

# 2011 annual report

KINNICKINNIC RIVER LAND TRUST

community - conservation - education

*Working with the community to protect the natural resources  
& scenic beauty of the Kinnickinnic River watershed*

# Fiscal Year 2011 Board & Staff

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## From the KRLT President

Those of us who live and love the Kinni know from experience that our beloved river is ever changing. From the constant flow of water to the changing seasons and annual cycles of trout, birds, wildflowers and forest, the river and its watershed are always in transition. In keeping with our Kinni, 2011 was a year of transition for the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust itself.

The departure of our Executive Director of 3½ years, Nelson French, signaled the start of our transition in March 2011. We greatly appreciate all of Nelson's contributions during his time with us. He certainly moved us all down the river and improved things along the way.

Following Nelson's departure, the Board of Directors reviewed and assessed KRLT's strategy to prepare for the future and recruit a new Executive Director. We were fortunate to have had some great help along the way. Retired River Falls businessman Dale Jorgenson agreed to step away from the Board of Directors and serve as Interim Executive Director. In short order, Dale recruited watershed native Amy Weber to staff our operations, continued several fundraising activities, and organized our office relocation. At the same time, land trust consultant Jane Prohaska worked with our Board and interim staff on strategic planning and streamlining some of our operations and financial management. Following eight months of preparation and perseverance, we were pleased to welcome Dave Fodroczi as our new Executive Director from a public service career in planning and community development in St. Croix County and Wisconsin. Throughout the process, our Board of Directors contributed their time and expertise to make KRLT an even stronger organization.

Through the transitional period, the Board and interim staff continued to move KRLT forward. Our 2011 Annual Report highlights a number of projects in our core program areas of conservation, education and community. Good work is underway throughout the watershed to keep the Kinnickinnic River cold, clean and clear as we anticipate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust in 2013. I am excited about our future.

Great people make great organizations. That is especially true for you our members, donors, sponsors and volunteers. Your contributions of time and financial resources are the foundation of what we can accomplish. We sincerely thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Dan Wilkening  
President  
KRLT Board of Directors

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# Financials

## Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2011

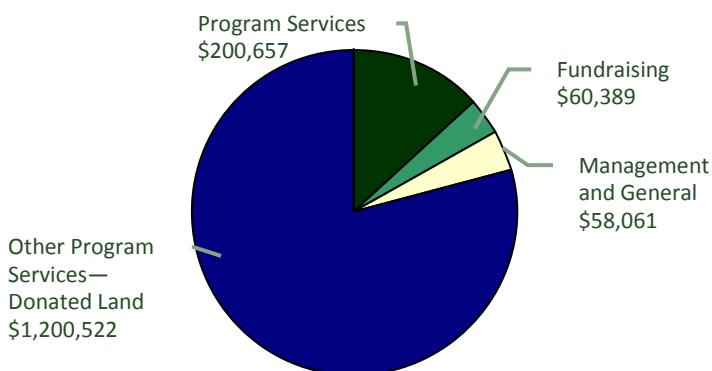
### Assets

Cash and investments	\$ 329,110
Promises to give	\$ 183,439
Land and easements held for conservation purposes	\$1,190,512
<u>Equipment Net</u>	<u>\$ 9,094</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,712,155</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Total liabilities	\$ 851,031
<u>Total net assets</u>	<u>\$ 861,124</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$1,712,155</b>

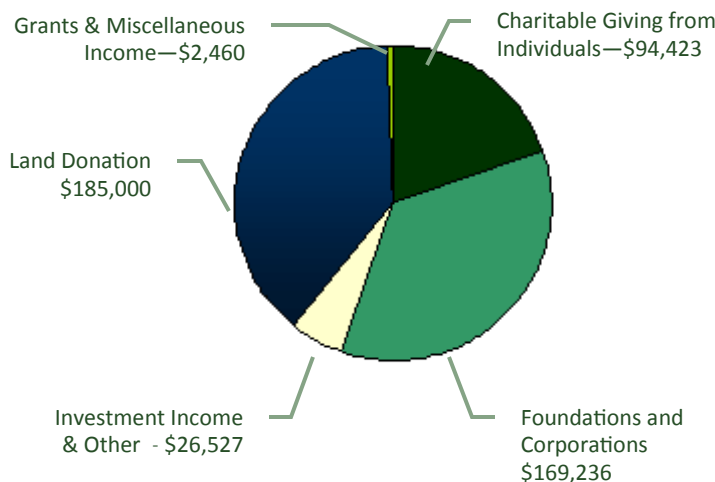
### Expense Allocation



*The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. This annual report represents the activities and financials from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.*

*Please contact the KRLT office if you would like to receive a copy of our audited financial statements for FY2011.*

### Support and Revenue



Long-time Wisconsin DNR partners Marty Engel and Harvey Halvorsen on the Quarry Road property recently donated from KRLT to the DNR.



Photo by: Burt Levy

### Memorials

- Bob, Ginnie & Michael Adams by John and Kirsti Groess
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- Robert Christenson by Herb and Anita Gaede

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- Brickhouse Music
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- West Wind Supper Club

# Conservation, Education & Community Highlights

*KRLT believes that conservation, community and educational activities intertwine to provide outstanding results.*

*These successes lead to a better protected and cared for river and watershed.*



## CONSERVATION

The Quarry Road property will be home to grassland birds such as the Eastern Meadowlark. Photo by Jack Bartholmai

## Quarry Road Acquisition

We jump-started our year by completing a large acquisition project known as the Quarry Road property. This project was in the works for awhile and had been previously slated for significant development. The property presented a unique opportunity for KRLT to protect this important 114 acre parcel that added directly to the Swinging Gate property. The long term goal for the property will be restoring native prairie and oak savanna to the site. A major focus of the restoration is to provide important habitat for grassland birds which happen to be the fastest declining group of birds in Wisconsin.

The Swinging Gate property is now owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources but was purchased by KRLT with five days notice before it went to public auction. This is the most heavily accessed fishing location on the Kinni. The Quarry Road project builds on this conservation achievement and links together two DNR parcels as well as a private parcel protected with a conservation easement held by KRLT. The conservation “puzzle” is coming together one piece at a time in this area of the Kinni.

## Preserve Kiosks and Educational Interpretation

With the help of our intern Anna Warren, we were able to install informational kiosks at our Jackson and Kelly Creek Preserves that provide visitors both educational information regarding natural resources as well as information helpful for those visiting the Preserves.

We also completed an educational interpretation project that includes signs explaining the native prairie that dominated the landscape of the watershed and the importance of Kelly Spring and groundwater to the health of the Kinni.



## EDUCATION

KRLT intern, Anna Warren next to one of the newly installed kiosks.

# Protect the Kinni Campaign

## Donations for Land Protection



### COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Stephen E. Budd Memorial Access at the Swinging Gate Property.

## Celebrating Community and Access to the Kinni for All

In July, we gathered with the friends and family of the late Stephen Budd to dedicate two sites on the Kinni, one at the previously mentioned Swinging Gate property and the other at River Drive, for universal access improvements. What started as a vision of providing improved fishing access for wounded returning military veterans has grown into a project that makes access for fishing the Kinni more readily available to kids, aging anglers, and others with unique physical limitations to enjoy fishing the Kinni. Helping to connect our entire community to the river that so many already enjoy is a key to successful long term protection of the river.

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Universal access to the Kinni at the Swinging Gate Property

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Cold, Clear and Clean  
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8 miles of the  
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# THANK YOU!

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trusts  
Board of Directors and Staff  
would like to thank all of our committed  
volunteers and partners for sharing their time,  
talents and services throughout the year!