

**Report to Department of Natural Resources
For
2011 Capacity Grant**

Highlights of 2011 for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin included celebrating our 25th Anniversary with special events and a set of 30 field trips offered to non-members only, conducting a strategic planning process for 2012-2017, planning three new fundraising initiatives (for bird conservation, managing state lands, and developing the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program), and adjusting to the loss of two major sources of program funding.

Following are accomplishments achieved with support from a 2011 Capacity Grant of \$84,100:

- **Increased statewide capacity to manage natural areas**

NRF provided \$135,276 in support toward managing 26 State Natural Areas (SNAs) and two regional crews. Most of these funds were secured through our Adopt-a-Natural Area Program, which solicits three-year commitments from donors to support management at specific SNAs.

Our State Natural Areas Campaign has changed since we submitted the 2010-2011 Capacity Grant application. A large percentage of the funding NRF has provided for managing State Natural Areas in recent years has come from American Transmission Company (ATC) through its involvement in the Green Tier program. As of 2011, ATC opted out of the Green Tier Program and cut its contribution to NRF by two-thirds. They did provide \$50,000 for managing State Natural Areas in 2011, including three-year Adopt-a-Natural Area commitments for five State Natural Areas.

In 2010, we lost our federal funding for the Wisconsin Conservation Corps program, so that program ended in August of 2010. Our Public Lands Campaign Coordinator left our organization shortly thereafter and that position has not been filled.

To begin rebuilding our Public Lands Campaign, NRF proposed the development of a Public Lands Endowment Fund to DNR leadership and the Governor's office. The concept received approval from both offices. A major portion of the revenue for this endowment will come from small, voluntary donations people will add to their purchase of a state park sticker, hunting or fishing license, trail pass, camping registration, or boat registration. Capacity Grant funding supported the development of this concept and the legislative language that will enable the DNR to collect these donations. NRF will manage the endowed fund, potentially several million dollars, and disburse 5% of its value annually to management projects at state natural areas, parks, forests, and wildlife areas.

▪ **Grew the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment**

NRF added six new funds in 2011, bringing the total number of established funds in the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment (WCE) to 59. Total contributions added to the WCE equaled \$523,572, including \$202,778 in agency funds (set up by and for organizations). The current endowment value is \$2.7 million. Add to this \$4.3 million in known planned estate gifts, and the WCE has a potential value of at least \$7 million.

New funds created in 2011 included:

- Robert H. Halpin Family Endowment Fund
- Jefferson County Parks Endowment
- Kettle Moraine Natural History Association Endowment Fund
- Frank Hornberg Chapter – Trout Unlimited Fund
- Bayfield Regional Conservancy Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment Fund
- Dale Druckrey Conservation Endowment

A total of \$24,445 was distributed from WCE investment income. This included \$19,634 to 25 grassroots conservation projects through the Besadny Conservation Grants Program; \$1,460 to two environmental education projects through the Teachers Education Fund; and \$3,351 to three other projects.

▪ **Supported priority DNR projects and programs**

As the attached list of program distributions shows, NRF invested \$615,755 in conservation programs in 2011 -- \$530,304 to partner organizations and \$85,451 to NRF-implemented programs. In addition to contributions to the State Natural Areas Program, NRF contributed \$243,375 to projects that benefit Species of Greatest Conservation Need and \$19,051 to conservation education programs. We continued to hone the reporting and accounting process we require of grantees by developing an invoicing system with the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources. This has made the grant tracking and reporting process more streamlined and accurate for all involved.

The Bird Conservation Campaign remains our central focus for rare species. We obtained project-specific grants and contributions, and began an effort to dramatically boost contributions to our Bird Protection Fund. This Fund, which was created in partnership with the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, serves as a repository for general bird conservation donations. Representatives from the Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, DNR, and NRF set project priorities for the Campaign and make annual distributions to these projects from the Bird Protection Fund. A separate team of six representatives from these organizations spent

August – December planning new revenue streams for the Bird Protection Fund and creating the Great Wisconsin Birdathon fundraising event that will be piloted in May of 2012.

- **Engaged the public in conservation education through NRF's Field Trip Program**

During our strategic planning process in 2011, staff and board members agreed that one of our organization's greatest strengths is connecting people to Wisconsin's natural resources, through experiential opportunities and through philanthropy. Our greatest asset for doing this is our Field Trip Program.

In 2011, NRF offered 101 field trips through our "core" program. To celebrate our 25th Anniversary and attract new members, we offered an additional set of 29 field trips for non-members only, which were featured in the April issue of *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine. Schedules for both sets of field trips are attached.

Core trips had 2,690 participants. A new fee structure increased registration revenue to \$24,000. This was balanced by corporate and individual sponsorships and a portion of the Capacity Grant to complete the budget. Long-term, we hope to rely on registration fees and sponsorships to make the program self-supporting. The core field trip program also garnered 78 new memberships.

The 25th Anniversary field trips attracted 561 participants and produced 37 new memberships. Staff carefully evaluated the strategy of offering these trips to attract new support for conservation and decided it was not worth repeating at that scale. New audiences will be offered discounted memberships to allow them to register for our core field trips, which are for members only.

The last three months of 2011 were spent planning 118 field trips for 2012. This continues to be considered a very valuable program by both conservation professionals and the public alike.

Budget Notes:

The budget that was submitted for our 2011 Capacity Grant allotment showed figures for NRF's entire program budget, not just time allotted to the purposes spelled out in our proposal. The difference between budgeted and actual expenses is due to personnel changes (the grant administrator position lapsed for four months) and a resulting shift in responsibilities, plus the addition of a position that involves fundraising for the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment. Despite the changes, we easily met the required 25% match.

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
2011 Capacity Grant
Budget Report

<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Personnel:</u>		
Executive Director	31,872	32,316
Grants/Program Coordinator	37,082	34,984
Director of Member Relations	5,233	4,043
Director of Communications	40,187	32,782
Field Trip Coordinator	15,176	15,079
Administrator	16,522	8,422
Director of Development	0	5,015
Membership Coordinator	0	3,063
	<u>\$146,072</u>	<u>\$135,703</u>

<u>Revenue:</u>		
Capacity Grant	85,000	84,100
Membership Dues	61,072	51,603
	<u>\$146,072</u>	<u>\$135,703</u>

Total hours per program for employees listed above:

Fundraising	673	619
Field Trip Program	2,584	1,823
Rare & Endangered Species	1,227	522
Education and Outreach - various	735	600
State Natural Areas	241	169
Wisconsin Conservation Endowment	302	583
International trips	220	206
	<u>5,982</u>	<u>4,521</u>

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Support Distributed or Committed to Conservation - 2011

❖ State Natural Areas & Public Lands \$135,276

State Natural Areas Program:

DNR - Endangered Resources	Avoca Prairie SNA	2,250
DNR - Endangered Resources	Black River Savanna SNA	10,000
Friends of Cedarburg Bog	Cedarburg Bog SNA	8,500
DNR - Endangered Resources	East Bluff and Parfrey's Glen SNAs	4,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Great River Trail Prairies SNA	2,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Herptile Habitat Restoration at 11 SNAs	20,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	La Crosse River Trail Prairies SNA	4,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Lodi Marsh SNA	5,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Lower Chippewa River SNA	11,450
DNR - Endangered Resources	Northeast Region State Natural Areas	10,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Pine Island Flood Plain SNA	10,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Red Banks & Stockbridge Ledge Woods SNAs	5,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Spread Eagle Barrens SNA	11,050
DNR - Endangered Resources	Upper Fox Headwaters SNA	3,069
DNR - Endangered Resources	Van Loon Flood Plain SNA	15,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Western Coulee Region State Natural Areas	9,957
		\$131,276

Public Lands - Other

DNR - Endangered Resources	Fish habitat at Turtle Flambeau Flowage	1,000
❑ Friends of Harrington Beach St Park	Signage improvements	1,000
❑ DNR - Turtle Flambeau Flowage	Turtle Flambeau Flowage trail work and culverts	1,000
❑ North Lakeland Discovery Center	Van Vliet Hemlocks Signage project	1,000
		\$4,000

❖ Rare & Endangered Species \$243,375

Bird Conservation Campaign:

DNR - Turtle Flambeau Flowage	Eagle and osprey banding	1,495
DNR - Endangered Resources	Important Bird Areas Southern Forest Initiative	10,000
Private researcher	Kestrel banding	330
DNR - Endangered Resources	Kirtland's Warbler Monitoring and Surveys	30,400
DNR - Endangered Resources	Migratory Bird Stopover Habitat Program	31,500
Osa Conservation	Osa Peninsula land acquisition - Costa Rica	28,000
DNR - Wildlife Management	Osprey management in Oneida & Forest Co.	425
DNR - Endangered Resources	Species Guidance Reports	12,600
DNR - Endangered Resources	Trumpeter Swan monitoring	17,600
Various WCEP partners	Whooping crane reintroduction program	49,930
		\$182,280

Other:

DNR - Endangered Resources	Bat monitoring by citizen science volunteers	15,000
DNR - Endangered Resources	Citizen-Based Monitoring Online Training Videos	10,945
DNR - Endangered Resources	Karner Blue Butterfly Monitoring & Management	10,000
DNR - Fisheries	Lake Superior fish management	150
DNR - Endangered Resources	Wood Turtle Conservation	25,000
		<u>\$61,095</u>

❖ Conservation Education \$19,051

North Lakeland Discovery Center	Conservation Ed. in Turtle Flambeau Flowage	963
Butternut School	Conservation Ed. in Turtle Flambeau Flowage	963
DNR - Waste and Materials Mgmt	Green & Healthy Schools Workshop in Milwaukee	2,125
UW Extension	Wisconsin Master Naturalist development	15,000
		<u>\$19,051</u>

❖ Grassroots Conservation \$23,644

❑ Besadny Conservation Grants:	26 projects (see separate list)	22,184
❑ Teachers Education Fund:	2 projects - see Besadny Grant list	1,460

❖ Partner conservation organizations - general operations \$108,958

1000 Friends of Wisconsin	general operations	6,918
Clean Wisconsin	general operations	3,459
Environmental Defense Fund	general operations	3,459
Gathering Waters Conservancy	general operations	6,918
National Audubon Society	general operations	3,459
Natural Resources Defense Council	general operations	3,459
Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	general operations	24,213
Northwoods Land Trust	general operations	3,459
River Alliance of Wisconsin	general operations	17,295
Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter	general operations	3,459
The Nature Conservancy (WI)	general operations	3,459
Trout Unlimited - seven chapters	general operations	13,835
Wilderness Society	general operations	3,459
Wisconsin Wetlands Association	general operations	6,918
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation	general operations	5,189
		<u>\$108,958</u>

Total cash contributions to partner organizations * \$530,304

❖ NRF-implemented programs (dollars invested) \$85,451

Field Trip Program	\$60,267
25th Anniversary Field Trips	\$25,184

Total contribution to conservation in Wisconsin \$615,755

* 55% to DNR, 40% to other partner organizations, and 5% to Besadny Grant recipients

❑ Supported by Wisconsin Conservation Endowment Fund. Total WCE distributions for 2011 = \$24,445



NRF's 2011 Support for Conservation

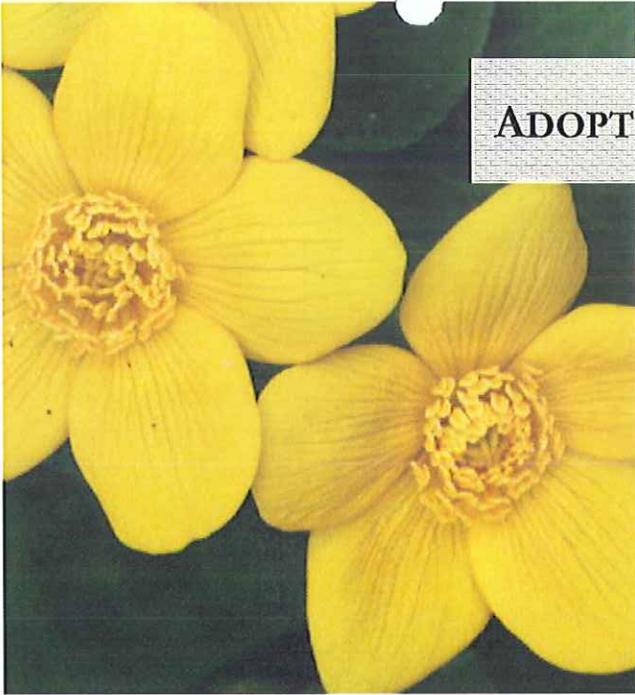
State Natural Areas	
Management activities	\$ 135,276
Rare & Endangered Species	
Bird conservation	\$ 182,280
Other Species of Greatest Conservation Need	<u>\$ 61,095</u>
	\$ 243,375
Conservation Education	
NRF field trips (core program + anniversary)	\$ 85,451
Partner programs	<u>\$ 19,051</u>
	\$104,502
Grassroots conservation projects	
Besadny Conservation Grants Program	\$ 22,184
Teacher's Education Fund	<u>\$ 1,460</u>
	\$ 23,644
Partner conservation organizations for general operations	\$108,958
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Total support for conservation programs in 2011	\$615,755
NRF-implemented programs	\$ 85,451 (14%)
Contributions to partner organizations	\$530,304 (86%)
○ To WI Department of Natural Resources	\$292,016 (55%)
○ To non-DNR partner organizations	\$238,288 (45%)

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2011 Besadny Conservation Grants:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Hiking Society and Wildcat Mountain State Park	Trail Work, Hemlock Trail, Wildcat Mountain State Park	\$750
Blue Mounds Area Project (BMAP)	Living in the Driftless Landscape'- A booklet and companion workshops	\$1,000
Career Youth Development, Inc. (CYD)	The Milwaukee Boating and Fishing for Life Alliance (MBFLA)	\$1,000
City of Middleton	Protecting Blanding's Turtles at the Urban/Rural Interface	\$980
Driftless Area Land Conservancy	Biodiversity Conservation Outreach in Southwest Wisconsin	\$1,000
Fox City Area Habitat for Humanity	2011 Earth Day Celebration	\$750
Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park	Big Foot Beach native Prairie Plant Demonstration Garden	\$1,000
Friends of the Cedarburg Bog	Cedarburg Bog Interpretive Trail Kiosk	\$981
Friends of Crex, Inc.	Ducks on a Stick- Waterfowl Study Mounts	\$1,000
Friends of Devil's Lake State Park	Education material Upgrade for Devil's Lake State Park	\$500
Friends of Lake Wingra	Wingra Watershed Education Project	\$1,000
Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Inc.	Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy "Kids for the Earth" Program (KFTE)	\$1,000
Friends of Point Beach State Forest	Forest Naturalist Summer/Fall 2011	\$1,000
Golden Sands Resource Conservation	Updating and Renovating the Historical Kiosk in the Buena Vista Wildlife Area	\$1,000
Green Bay Public Schools	Rain Garden Development at the L.H. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve	\$1,000
Lower Kickapoo Initiative	Landowner Survey of Breeding Birds and Frogs of the Lower Kickapoo River Valley	\$1,000
Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP)	Pond Life in a Closed System	\$948
Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy	Fitzsimmons Woods Wildflower Protection Project	\$684
Milwaukee Public Museum	Identification of Sponges Collected by Citizen-Based Monitoring	\$981
Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition c/o Milwaukee Environmental Consortium	Milwaukee River Greenway Trail and Habitat Improvement	\$1,000
Minong Township Lakes Committee	Minong Township Lakes Fair	\$750
North Lakeland Discovery Center, Inc.	Van Vilet Hemlocks Trail Project	\$1,000
Phipps Center for the Arts	Just Add Water	\$1,000
Potosi Environmental Club	Batty for Bats	\$150
Rock County Parks	Rock County Parks State Natural Area Educational Signs	\$1,000
University of WI Extension Service	Iowa County Conservation Youth Day	\$710
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		\$23,184
 <u>Teachers Education Fund:</u>		
Hudson High School	Leopold Benches for Outdoor Classroom	\$960
School District of Cambridge- Severson Learning Center	Severson Pond Pier- A Platform for Discovery	\$500
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		\$1,460



ADOPT-A-STATE NATURAL AREA PROGRAM

State Natural Areas (SNAs) represent remnants of Wisconsin's wilderness past, protecting the most outstanding examples of our state's native landscape of natural communities, significant geological formations and archeological sites – the last remaining vestiges of our native landscape. Wisconsin currently has over 600 SNAs in 71 counties. And though they comprise only 350,000 acres – or ~0.5% of the state's land base – they contain 90% of the state's rarest and most endangered plant species and 60% of the state's ~900 endangered, threatened or special concern species. SNAs are *living libraries* of biological information protecting our state's rich natural heritage and representing the “best of the best” of Wisconsin's natural areas.

About the Adoption Program

The Natural Resources Foundation invites individuals, businesses and organizations to provide direct support for the protection and stewardship of State Natural Areas. Private entities can “adopt” individual natural areas by providing financial and/or volunteer support for their upkeep. The purpose of the Adopt-a-Natural Area Program is to **engage and involve the public** in maintaining the long-term health and well-being of our most important and unique public resource areas – our SNAs.

Working in collaboration with the Wisconsin DNR, we have pre-selected a variety of needy SNAs for adoption; however, virtually any State Natural Area can be adopted! The financial and/or volunteer “investment” needed for each property will vary based upon size of the property and specific management needs per site—be it removal of brush or invasive species, controlled burns or other management activities. Site-specific budgets and adoption levels have already been developed for a number of targeted State Natural Areas.

Two ways to Adopt-a-Natural Area

- Provide **financial support** for a property (fiscal support determined by site needs and characteristics)
- Contribute significant **volunteer assistance** or “**in-kind**” support for an SNA(s).

The Adopt-a-Natural Area Program is intended to be flexible, reflecting each specific sponsor's needs and interests. **A three-year commitment is generally encouraged**, but annual adoptions are also welcome. The cost of adoption for many of the neediest sites will likely decrease after initial intensive management has been undertaken, making long-term adoption attractive and affordable. Depending on the management needs at a given property, you can adopt an SNA for one-year at **\$1,000, \$5,000, or \$10,000 level**.



Why Adopt?

In 1941, renowned scientist and conservationist *Aldo Leopold* wrote, “Every region should retain representative samples of its original or wilderness condition, to serve science as a sample of normality.”

Leopold was an early proponent of the natural areas program in Wisconsin, officially established in 1952 with a mission to, “as nearly as possible represent the wealth and variety of Wisconsin’s native landscape for education, scientific research, and for the long-term protection of Wisconsin’s biological diversity for future generations.”

Though the State of Wisconsin is responsible for managing the majority of our natural areas, the Department of Natural Resources has **lost virtually all state funding** for upkeep of these properties. The need is great; we cannot simply set these areas aside and “leave them alone.” Prairies must be burned; invasive species must be removed; and endangered and threatened species monitored. In order to ensure that our richest remnant landscapes are maintained, we are providing an exciting opportunity to help protect these special places. By adopting a State Natural Area, you, your company or your organization can help preserve these unique and historic treasures for generations to come.

Our Thanks to You!

For those companies, organizations or individuals willing to adopt a State Natural Area for one or more years, the Natural Resources Foundation will acknowledge your adoption through:

- Charitable donation for you, your company or your organization
- An official sign at the SNA site identifying you as a sponsor
- A plaque recognizing you, your organization or corporation office
- A framed photograph of your adopted SNA
- Announcements in our newsletter and annual report, on our Web site and in media releases
- Invitation to special events honoring Foundation supporters

The greatest reward however is in knowing that you have helped protect biologically valuable landscapes for future generations which – like a library – serve as a repository for our unique and valuable natural heritage.

How Do I Get Started?

Contact the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin (NRF) to discuss and select a State Natural Area near you in need of stewardship assistance. Together with you, NRF staff will individually tailor an adoption program for the site(s) that you wish to adopt.

Contact:

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
PO Box 2317, Madison, WI 53701
608-264-8922 or 1-866-264-4096 (toll-free)
info@wisconservation.gov

www.wisconservation.org



The Adopt-A-Natural Area Program is an integral component of the Natural Resources Foundation’s State Natural Areas Campaign. Visit www.wisconservation.org and go to “State Natural Areas Campaign” to learn more. Any contribution toward our SNA Campaign is welcomed! To make a direct contribution to our SNA Campaign, please send a check to the Natural Resources Foundation at the address listed above. All donations are tax-exempt and all donors will be appropriately acknowledged.



WISCONSIN CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT Endowed & Future Funds

The following endowed funds created under the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment represent over \$2.6 million in managed assets and ca. \$4.5 million in future commitments (estate gifts).

NRF Funds

- **C.D. Besadny Conservation Grants Fund** – a named fund created by the Natural Resources Foundation to provide small, match grants for grassroots conservation efforts. (1990)
- **Natural Resources Fund** – the Foundation's general institutional endowment, used at the discretion of the NRF board of directors. (2006)

2005 Funds

- **Doratheia Buckeridge Drotning Fund** – a named fund created through a gift of real estate by Margery Buckeridge in memory of her sister, to support the whooping crane reintroduction program.
- **Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund** – a donor-advised memorial fund created by Neal & Carla Butenhoff in memory of her parents to support non-motorized trails on public lands.
- **Robert M. Jostes Wisconsin State Natural Areas Conservation Fund** – a named fund created by Robert Jostes to support State Natural Areas.
- **Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund** – a named fund created by Paul Brandt to support the management of wildlife habitat on public lands along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway.
- **James J. Schwabe Endowment Fund** – a named fund created by Beverly Schwabe in memory of her husband to support State Natural Areas protection and management.
- **Reynold Zeller Fund** – a named fund created from a bequest gift in Mr. Zeller's estate and memorial gifts from friends and family to support State Natural Areas and other public lands in Green County.

2006 Funds

- **James P. Bennett Rare Plant Preservation Fund** – a named fund established by Pr. Jim Bennett to support the restoration, monitoring, inventorying and preservation of rare plant species.
- **Sally R. Luthin Memorial Fund** – a named fund created by the Luthin family in memory of Sally Luthin to support general conservation work.
- **Paul & Alice Olson Memorial Fund** – a named fund created by Thomas & James Olson, Pauline Langsdorf, & Karen Sullivan in memory of their parents to support prairie chicken conservation.
- **Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund** – a donor-advised fund created by an anonymous donor to support the management and protection of the Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area.

2007 Funds

- **Dane County Conservation League- DCCL Fund** - an agency fund that provides general support to DCCL.
- **Dane County Conservation League- DCCL Prairie Chicken Fund** – an agency fund that supports conservation of the endangered prairie chicken in central Wisconsin.
- **Hughes Jeffords Chippewa Flowage Conservation Fund**- a donor-advised fund created by Chris and Patricia Jeffords for the purpose of preserving, protecting and enhancing the Chippewa Flowage.
- **Hussin Family Natural Areas Fund**- a named fund created by Gerry and Barbara Hussin to support the management, protection, restoration and appreciation of State Natural Areas.
- **Important Bird Areas Fund** -- an agency fund established by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology in support of Important Bird Areas statewide.
- **Koshkonong Corners SNA Fund**- a named fund created by John Van Altena and Connie Brouillette to support Koshkonong Corners State Natural Area, and lands containing prairie white-fringed orchid.
- **Ozaukee Washington Land Trust Stewardship Fund**—an agency fund created to support the mission of the land trust.
- **Charles A. & Ida C. Sanders Northwoods Memorial Fund**- a named designated fund created by Luida Sanders in memory of her parents, Charles and Ida, to support the Northwoods Land Trust.
- **SanDretto Family State Natural Areas Fund**- an named fund created by Michael & Erica SanDretto to support State Natural Areas in the Great Lakes Coastal, Northern Forests, and Blufflands regions.
- **Camp Rita Doris Conservation Fund**- an acorn fund created in memory of Rita Kremer & Frank & Mercedes Tenorio by their family to support the north woods with a focus on loons and eagles.
- **Trees for the Future in Jefferson County Parks Fund**- an acorn fund created by John and Ann Molinaro for the purpose of supporting tree planting in the Jefferson County Parks System.

2008 Funds

- **Fair Meadows State Natural Area Fund**- an acorn fund created by Gary & Penny Shackelford to support Fair Meadows State Natural Area and natural areas in the Southeast Glacial Plains Region.
- **Catherine Genovese Natural Areas Fund**—an acorn fund created in honor of Catherine Genovese by an anonymous couple in support of general conservation needs.
- **Daniel F. Brown & G. Donald Barnes Flambeau River State Forest Fund**—an acorn fund created by Jacob Barnes in honor of his father, G. Donald, and close friend, Daniel, with a purpose of supporting the beautification, protection, enhancement and management the Flambeau River State Forest.
- **Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station Fund**— An agency fund created for the primary purpose of supporting raptor research at Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station and secondary purpose of supporting bird and raptor conservation in Wisconsin.

- **River Alliance Steady Currents Fund**—an agency fund created to support the mission of the River Alliance of Wisconsin.
- **Upper Sugar River Watershed Fund**—A designated fund created by Bill and Lisa Keen, to support the work and mission of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association.
- **Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Fund**- An agency fund created by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks to support their mission and operations.

2009 Funds

- **Friends of Wyalusing State Park Endowment Fund**- an agency fund established by the Friends of Wyalusing State Park to support the natural resources and educational, interpretive and recreational needs of Wyalusing State Park.
- **Teachers' Outdoor Environmental Education Fund**- a donor-advised fund created by Pete Ostlind in memory of his wife, Sue Spaeth, to support outdoor environmental education projects with K-12 public school children in Wisconsin.
- **Wisconsin Bat Conservation Fund**- a named fund created by David Redell and Lisa Wilson to support bat conservation.
- **Friends of Governor Dodge State Park Fund**- an acorn fund created by the Friends group to support the recreational, educational and environmental stewardship needs at Governor Dodge State Park.
- **Patricia and Lyman Anderson Family Farm Endowment**- a named fund created by Patricia Anderson to support the development and management of a Dane County Park on the Anderson farm.
- **Lower Chippewa River Basin Conservation Fund**- an named fund created by the Dunn County Fish & Game Association to support the Lower Chippewa River Basin.
- **Richard & Mary Kathryn Ring Conservation Fund** – an named fund created by Mary Kathryn Ring to support general conservation needs in Wisconsin.

2010 Funds

- **Friends of Brule River and Forest Fund** - an acorn agency fund created by the Friends of Brule River & Forest to support State Natural Areas within the Brule River State Forest.
- **Devil's Lake State Park Endowment**- an agency fund created by the Friends of Devil's Lake State Park to support the Park.
- **Friends of Kohler-Andrae Fund**- an agency fund created by the Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park to support the Park.
- **Jane and Jack Edson Family Conservation Fund** - a named fund created by Jane Edson for general conservation purposes as identified by the foundation.
- **Friends of Pike Lake Endowment Fund** – an acorn agency fund created to support the efforts of the Friends of Pike Lake and the Pike Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest.

- **David and Joyce Weizenicker Endowment Fund for State Parks** - a named fund created by former State Park Director David Weizenicker and his wife Joyce to benefit all of Wisconsin's state parks. The fund will be supplemented with an estate gift by the Weizenickers.
- **Botanical Club of Wisconsin Fund**- an acorn agency fund created by the Botanical Club of Wisconsin to benefit charitable, scientific, or educational purposes of the Club, including but not limited to: scholarships/grants/awards to university students; scientific, conservation, or restoration projects; and workshops.
- **Friends of Dodge County Parks** – an agency fund created by the Friends of Dodge County Parks to protect and enhance the quality of life in Dodge County by preserving, protecting and promoting natural resources, parks, trails and other County recreational resources
- **Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center Endowment Fund**- an agency fund created by the Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center to support the Friend's mission assisting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with interpretive, scientific, historical, educational, and related visitor services at Horicon Marsh and International Education Center
- **Jim & Sharel Hubing Conservation Fund**- an acorn named fund created by Jim & Sharel Hubing to support the mission and programs of the Natural Resources Foundation
- **Blue Mound State Park Endowment Fund**- an acorn agency fund created by the Friends of Blue Mound to support the Friend's mission enhancing and preserving Blue Mound State Park's natural resources while offering activities and projects that improve the park guest's visit

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- **Robert H. Halpin Family Endowment Fund**- a named fund created by Robert H. and Cathy Halpin to support the natural resources and educational, interpretive and recreational needs of Hartman Creek State Park
- **Jefferson County Parks Endowment** – a regional company and individual donors created this endowed fund to support maintenance of parks in Jefferson County
- **Kettle Moraine Natural History Association Endowment Fund** – an agency fund to support future management of the Southern Kettle Moraine
- **Frank Hornberg Chapter-Trout Unlimited Fund** – an agency fund to support the Frank Hornberg Chapter- Trout Unlimited work to enhance, restore and maintain the cold water resource and trout habitat
- **Bayfield Regional Conservancy Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment Fund** – an agency fund to support the Bayfield Regional Conservancy's easement stewardship programs.

Future Endowed Funds (6) (most to be created with estate gifts)

- **(Anonymous) Fund** – a named fund to be created with estate assets from an anonymous couple, to support management of select natural areas in the Western Coulee and Ridges Region of Wisconsin
- **Gathering Waters Conservancy Fund** - a designated fund to be created by Dr. Jim Bennett through an estate gift to support the mission and activities of Gathering Waters Conservancy.

- **Lorin & Maureen Hamel Family Fund-** A named fund designated through a bequest in Mary Hamel's estate and created in honor of her parents to support acquisition, development and improvement of public lands for non-motorized use, primarily canoe landings, trails and campsites along with the acquisition, restoration and management of public wilderness lands.

- **Willow Valley Conservation Fund-** a named fund to be created through a bequest in Philip and Dale Grimm's will to support management of 100 acres of private land in Richland County in permanent conservation easement

- **Field Trips Forever Fund** – a named fund to promote the knowledge, enjoyment and stewardship of Wisconsin's natural resources and to raise money and provide funds for projects in support of local, regional, and statewide conservation efforts.

- **West Dane Conservancy Fund** - a fund created by Kristine Euclide and Douglas Steege to protect and manage private property in western Dane County under permanent conservation easement.

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