

THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

If you are a member, donor or volunteer, the sampling of accomplishments listed below illustrates the impact your contributions have made on our environment, our children and our quality of life in 2010. Your support will enable this important work to continue in 2011. THANK YOU!

2010 Year In Review

LAND

- ◇ Purchased a 14-acre parcel in Kendall County's Reservation Woods near Oswego. Partnered with the Kendall County Forest Preserve District on the purchase of 215 adjacent acres with the future goal of creating a 300+ acre forest preserve.
- ◇ Assisted DeKalb County Forest Preserve District by purchasing a 43-acre property to create the Prairie Oak Forest Preserve.
- ◇ Acquired a Fox River frontage property on behalf of the Batavia Park District.
- ◇ Held nine restoration work days on conservation easement properties.
- ◇ Received a US Fish & Wildlife Service grant for restoration of habitat for the federally endangered Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid.

WATERSHEDS

- ◇ Collaborated with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and area stakeholders to develop watershed protection plans for the Blackberry Creek and Person-Otter Creek Watersheds, both Fox River tributaries.
- ◇ Continued Lower DuPage River Watershed planning process, completing a field reconnaissance to assess in-stream and upland watershed conditions. Final plan to be released this summer.
- ◇ Reviewed and proposed language amendments to improve local municipal codes and Will County ordinances pertaining to water quality.
- ◇ Created a new web-based application to allow users access to extensive water quality data for the East and West Branches of the DuPage River, and Salt Creek.
- ◇ Through the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW), secured necessary permits and funding for Churchill Woods Dam Removal; construction to begin early 2011.
- ◇ Hosted two chloride (road salt) reduction workshops for municipal and private snow-fighting operators.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- ◇ Brought together area colleges and universities at the first Sustainable Colleges Luncheon to discuss campus sustainability initiatives and curriculum.
- ◇ Hosted 250 participants for *Beyond the Basics: Green Infrastructure for Clean Water*, the second seminar in the Beyond the Basics series on stormwater best management practices.
- ◇ Completed the McDonald Farm Renewable Energy and Water Conservation Demonstration Project at the Foundation's headquarters in Naperville, showcasing environmentally friendly roofing, wind and solar energy and rainwater harvesting.

EDUCATION

- ◇ Expanded youth programs at McDonald Farm and in schools to reach 755 students from preschool to middle school age.
- ◇ Added two schools and a park district partner to the Mighty Acorns program, reaching more than 460 middle school students three times per year.
- ◇ Piloted the wildly successful first Mighty Acorns summer day camp with West Chicago Park District with additional plans to expand this year.
- ◇ Director of Youth & Family Programs, Judy Fitchett, received the Excellence in Conservation Education award from Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District.

CONSERVATION@HOME

- ◇ Certified 47 residential and 8 commercial/non-residential sites including the LaSalle Manor Retreat Center.
- ◇ Sold more than 2,000 rain barrels to individuals and through our municipal rain barrel program.
- ◇ Staff presented the Conservation@Home program to more than 2,500 people at 90 events and locations, including the Chicago Flower & Garden Show and several area corporations and colleges.

PEOPLE AND THE ORGANIZATION

- ◇ Welcomed 15 new active volunteers to our ranks
- ◇ Benefitted from more than 7,000 hours of support from more than 750 volunteers
- ◇ Raised \$143,000 in unrestricted funds through special events
- ◇ Fulfilled our 2006-2010 5-year Strategic Plan.



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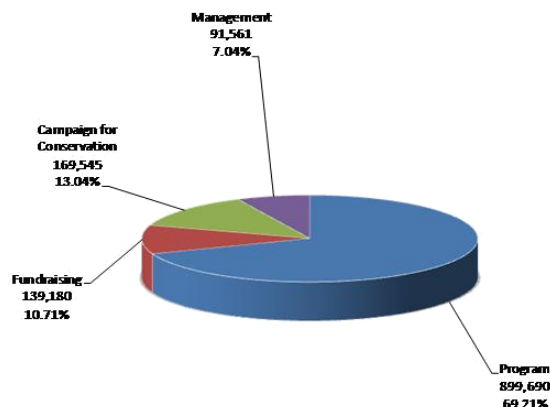
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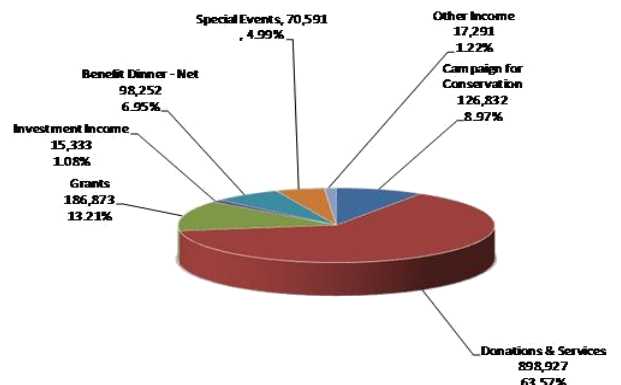
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July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

EXPENSES - FY10



REVENUES - FY10



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