



Annual Membership Meeting  
March 3, 2015

# **“Friends” this is what we’re all about!**



Working together with BRC ***“To facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest”***



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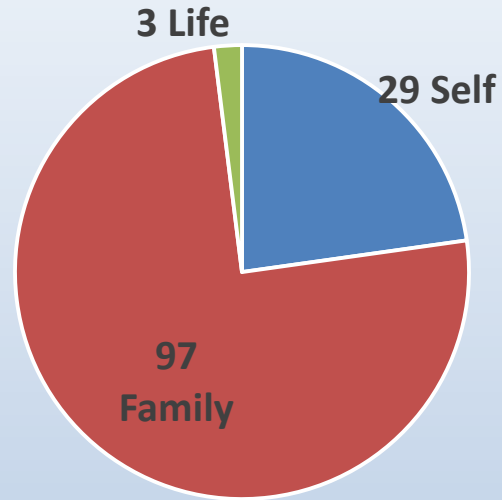
- Celebrate our accomplishments
- Plan our future
- Identify our needs
- Elect new and renewing Board members
- Raise a little money
- Enjoy each other with food and drink
- Support a local business



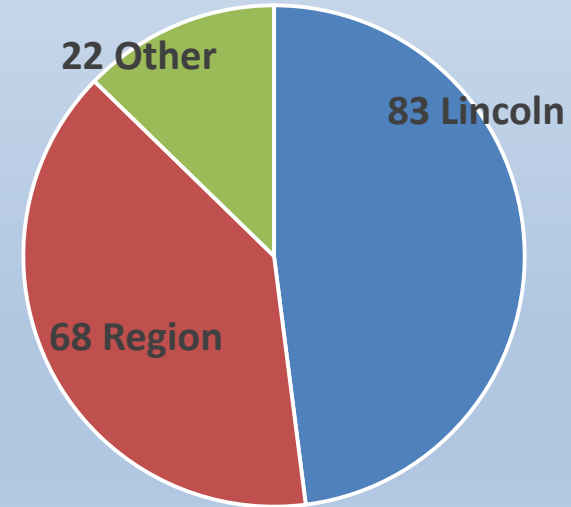
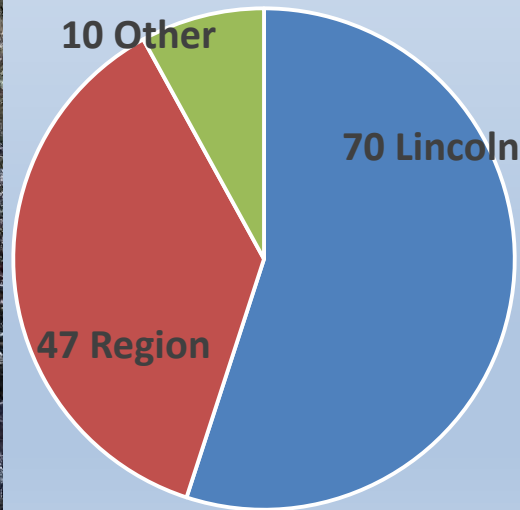
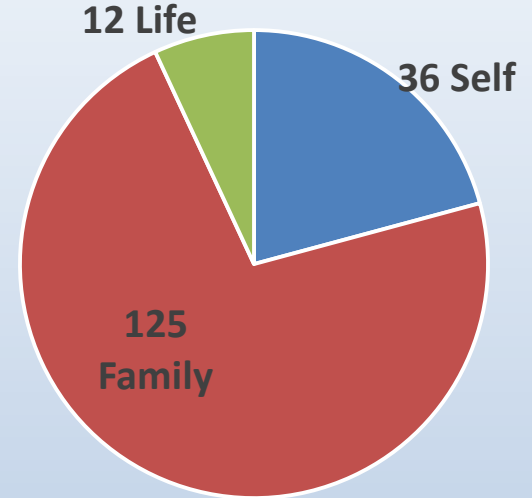
# Membership Profile



2014 – 127 members



2015 – 173 members





# Your Membership Means A Lot!!

You:

- Give credibility to our organization in your numbers
- Donate your time, skills and \$\$\$ for unmet needs
- Motivate others to lead by your example
- Provide ideas and inspiration through feedback

What's important to you as a member?



# Organization Accomplishments

- **Organizationally, in 2014 we:**
  - Increased general membership from 127 to 173
  - **Were granted 501(c)3 Federal non-profit status**
  - Submitted and were awarded \$950 grant for kiosk
  - **Launched very professional website**
  - **Submitted and were granted without charge trailhead address numbers**
  - Signed a MOA with BRC
  - Conducted membership drive and printed 500 membership brochures

# **Friends Group Priorities that “*Facilitate the Conservation and Enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest*”**



**Nature-based recreation**



**Rare species conservation**



# Mapped and flagged a mile-long foot trail up and down the Marengo River ridge.





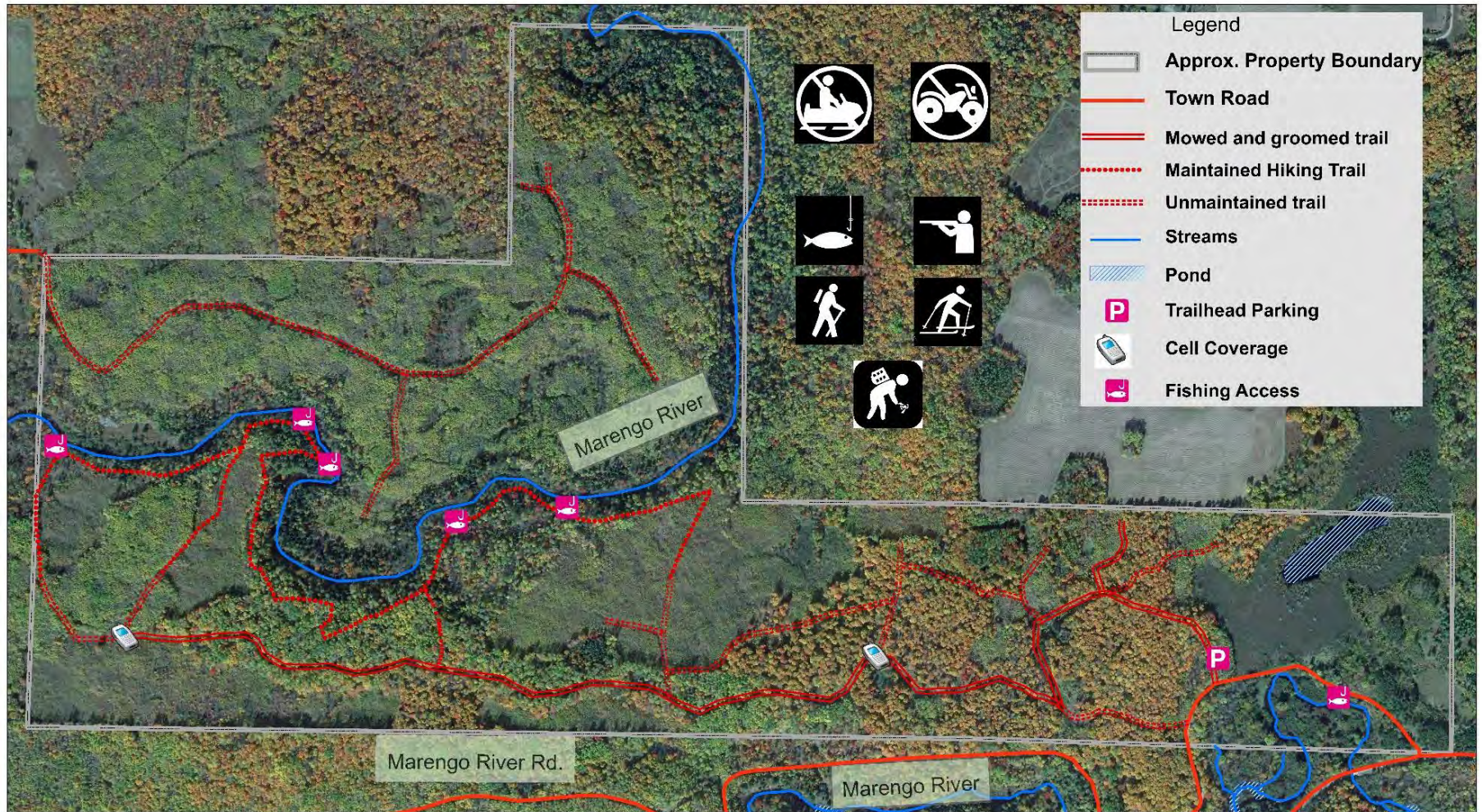
**Maintain nearly 2 miles of improved trail for hiking and skiing.**





# Worked with BRC to create a map of trails and features on the Community Forest.

## Lincoln Community Forest Trail System





# Cleared & graded parking area at S. unit trailhead.





# Constructed a trailhead structure and cabinet frame to display materials for FLCF & BRC.





# Co-lead a hike with BRC showcasing LCF





**Held numerous field inspections to find just the right spot to create safe nesting habitat for wood turtles.**





# Future Projects (2015-2016)

- Gravel the south unit trailhead parking area
- Clear brush and deadfalls from the hiking trail
- Mount trail markers & build 4 benches along hiking trail
- Create safe nesting habitat for wood turtles
- Assist BRC with their MFL timber harvest activities
- Continue mowing and grooming improved trails
- Clear young trees & brush from north unit logging roads
- Hold another dinner talk





# 2015 Budget

## Revenue/Income

Jan 1 cash available	\$4,085	
memberships	\$2,000	<b>\$(400)</b>
donations	\$1,500	<b>\$(1,250)</b>
product sales	\$600	<b>\$(600)</b>
grants		
Annual revenue	\$4,100	<b>\$(2,250)</b>

A lot of what we do is accomplished by volunteering your time, but we need \$\$\$ to purchase materials and hire professional services.

**Help us reach our \$2,250 revenue goal in 2015. Renew membership and donate now!!**

## Expenses

### *Membership & Communication Committee*

member drive and donation appeal	\$500
newsletter and/or website	\$100
events/annual meeting	\$300
kiosk materials	\$150
other	\$100
	\$1,150

### *Forest Projects Committee*

south unit trailhead kiosk construction	\$500
south unit trailhead parking area	\$1,100
south unit trail grooming and mowing	\$250
south unit new trail development	\$2,200
north unit turtle habitat project	\$1,000
north unit trail maintenance	\$1,100
other	\$100
	\$6,250

### *Operations*

bank and filing fees	\$50
postage	\$160
office supplies	\$50
printing and other services	\$50
property taxes	\$250
fund raising investment	\$500
other	\$100
	\$1,160

Annual expenditures	\$8,560
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A photograph of a winter scene. In the foreground, a stream flows over a large, flat, ice-covered rock. The ice has a rough, textured surface with some icicles hanging from its edges. A dark, bare tree branch leans over the stream from the left. In the background, there are more trees, some covered in snow, and a snowy bank. The overall scene is cold and wintry.

**The Note Cards!!**

**Thank you for all you've done in 2014!!**



# TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!

1. I like visiting the Lincoln Community Forest because...
2. The priority for the Forest Friends Group in 2015 should be to...
3. I support the Friends Group because...
4. I volunteer my time to help the Friends Group with...  
(write your name and email please)
5. After this year, the Friends Group should be more involved with...
6. Other comments, questions?...