



2018 Annual Membership Meeting

March 23, 2019

Four Corners Food & Spirits

Mason, WI

Our mission is to facilitate the conservation and enjoyment of the Lincoln Community Forest.



Bench site along Marengo River hiking trail (photo by Mark Dryer)

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Goals and Accomplishments in 2018

Improve habitat and manage forest for fish and wildlife

- Rebuilt the safe turtle-nesting site with Turtles for Tomorrow, located in the South Unit that was damaged by the 2016 flood. Conducted monitoring for nesting turtles.
- Turtles for Tomorrow completed installation of a second safe turtle-nesting site, this one in the North Unit.
- Built and installed four bat houses on two poles near the turtle nesting sites.
- Planted 100 red oak and 50 white spruce in the timber harvest area. Protected the oak from deer browse using tree tubes.
- Continued to collect water quality data in the Marengo River on the Community Forest for the Superior Rivers Watershed Association water quality monitoring program.
- Assisted Landmark Conservancy to fill in ruts left by loggers in the timber harvest area.
- Provided suggestions to Landmark Conservancy on restoring Boulevard Trail from damage left by logger's equipment and subsequent rains. (Note: LC did the work).
- Pulled invasive, exotic spotted knapweed from the Bouvavard Trail.
- Assisted Superior Rivers Watershed Association and the Town of Lincoln to rake and reseed an eroding bank along the Marengo River off Altamont Road.

Engage the community and instill sense of pride by members and users in the forest and FLCF

- Held a successful, second annual appreciation picnic and fundraising event in August.
- Widely distributed our brochures and placed ads and articles in Bottom Line News.
- Attended 2 public events to showcase the Friends of Lincoln Community Forest.
- All the education events and recreational opportunities listed below also meet this goal.

Provide opportunities to learn about forest wildlife and instill an appreciation of the natural resources around us.

- Started an Education Committee focusing on creating opportunities for children and adults to learn about our local natural resources and conservation.
- The Education Committee applied for and received a \$1,500 grant from the Four Cedars Environmental Fund and the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation to present four programs in our local communities on native wildlife and ecology in the western Lake Superior Basin. Two programs were presented in 2018, one focused on youth and families and the other on adults. Another youth-focused program was held on March 16, 2019. The kids' programs showcased native live animals. A final adult-oriented program will be held in 2019.
- Partnered with Friends of North Pikes Creek to host a public program at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on Turtles of Wisconsin.
- Co-led a hike in the Forest for the Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival.
- Installed a "little library" next to the entrance kiosk for children's natural resources books.

Keep our organization strong

- Appealed to our membership for contributions to the Forest Forever Fund endowment, reaching our initial goal of \$25,000 in March 2019.
- We are building a solid relationship with Landmark Conservancy, the new organization created from the merger of Bayfield Regional Conservancy and West Wisconsin Land Trust.

- Maintained a solid membership base of 160 people from January 2018 through March 2019. Membership breakdown: 22 Individual, 53 Family and 32 Life. 18 are NEW members. 46 are Lincoln residents or property owners, 41 are from the bay area, and 12 are out of the area.
- Carl Sack, a cartographer and professor, presented a workshop on how to use GPS units and make maps with Geographic Information System (GIS) software. 8 people attended. This will allow our members to make maps for public use and proposals.

Provide and maintain appropriate outdoor recreation opportunities for the public

- Updated and replaced “You Are Here” trail maps at 15 sign posts at intersections of the trails during the fall work day.
- Rerouted and cleared a new trail along the Marengo River bank that continues to slump.
- Conducted spring and fall maintenance by filling old ruts at the trailhead with mulch, clearing deadfalls, large rocks and overhanging branches from trails.
- Groomed the maintained trails for classic and skate cross-country skiing, and fat biking, from December to March.
- Mowed the maintained trails for comfortable hiking from June to November 1.
- Identified a trail to Mikinaak Lake for a proposal to Landmark Conservancy.

2018 Financial Report and 2019 Annual Budget

| | 2018 Actual | 2019 Budget |
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| | 12.31.18 | 01.01.19 |
| Cash Available January 1 (Checking & Savings) | \$6,141 | \$9,102 |
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| Revenue/Income | | |
| Annual Revenue | \$9,114 | \$7,225 |
| Cash Available | \$15,254 | \$14,995 |
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| 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 |
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| Annual Expenditures | \$6,152 | \$7,339 |
| Revenue vs. Expenditures | \$2,962 | (\$114) |
| Total cash available December 31 (Checking & Savings) | \$9,102 | \$7,656 |

2019 Board of Directors

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Committees

Communications and Membership: Chair (vacant)

This Committee recruits members, manages the member database, and conducts outreach.

Forest Projects: Joe Zirn, Chair

This Committee identifies and implements projects in the Forest.

Fundraising: Mary Maguire, Chair.

This Committee identifies revenue sources and conducts actions to raise money.

Forest Forever Fund: Mark Dryer, Chair

This Committee develops and implements programs that provide for a permanent endowment.

Education: Teri Isaac and Kathy Zuelsdorff, Co-Chairs

This committee identifies and carries out education opportunities in relation to the Forest.



Volunteers refueling after an afternoon of trail work in November