



**Annual Membership Meeting**

**Four Corners Food and Spirits**

**March 23, 2019**

# Lincoln Community Forest

- 396 acres wild and scenic hardwood and conifer forest in the Town of Lincoln, Bayfield County
- Scenic and rugged terrain of high bluffs and deep valleys and 2 ½ miles of the Marengo River
- 10 acre lake and numerous forest wetlands
- Open to everyone for nature-based recreation (hunting, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing)
- Titled to Landmark Conservancy, managed in partnership under agreement with FLCF

**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.



# ***“Conservation and Enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest”***



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





# Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

- Socialize and celebrate our accomplishments
- Business Meeting
  - Secretaries Report
  - Review financial status
  - Elect Directors of the Board
  - Invite your input on priorities and needs
- Support a local business



## Secretary's Report

- Read minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting
- Motion to approve

# Treasurer's Report

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
	<b>12.31.18</b>	<b>01.01.19</b>
Cash Available January 1 (Checking & Savings)	\$6,141	\$9,102
Revenue/Income		
Annual Revenue	\$9,114	\$7,225
Cash Available	\$15,254	\$14,995
Expenses		
Membership/Communications	\$482	\$531
Forest Projects	\$1,572	\$3,325
Fundraising	\$539	\$1,220
Education	\$971	\$1,613
Endowment (FFF)	\$1,613	\$140
Operations	\$975	\$510
Annual Expenditures	\$6,152	\$7,339
Revenue vs. Expenditures	\$2,962	(\$114)
Total cash available December 31 (Checking & Savings)	\$9,102	\$7,656

- Motion to approve



# 2018 Board of Directors Election

## 2018 Board of Directors:

Pam Dryer	President **
Mary Maguire	Vice –President **
Jack Wichita	Secretary **
Sheila Ossowski	Treasurer **
Teri Isaac	
Tony Janisch *	
Aaron Swanson	
Joe Zirn	
Ed Johnston	
Kathy Zuelsdorff *	
Josh Clark	

\* 3-year expires and leaving Board

\*\* Officers to Continue their Positions for 2019

## Board candidates for March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2019 election

Teri Isaac \*

Kevin Brewster

\* 3-year term expired and running for another 3 years

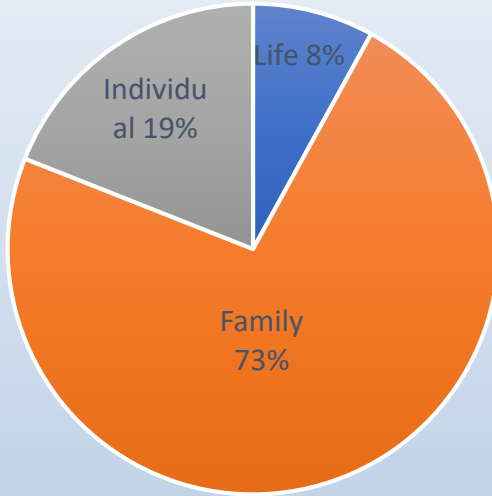
# Thank you Board, Volunteers Members and Partners for a Great Year!



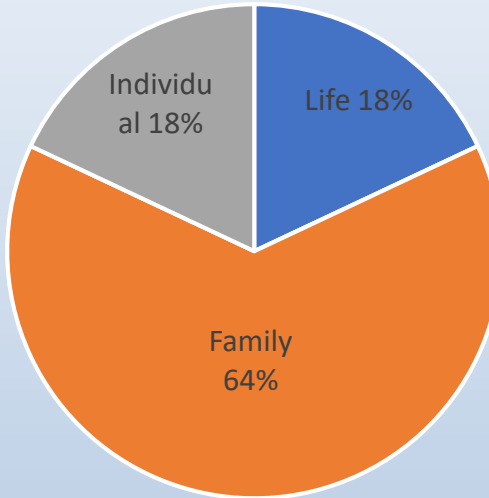
Working together ***“To facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest”***

# Membership Profile

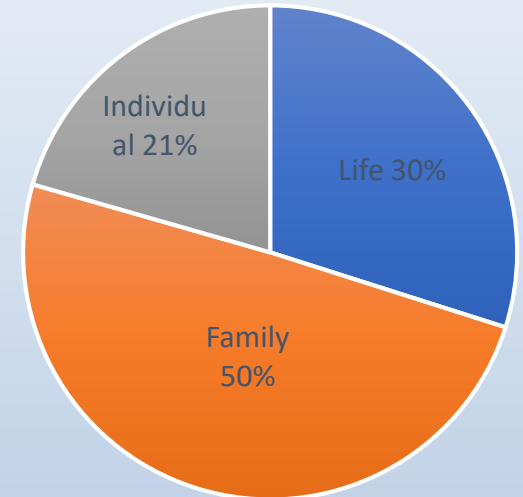
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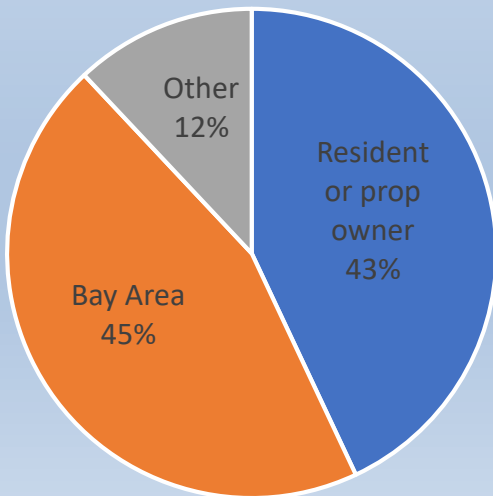
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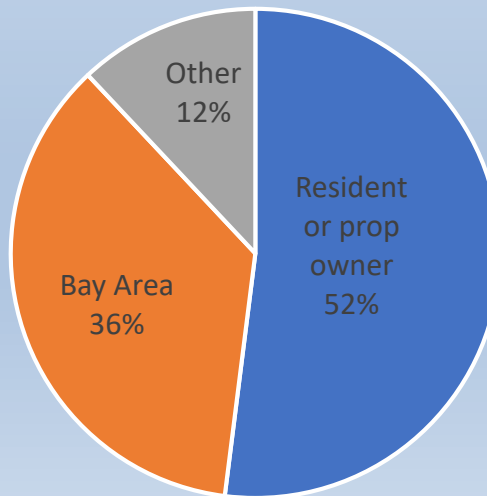
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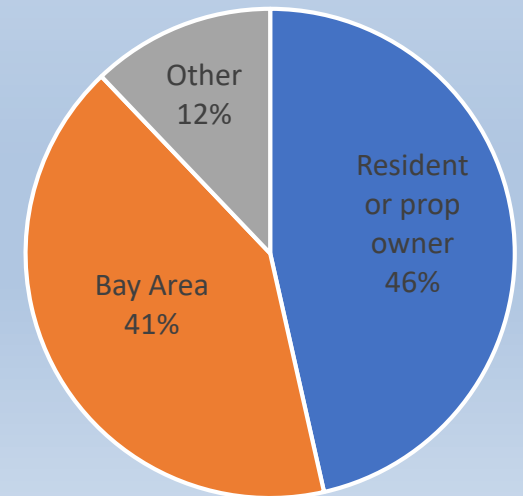
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2017



2018





# 2018 Highlights



# Education in our Communities and in the Forest



# Grant!

- \$1,500 from Four Cedars Environmental Education Fund
- 4 programs (2 kid focused, 2 adult)
- AV and sound equipment
- Predators, Zoomobile
- Wolves by the Numbers
- Local Community Reach









## Other Education: Bob Hay Talk, Little Library, Ad Hoc



Ashland Charter School –  
Finding and Counting Frogs





# Wood Turtles

- Rebuilt safe nesting site for wood turtles with Turtles for Tomorrow.
- Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> site in N. Unit.





# Made and Installed Bat Houses Next to Turtle Sites and River





# Wildlife Habitat and Forest Management

- Planted 100 Red Oak and 50 White Spruce
- Oak for climate change resilience
- Spruce for added diversity
- Will plant again this spring



# Planting Pines for Climate Resilience

- Landmark Conservancy will plant 2 plots to white pine.
- Important to retard growth of aspen where white pine is planted
- Used Garlon, painted on aspen sprouts individually
- Planting this spring



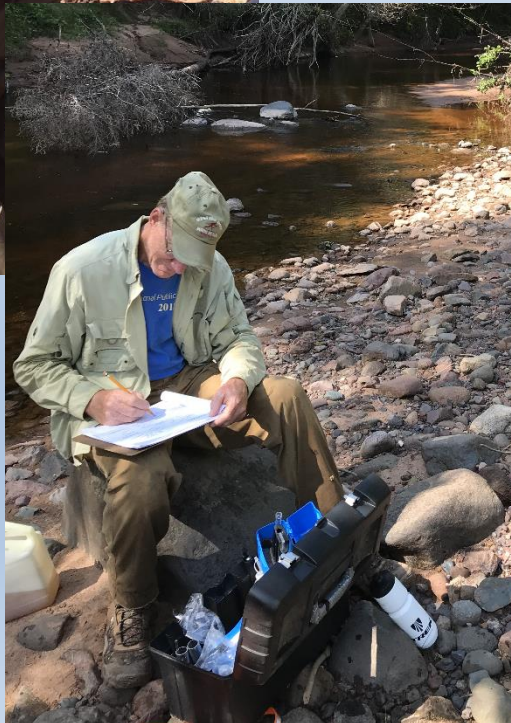
Aspen Shoot Growth by Fall 2018



# Fish and Wildlife Monitoring



Water Quality  
Monitoring –  
Superior Rivers  
Watershed Assoc.



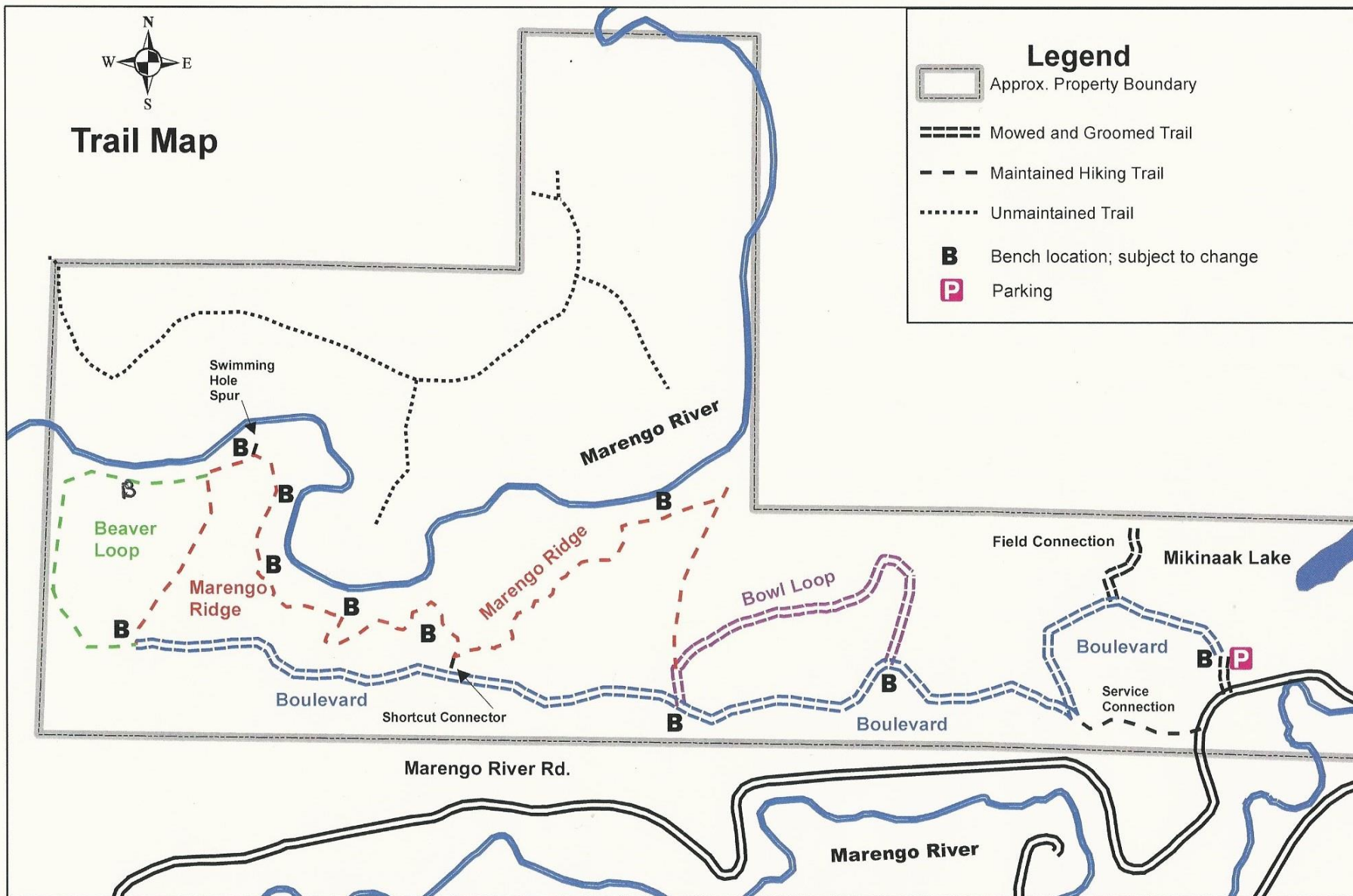
Turtle nest – what species??



# Nature Based Recreation







Lincoln Community Forest Trail System  
T45N, R5W, Bayfield County



# Trail Maintenance and Repair



Two Work Days – early summer and late fall



# Groom >2 miles of trails for cross-country skiing.



Packing new snow



Dragging or Rolling to Further Pack and Flatten



# Finished product

**Groomer - tracking**



**Groomer – Laying corduroy**





# Engaging the Community Keeping Our Organization Strong

## Annual Appreciation Picnic and Fundraiser



Over 100 people including 15 kids  
attended and \$2,200 dollars raised





# Birding and Nature Festival guided hike

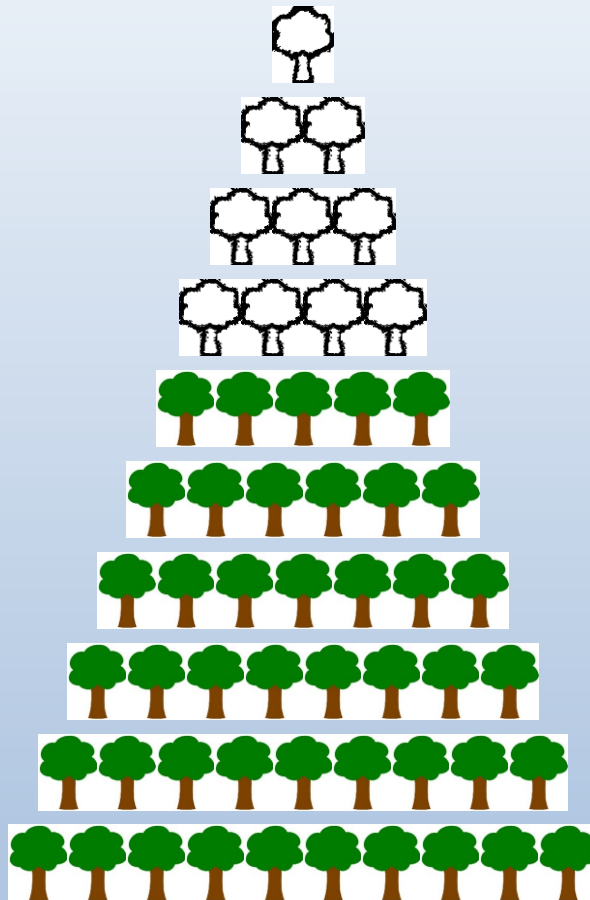


Cooperatively with Landmark Conservancy. Led by Adrian Wydeven

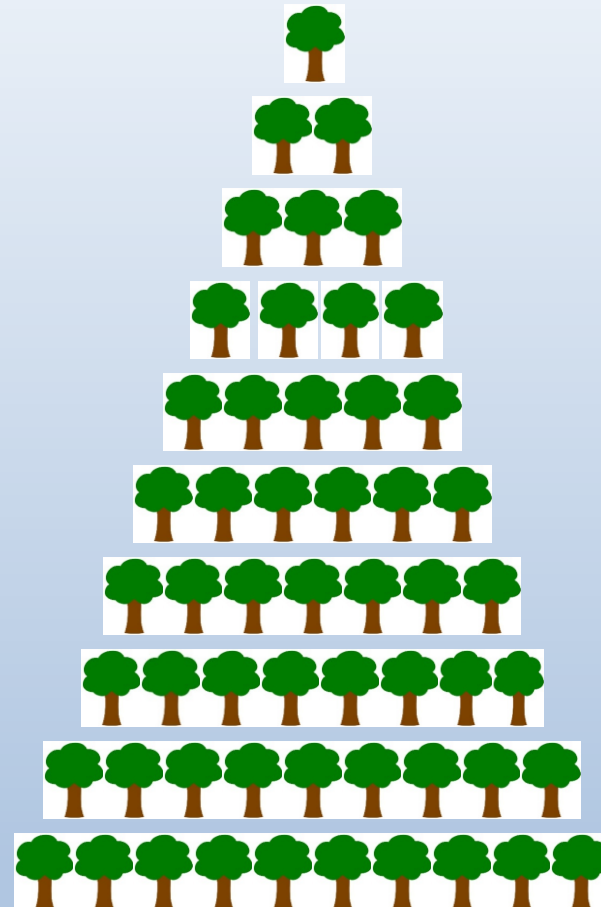


# Forest Forever Fund Milestone – We are Vested!

\$25,000



December 31, 2017 balance \$18,829

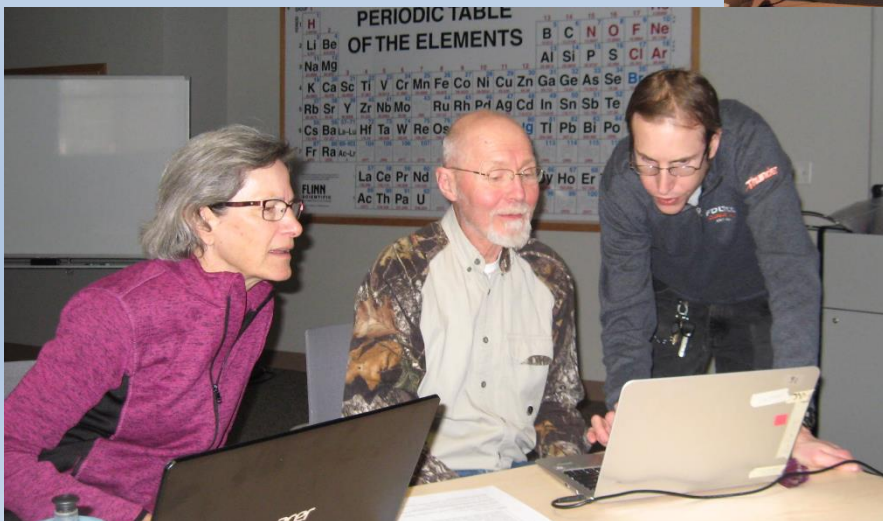
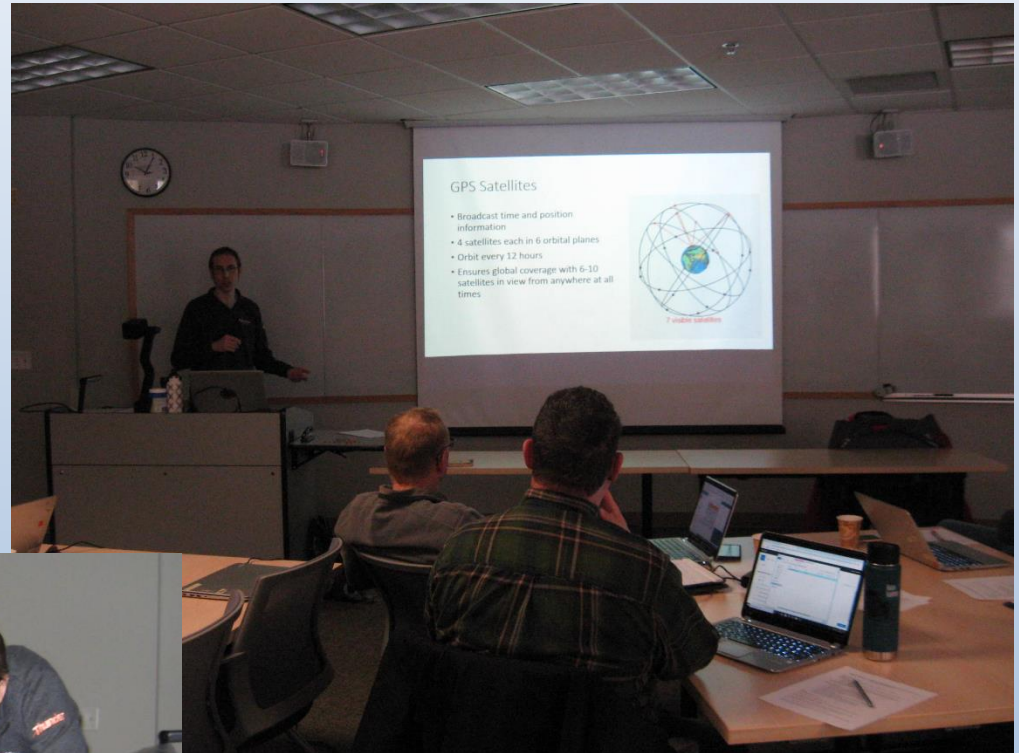


January 31, 2019 balance \$26,510

Donations to Forest Forever Fund (endowment) reached required minimum of \$25,000 to allow distributions in March 2019

# Upgrading our Technology Skills

- GPS and Geographic Information Systems  
Professor Carl Sack  
provided a free  
workshop. Thank you  
Carl!!

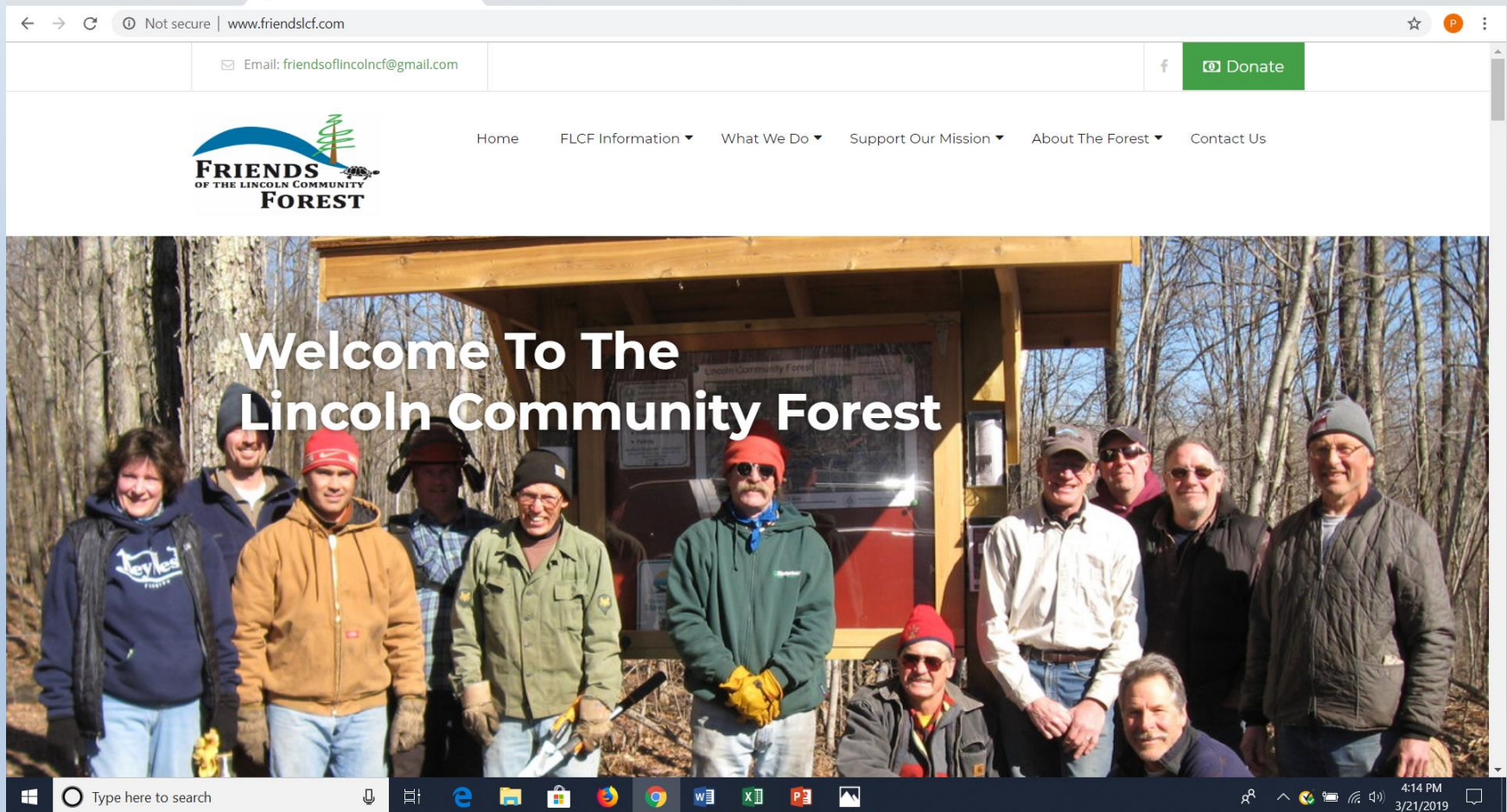


Maps, proposals, information transfer



# Keeping Relevant Technologically

- New Web Site
- Better Communication via E-mail (Mail Chimp coming)



# Grow a Strong Relationship with Landmark Conservancy



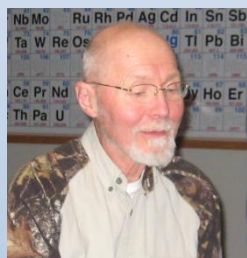
Lindsey Ketchel, LC Exec. Director and Teri Isaac, Education Co-Chair



# Projects and events (2019)

- Submit proposal for hiking trail to Mikinaak Lake and if approved, clear and mark trail
- Host education programs on and off the Forest
- Parking lot maintenance and culvert at trailhead entrance
- Monitor turtle use at safe sites
- Initiate Bat monitoring
- Host Birding and Nature Festival hike on May 18 and Public Lands Day hike in September
- Plant and maintain spruce and oak trees in harvest area
- Continue trail maintenance and improvements
- Continue collecting water quality samples
- 3rd annual fundraising picnic on August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Make decision on Forest Forever Fund disbursements

# Thank you Board, Volunteers and Members for all you've done!





# Always Volunteer Opportunities

- Tree planting
- Trail work
- Annual picnic
- Membership Committee:
  - Membership data base
  - Thank yous
  - Chair
- Lead hikes
- Interest or skill you could offer

# Discussion

1. Lindsey Ketchel, Executive Director of Landmark Conservancy to provide update on LC and our partnership
2. Questions and thoughts about the Lincoln Community Forest and/or Friends Group?
3. The priorities for the Friends Group in 2019 and beyond should be to.....



- Brief Board meeting upstairs
- Eat from the pulled pork buffet or off menu
- Visit membership and endowment table to renew, donate and comment
- Visit trailhead on your way home