home lots and an 18-hole golf course fashioned after the legendary Lido Golf Club. The project site is located north of Sand Valley, a four-season destination resort, and was selected for its sandy conditions which are ideal for the historic re-creation of the course. In the area protected by the conservation easement, restoration activities take precedence, while activities like development, construction, subdivision of the property, and other uses harmful to the property's conservation values are limited.

In the early 1800s before this region was settled by Europeans, the Lido Conservancy property hosted a mixture of sand dunes (barrens), woodland, and prairie habitats that were populated by jack pine and oak trees. Over time, the property was converted almost in its entirety to a red pine plantation, and was intensively managed for timber production, decreasing habitat for local native plants and animals.

Over the past year, Archer North, LLC began removing the red pine trees to prepare the site for the next stages of restoration, which will continue in 2022 and include invasive species control and seeding native

plants. Their goal is to restore and enhance the sand barren- and prairie-plant community types that once thrived on the property. When complete, this project will create important habitat for native plant and animal species. To date, three different threatened and/or endangered species have been found on or near the protected area, increasing the significance of conserving this property and reinforcing the importance of the restoration work that is being done to improve the site.

“With only a few thousand acres of sand and pine barrens left in Wisconsin, conserving nearly 300 acres of land suited for these habitat types is an important step for this type of ecological landscape,” said Anna Haines, NCCT Board Member and Community Development Specialist with the UW-Madison Division of Extension. “This property is now preserved for the future from development of any sort, and will provide crucial habitat for the rare plants and animals that live there.”

“Conservation is an important part of our family's golf and development projects,” said Michael Keiser, Archer North's co-managing member. “We appreciate the opportunity to partner with NCCT on the conservation easement to restore and maintain the natural habitat that once existed in the central sands of Wisconsin. Aldo Leopold would be proud of us.”

“NCCT was pleased to support Archer North, LLC's initiative to protect a significant portion of their business property for conservation,” Executive Director, Chris Radford, stated. “Projects like these are central to our mission, and we are incredibly honored to be able to work with passionate landowners to achieve their conservation goals.”

NCCT would like to thank the Keiser Family and Archer North, LLC team for their significant contributions towards conservation in this special region. We welcome you to our growing community of conservation easement landowners in Central Wisconsin!



*Back row L-R: Kerry Brimmer, Jon Kaull, Mitch Olson, Chris Radford, Michael Keiser, Bob Freckmann.*

*Front row L-R: Becky Wadleigh, Jill Falstad, Kay Meyer, CoCo Collins.*

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM, MAVIC 2 PRO!**  
**NCCT Awarded Land Trust Alliance**  
**Grant for Remote Monitoring**

We are pleased to announce that through the development of our recent conservation easement at the Lido Conservancy, and with support from our partners, Archer North, LLC, we were able to purchase a drone! We will continue to use the drone as we launch our new “Pilot” Remote Monitoring Program supported by a recently awarded grant of \$5,300 from the Land Trust Alliance (LTA)! The grant aims to further the exploration of remote monitoring solutions for managing and monitoring our protected properties. Every year, NCCT staff and volunteers monitor each of the properties that make up the 4,941 acres of land that we oversee. Use of the drone will increase our effectiveness when “walking” the property and viewing remote areas that are less accessible by foot or trail. This grant will also fund a subscription to necessary software used to process the data and imagery collected by the drone. We thank Archer North, LLC and the LTA for their support, and look forward to what we can accomplish with this program to further our mission for land conservation!



**FRECKMANN’S FERN FACTS**

*By Bob Freckmann*

Ferns and their relatives marked some of the major events in earth's history.

The first plants to conquer the land were the Rhyniophytes, ancestors of the lycopods, the clubmosses, about 410 million years ago. Lycopods and ancestors of the horsetails in the Coal Age (350 - to 290 million years ago) contributed a major part of the fossilized plant material that we call coal.



*Azolla.*

*Photo by Paul Skawinski*

Aquatic Plants of the Upper Midwest

Around 65 million years ago an asteroid struck earth near the tip of the Yucatan, exterminating almost all the large animals (notably the dinosaurs) and most of the vegetation. The geological strata show an abrupt end of dinosaur fossils and a sedimentary layer rich in iridium—a rare element of earth, but common in meteorites. Immediately above that layer is a layer of fern spores. Ferns survived the asteroid, and in the absence of other plants, *they led the recovery of the earth's vegetation.* A rich flora and fauna emerged and with abundant carbon dioxide, global warming threatened climatic calamity 49 million years ago. *Azolla*, mosquito fern, a free-floating fern, formed thick layers over the oceans, taking in the carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen, providing shade, and cooling the planet. Geologists call it the "Azolla Event."

***"Ferns...they led the recovery of the earth's vegetation."***

*Azolla*, the mosquito ferns, are the world's tiniest ferns. They float on water amid the duckweeds. The largest ones could be covered by a dime. Although they are not very rare, we have Central Wisconsin collections only from Lake Dexter and the Wolf River. They are essential to feeding more than a billion people. They capture nitrogen from the air with the cyanobacteria in the lobes of their tiny leaves, and provide the nitrogen needed by rice plants in the Orient. They must be the most underappreciated plants on earth.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**  
**Join NCCT on May 19, 20, & 21 to help plant**  
**2,500 native, pollinator species on Bukolt Island!**



For more details and to sign up, scan the QR code below, visit [www.ncctwi.org/bukolt-pollinator-habitat-project/](http://www.ncctwi.org/bukolt-pollinator-habitat-project/), or call the office at (715) 344-1910. We'll see you in May!

*Bukolt Island, also known as Annabel Lee or Kulas Island, is located west of Bukolt Park in the Wisconsin River. In 2019, NCCT purchased the island along with five acres on the mainland located north of Bukolt Park through a partnership with the Green Circle Trail and the City of Stevens Point. In 2021, NCCT was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the American Transmission Co.'s (ATC) Pollinator Habitat Program, and \$400 of additional support from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in 2022 to support a restoration project to revegetate a one-acre area on Bukolt Island with native, pollinator-friendly plants.*

Last fall, ATC cut and cleared brush from beneath the electric transmission line that runs through the southern half of the island to comply with vegetation management safety guidelines. As part of our management goals for the island property, NCCT seeks to complement ATC's work by revegetating the area with low-growing native plant species that won't interfere with the overhead transmission lines. Planting native, perennial plant species in this area will attract a diversity of pollinators while reducing future vegetation management requirements for ATC and NCCT. In addition, native plants will help to prevent the spread of harmful invasive species and slow the reestablishment of incompatible, tall-growing vegetation. Native plants will also help to reduce negative impacts to water and site quality.



**If you are interested in other ways to support this project, we need additional help with:**

- Snacks, work gloves, shovels, planting tools, volunteer support
- Milwaukee-brand drills and extra batteries
- Your own cordless drill for digging holes (We'll provide the auger bit)
- Boat and captain to bring volunteers and materials back and forth
- Financial contributions towards our mission help support this and other similar projects! Donations are graciously accepted.



**THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!**

Once the ice was deemed safe enough for passage earlier this winter, Kerry, Doug, and "the Boys" have been hard at work removing the remnants of several old structures from Bukolt Island...by hand. This has been an incredible effort towards making the area safer for the community, requiring many volunteer hours. We are so grateful for their work!



*Thank you Kerry Brimmer, Doug Henderson, Justin Isherwood, Greg Dahl, Stephen Struwve, Chris Giese, and the City of Stevens Point Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department staff for your support!*

## CONSERVATION EASEMENT LANDOWNER'S CORNER THE HANEY FARM, PORTAGE COUNTY

Alan Haney donated a conservation easement for his property to NCCT in 2008. The 143-acre Haney Farm is located along the Tomorrow River in Portage County, and features wetlands, black spruce bogs, mixed hardwood forest, sedge meadow, and restored prairie. The easement aims to retain the natural and scenic value and habitat diversity of the property and prevent uses that will impair conservation values. Alan and his family have protected and enhanced the natural features of the property by controlling invasive species, managing their forest, implementing controlled burns, and restricting tillage on slopes.



### A Sense of Place By Alan Haney

I have come to value looking deeply into the land that sustains me. In my youth, it was more exciting to explore new ground, always wondering what was beyond the horizon. Now I find new horizons literally beneath my feet. I seldom visit my backyard or woods when I fail to see something new, often something I had overlooked a dozen times before. Thus, it is always with a sense of wonder and a bit of excitement that I head out the door.

As a child, I spent considerable time with my maternal grandfather, who grew up on land that was settled by his great-grandfather. I used to marvel at how he always seemed to know where the wild bee-tree was, where the best blackberries or huckleberries could be found, and when crow-foot violets would be blooming. My grandfather owned several hundred acres, and knew where each spring emerged cold and clear from the ground, where the morel mushrooms would grow, and where the best wintergreen berries could be found. It seemed he knew to the day when the persimmons and pawpaws would be ripe enough to eat. For several years after he could no longer hike to the far reaches of his land, he would ask grandchildren to check out specific things and give him a report.

It is through this deeper searching that we become attached to land. It isn't necessary that we own it. I have returned to many of the same lakes and hills of the Quetico-Superior for 45 years, and each time, I learn something more. The richer one's knowledge, the more the land seems to offer.

In exploring land, there are nearly limitless avenues. Gardening is a wonderful way. I like cutting my own firewood and making maple syrup,

as well as photography, and walking or skiing nearly every day. Making lists of the birds or plants, taking the time to get acquainted with those not previously noticed, building bird houses and maintaining bird feeders, planting trees, hunting, fishing, or just sitting outside without distractions are all ways to explore our land. Many who make their living on the land are engaged daily, but modern farming, like all technology, separates the farmer from the land. One of my favorite smells was the odor of freshly turned soil in the spring. Inside the air-conditioned cab of a modern tractor, one cannot smell the earth, much less get one's hands into it.

It seems apparent that technology, more often than not, gets in the way of developing this relationship to the land. Traveling through land at a faster pace than walking, or perhaps skiing, prevents one from seeing a great deal. Gasoline fumes disguise the sweet smell of freshly fallen leaves or the warming mold of the forest floor in the spring. The roar of an engine or insistent buzzing of a cell phone can prevent one from hearing the tinkling of water beneath the ice on a stream or the sweet song of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Careful attention, thinking about what one is seeing or hearing, becoming immersed, are prerequisites to what several writers have called "digging in."

It has been well established that isolated cultures have rich traditions, and that the people, nearly always living with little more than bare necessities, are contented. In her book, *Ancient Futures*, Helena Norberg-Hodge describes the culture of the Ladakhi people in the Kashmir region of the Himalaya Mountains. She concludes that they, like most ancient cultures, have culturally evolved with their land. They survived only because they paid careful attention to every detail of the land in all seasons and through swings of climate. Careful attention to their environment, maintaining a close connection between people and the land, becomes their culture, but also the reason for their contentment.

People who have little more than basic necessities have fewer wants. Those of the surviving ancient cultures have the security of knowing that they can provide what they need. People who have much, want more, but suffer the insecurity of not being able to get it, or fix it when it breaks. There is an important connection between a true sense of place, a sustainable culture, and contentment. Although as I get older I find myself with more questions than answers, one thing seems abundantly clear: if we are to have a chance for a sustainable future, we need to protect the land and the people who have developed those special bonds with it. That is our mission at NCCT. We urge your support.

*Dr. Alan Haney is a past president of the North Central Conservancy Trust, renowned forest ecologist, Emeritus Professor of Forestry and former Dean of the College of Natural Resources at UW-Stevens Point, and talented author.*

## NCCT'S 2022 EVENTS

### Earth Week, April 18-22, Stevens Point

NCCT is partnering with the UWSP Office of Sustainability to plan outreach activities during Earth Week. Check our website and social media for details!

### Ice Age Trail Alliance Annual Conference, April 21-24

IATA is holding their 2022 Annual Conference in Stevens Point, featuring presentations, seminars, guided hikes, and more. Join us on Saturday for a special screening of "Breaking Trail," which follows the adventures of Emily Ford as she became the first woman and person of color to thru-hike the IAT in winter. More information at [iceagetrail.org/annual-conference/](http://iceagetrail.org/annual-conference/)

### Bukolt Island Planting Workdays, May 19-21, Stevens Point

Join us to help plant 2,500 native, pollinator plants on Bukolt Island. Come one day or all three days of our planting event, no prior experience needed. More information and registration at [ncctwi.org/Bukolt-pollinator-habitat-project/](http://ncctwi.org/Bukolt-pollinator-habitat-project/) or call (715) 344-1910

### Mecan Prairie Interpretive Hike, August 6, Waushara County

Enjoy an interpretive hike led by Bob Freckmann to explore the glorious Mecan Prairie during the height of summer. The Mecan Prairie is owned by John Shillinglaw and protected by an NCCT conservation easement.



**Subscribe to NCCT's e-newsletter or check our website for updates and additional events!**

## NCCT NEEDS YOU!

### INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR BOARD OR COMMITTEES?

As a small organization, NCCT relies on our Board of Directors and committees (public relations, properties, finance, and stewardship) to help lead discussions and guide decision-making. We'd love to hear from you about what skills or expertise you can bring to NCCT. You can be proud to say that you made a significant difference in advancing the conservation mission!

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

NCCT has protected nearly 5,000 acres in Central Wisconsin. As we continue to grow, so do our volunteer needs! We are working on growing our volunteer program in 2022, and would love to have your help. Opportunities are diverse: stewardship and planting workdays, property monitoring, website development, graphic design, social media, mailings, outreach and event tabling, and more. Sign up on our website for more information.

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER PROPERTY MONITOR

NCCT has more than 55 properties that require annual monitoring. This is a great opportunity to meet the landowners whose properties we protect, and for folks who like to get outside and explore. Brief training is required, mentors available.

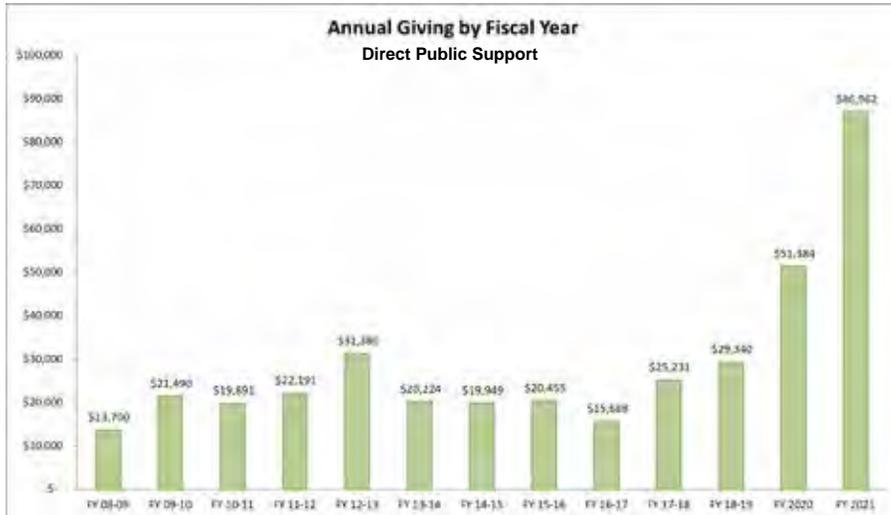
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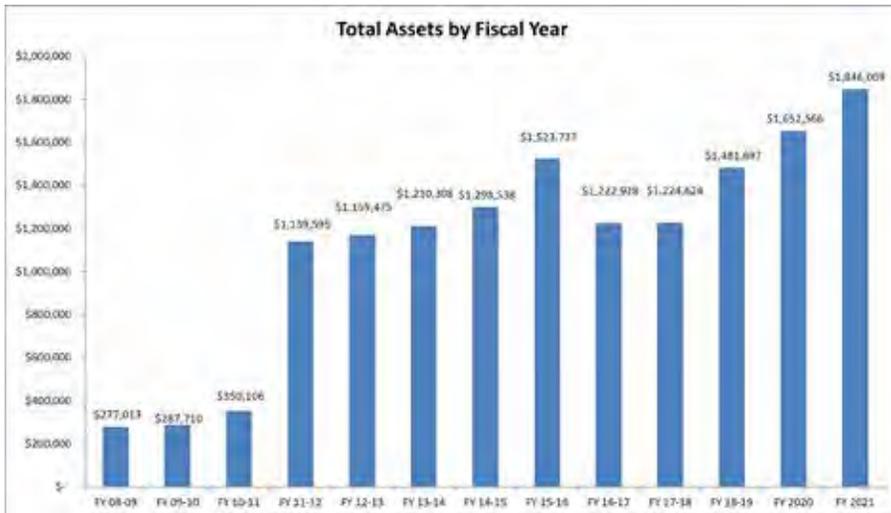


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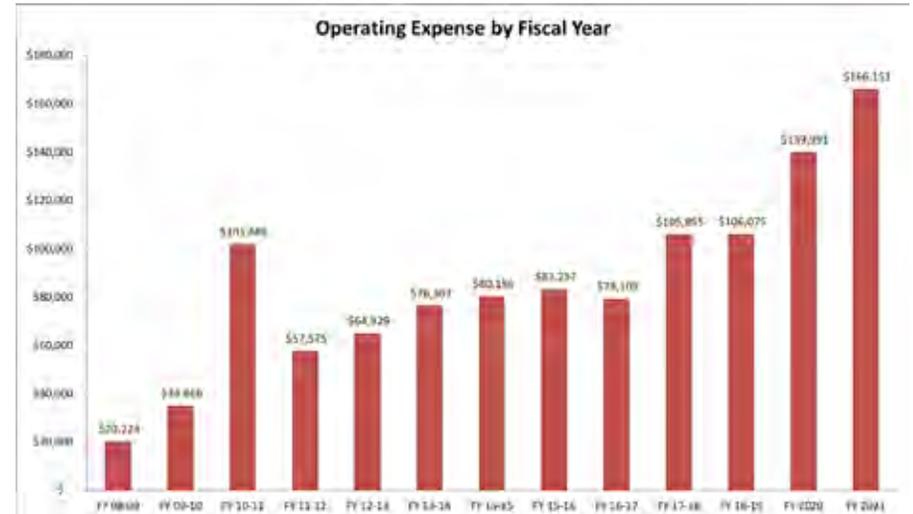
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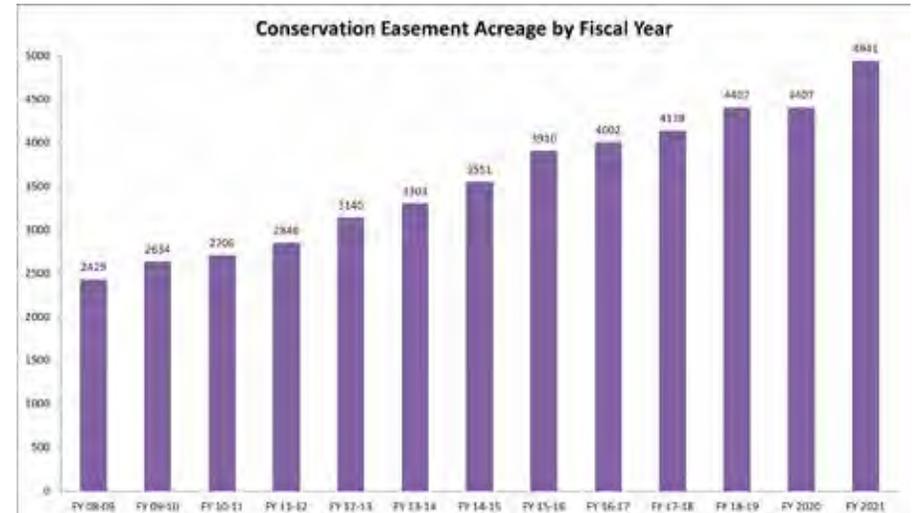
FY 2020 and FY 2021 were significantly higher than previous years due to increased membership and increased generosity from NCCT members and supporters. This graph does not include grant awards.



Note: Significant changes in assets in some fiscal years is primarily due to land gifts, purchases, and sales. FY 2021 ended with a positive return from NCCT's investments, and direct public support was significantly higher than previous years.



Note: The jump in expenses for FY 2010-11 was due to shifting funds from a property sale to fund the endowment fund at the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. The jump in expenses from FY 2018-19 to FY 2021 was partly due to increased staffing, and increased easement and property-related expenses.



Note: NCCT acquired three conservation easements in 2021, totaling 534 protected acres.

**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2021

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 281,957
	\$ 1,020,869
Investment Accounts Balance	
Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by the Community Foundation of North Central WI	\$ 150,813
Land Held for Conservation	\$ 456,200
Fixed Assets (Office Updates & Equipment)	\$ 34,473
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,944,312</b>

<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Total Liabilities	\$ 98,733
Donor Restricted Net Assets	\$ 362,209
Board Designated Net Assets	\$ 83,315
CFNCW Endowment Principal	\$ 115,674
Invested In Land	\$ 456,200
Operating Reserve	\$ 658,870
Net Income	\$ 169,310
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,944,312</b>

<b>Revenues</b>	
Conservation Easement Activities	\$ 56,345
NCCT Membership Program	\$ 31,840
Annual Dinner Silent Auction	\$ 3,193
Annual Dinner Donations	\$ 2,340
Other Fundraising Programs	\$ 1,585
Other Public Support	\$ 34,700
Ranger Fund Donations	\$ 14,891
Staff Support Programs & Partnerships	\$ 9,524
Grant Revenue	\$ 17,676
Fiscal Agent Services	\$ 5,003
Property Income	\$ 2,370
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 179,464</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Program	\$ 87,430
Administrative & Office Improvements	\$ 24,830
Fundraising & Public Outreach	\$ 7,161
Property Ownership	\$ 33,365
Easement Monitoring	\$ 184
Easement Development	\$ 13,181*
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 166,151</b>

\*Does not include staff costs associated with easement development

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS**  
**(JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 2021)**

*Conservation Easements & Land Donations*  
Archer North, LLC, The Lido Conservancy  
The Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross of Merrill, WI  
Harry Suszko, Suszko Ridge  
Tamara Stone & Art Colburn  
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Archer North, LLC  
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*We truly appreciate your support!*

## ANNIE BAKER STEPS DOWN FROM NCCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annie joined the NCCT Board of Directors in October 2019, and served as Vice President from January 2021 through November 2021. She served as an integral member of the NCCT Public Relations Committee throughout most of her time on the board, and contributed immensely to helping to share and strengthen the NCCT mission throughout NCCT's entire 8-county service area. Her experiences in ecological education, outreach and event coordination, and volunteer and donor engagement were an invaluable asset to NCCT. She was also a volunteer property monitor for NCCT. Annie stepped down from the Board in December 2021 to pursue exciting opportunities in her home state of Kansas. Thank you, Annie, and best of luck with your future endeavors!



**NCCT is seeking new Board members.  
 Please contact our office if you are interested!**

Our directors serve a 3-year term, with the option of extending to 6 years, followed by a 1-year break, with the option to serve another 3 to 6 years (a total of 12 years).



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