



Annual Membership Meeting

Four Corners Food and Spirits

March 11, 2017

Lincoln Community Forest

- 396 acres wild and scenic hardwood and conifer forest
- Scenic and rugged terrain of high bluffs and deep valleys with two miles Marengo River
- 10 acre lake and surrounding wetlands
- Open to hunting, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing and trapping
- Owned by BRC, managed in partnership FLCF

All of which was planned to be subdivided and sold in 2011 when then a concerned group of

The Friends of the Lincoln Community Forest (FLCF) is a non-profit organization that incorporated in March 2013

Mission: To facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest

Vision: We envision the Lincoln Community Forest and Marengo River within as a community asset:

- That is rigorously managed throughout
 - to ensure a healthy, sustainable & scenic forest,
 - to protect its natural and historic character.
- That provides in the South Unit a small network of primitive trails where the visitor can enjoy nature-based recreation.
- That preserves the North Unit in a largely undeveloped state.

Annual Membership Meeting

- Elect Directors of the Board
- Review financials
- Vote on bylaws amendments
- Socialize and celebrate our accomplishments
- Invite your input on priorities and needs
- Raise a little money
- Support a local business



Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

FLCF Annual Budget	2016 Actual 12.31.16	2017 Budget 01.01.17
January 1 cash available	\$5,317.71	\$5,505.02
Cash Available	\$5,317.17	\$5,505.02
Revenue/Income		
Annual Revenue	\$4,839.00	\$4,872.00
Cash available	\$10,156.71	\$10,377.02
Expenses		
Membership & Communications		
Membership & Communications	\$1,072.00	\$1,220.00
Forest Projects		
Total for Forest Projects	\$1,471.48	\$2,390.00
Fundraising		
Total for Fundraising	\$608.84	\$1,750.00
Operations/Administration		
Total for Operations	\$1,499.37	\$1,500.00
Annual expenditures	\$4,651.69	\$6,860.00
Revenue vs. Expenditures	\$187.31	(\$1,988.00)
Total cash available	\$5,505.02	\$3,517.02

2017 Board of Directors election

Mark Dryer	President
Jack Wichita	Vice-President
Roland Wolff	Secretary
Sheila Ossowski	Treasurer
Erika Lang	BRC representative
Teri Isaac	
Kathy Zuelsdorff	
Chuck Frautschi**	
Tony Janisch*	
Aaron Swanson*	
Joe Zirn*	
Ed Johnston	

*** Running for re-election**

****Not running for re-election**

FLCF BYLAWS ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 3. Elections and terms of office.

Directors will be elected to staggered three-year terms. No board member may serve more than three consecutive full three-year terms, plus the partial unexpired terms to which said Board member may have been appointed. ~~The exception is an exemption of term limits for the Board members representing the Bayfield Regional Conservancy (BRC) and Bad River Watershed Association (BRWA).~~

Section 12. Board liaison(s)

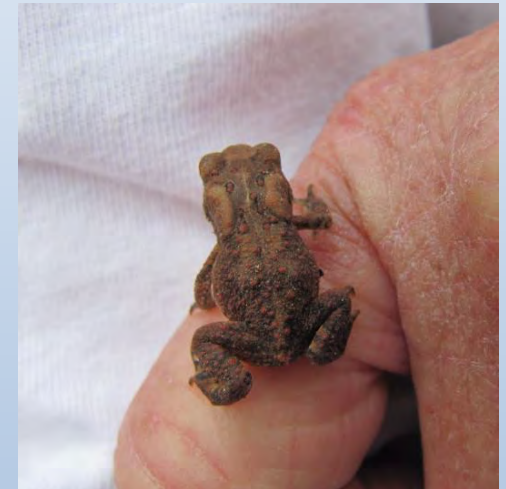
Liaison(s) to the Board can be appointed by the Board of Directors. A Board Liaison is the President's primary contact for all issues related to the liaison's organization, as necessary. Liaisons attend board meetings, but participate without vote in all discussions

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

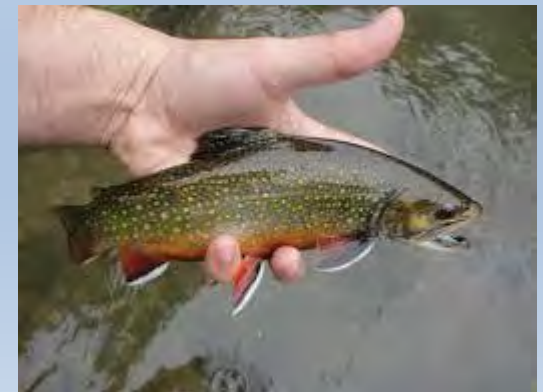


Working together ***“To facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest”***

“Conservation and Enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest”



**Rare species conservation
Nature-based recreation
Nature-based education**



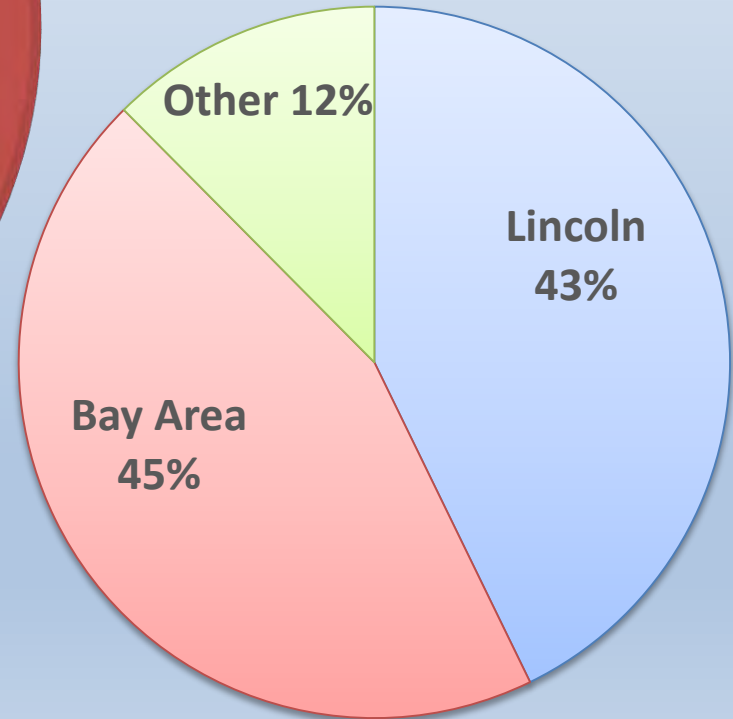
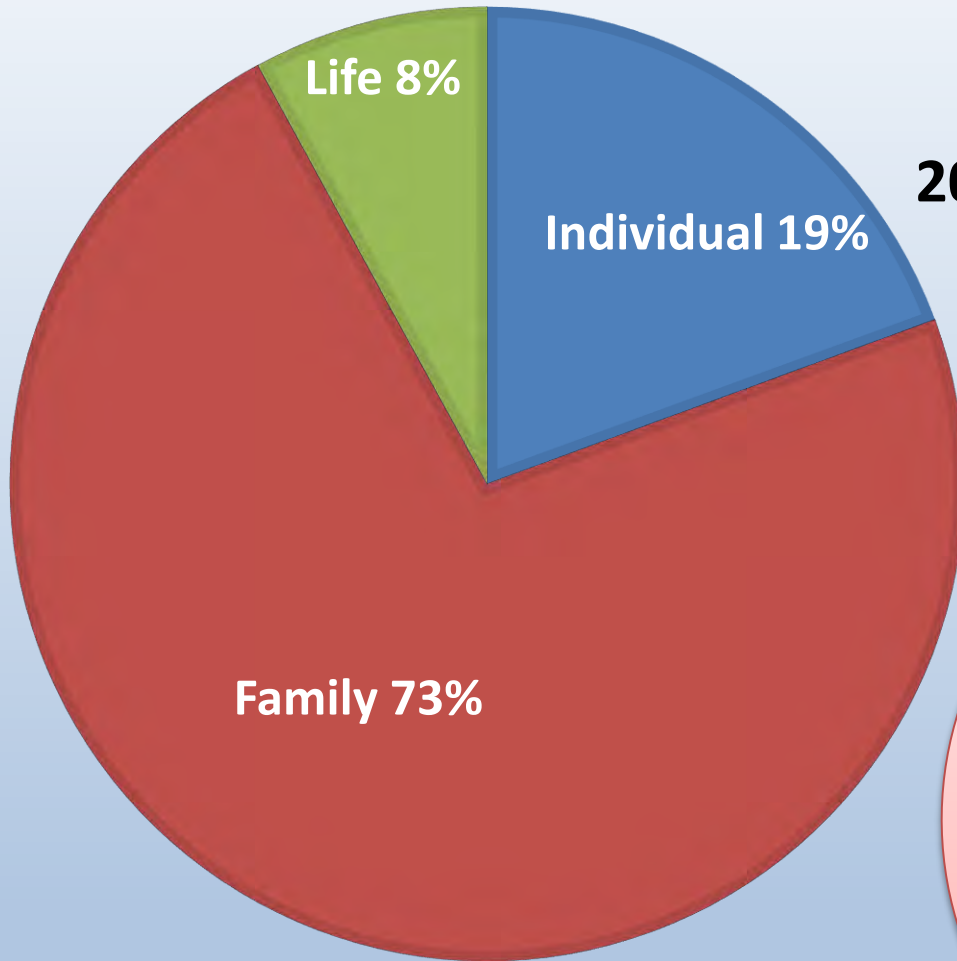
Your Membership Means A Lot!!



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

Membership Profile

201 members 12.31.16



2016 Highlights

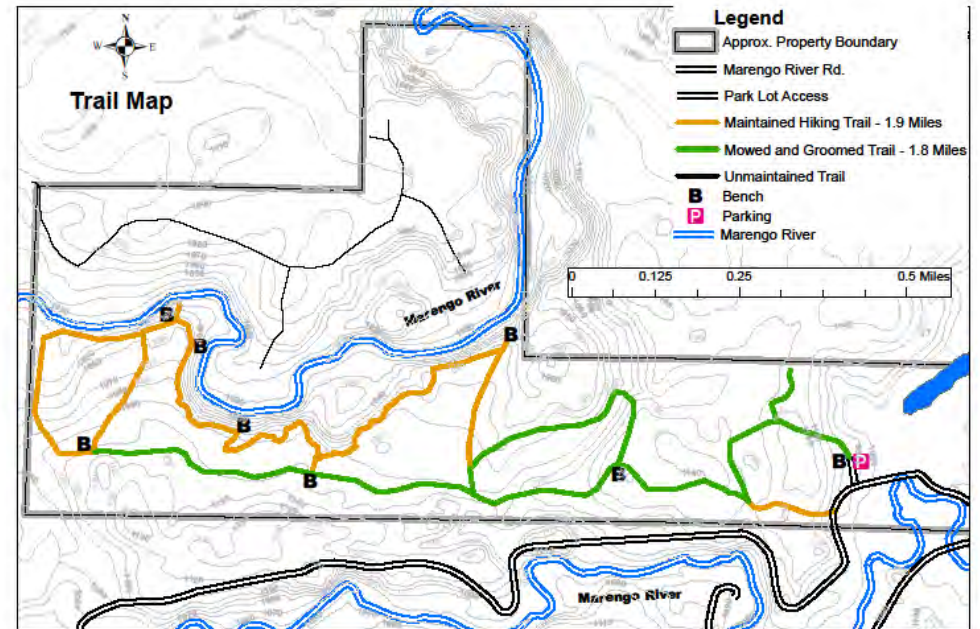


Organization Accomplishments

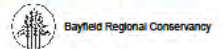
Organizationally, in 2016 we:

- Strengthened the commitment to our mission by adding a vision statement to our bylaws, and then obtained BRC endorsement.**
- Opened an endowment with Duluth Superior Area Community Fund that will fund needs and activities in the Forest Forever.**
- Created a new committee (the Forest Forever Committee) that will promote and grow the endowment.**
- Paid 2016 property taxes**

Cleared brush and deadfalls to re-route ¼ mile hiking trail and add ½ mile ski trail.



Lincoln Community Forest Trail System
T45N, R5W, Bayfield County



Groom & mow > 1 1/2 mile of trail for hiking & skiing.



Installed a handcrafted and painted trailhead entrance sign and 15 traiside navigation trail maps.



Placed 10 Leopold-style cedar benches along the ski and hiking trails



Wood turtle safe nesting site



Obtained permission from BRC and WI DNR to allow winter biking on established trails when snow covered.



ATTENTION!!

Winter biking is now allowed on established trails when the ground is frozen and snow covered.

Thanks to the WI Department of Natural Resources and Bayfield Regional Conservancy for permitting this activity on a trial basis.

We will evaluate impacts and report issues to BRC. Please leave comments and suggestions in the guest book. Enjoy your ride!



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Birding and Nature Festival & Public Lands Day hikes



One last step to naming the lake in the Forest !! Mikinaak Lake



Booth display at Tout Unlimited event in Ashland.



Established the Forest Forever Fund.

The Forest Forever Fund



“The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it”. William James

- I am interested in learning more about the Forest Forever Fund and ways I can make a charitable, tax deductible donation to The Friends of the Lincoln Community Forest endowment this year.
- I am interested in learning more about the ways I can include the Forest Forever Fund in my estate planning.
- I want to make a tax deductible cash donation to the Forest Forever Fund today.

Donation amount \$ _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

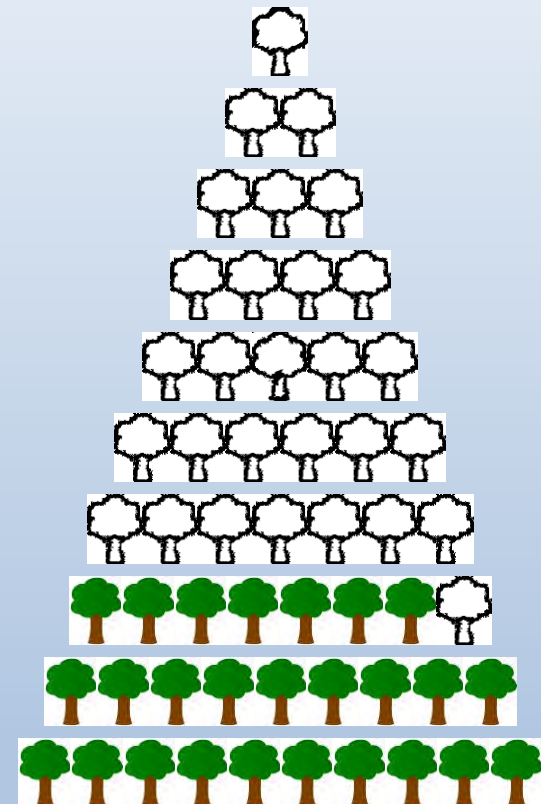
Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Lincoln Community Forest, make a donation by credit card at this meeting, visit us on line at www.friendslcf.com, or mail payment to: Friends of the Lincoln Community Forest P.O. Box 544 Ashland, WI 54806

\$25,000



March 11, 2017 Forest Forever Fund balance \$10,500

Projects and events (2017)

- Construct a second safe nesting site for turtles
- Host Birding and Nature Festival hike on May 20
- Host Public Lands Day hike on Sept 30
- Monitor timber harvest under MFL
- Ongoing trail maintenance and improvements
- Fundraising picnic July 1





Thank you for all you've done in 2016!!

Members
Board Directors
Bayfield Regional Conservancy

Open Discussion

1. What do you like most about the Lincoln Community Forest or Friends Group?
2. What do you not like or wish was different about the Lincoln Community Forest or Friends Group?
3. The priority of the Friends Group in 2017 should be to.....
4. Other comments, questions?...

Timber harvest under MFL

