



KETTLE MORAINE LAND TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

MISSION

To preserve the natural heritage of the southern Kettle Moraine lakes area and nearby lands through partnerships in land conservancy and resource management.

ACTIVITIES

Preserves

- Acquired fourth Preserve with grant from Ducks Unlimited – Turtle Creek in Darien Township
- Maintained & Improved all Preserves
 - Island Woods
 - Jackson Creek
 - Beulah Bluff
 - Turtle Creek
- Prepared the Beulah Bluff Preserve for public access

Burning Last Structure on BBP



Environment Protection

- Continued protecting Delavan Lake by working with farmers in its watershed to reduce pollution runoff. The experts estimate that sediment flow to the lake has been reduced by 193 tons, phosphorus by 440 pounds, and algae blooms by 220,000 pounds
- Worked with college intern to control Purple Loosestrife using special beetles on North Lake shorelines, and spraying plants at Lauderdale using volunteers

- Controlled habitat damage at Jackson Creek Preserve by adjacent tenant

Education

- Held bird and a nature walks for the public
- Gave priority to youth education by investing over 1,000 Trust volunteer man hours leading:
 - Two nature walks
 - Lauderdale Fish Jamboree
 - Numerous volunteer days at Beulah Bluff and Beulah Bog
- Held two high school youth work days at our Preserves

Students working at Beulah Bluff



- Provided watershed education to 125 4th and 5th grade students

Sue Heffron Explaining a Watershed



New Lands to Protect

- Used Foundation support and UW-Milwaukee students to search for important new lands to

protect in northern Walworth County;
thousands of parcels reviewed and prioritized

- Discussions started with land owners of high priority new parcels deserving protection

County Parks

- Teamed with Walworth County on the management of their Natureland and Price Parks
- Will be developing conceptual long term management plans for these parks
- Led public nature walk in Natureland Park

On a trail at Natureland



Landowner Support

- Continued monitoring/enforcing four Conservation Protection Easement lands and supporting owners with environmental improvements

*Board Member Rev. Petersen
Cutting Burn Margin at Beulah Bog*



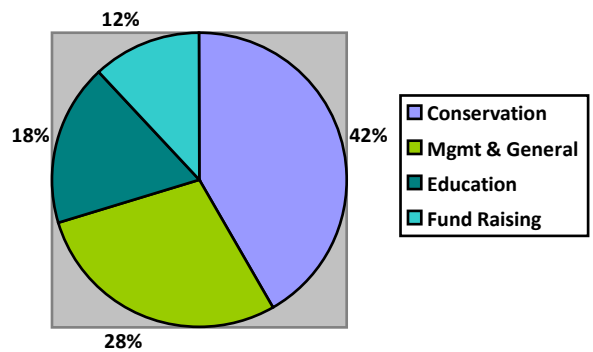
- Continued supporting State (DNR) re maintenance of Beulah Bog nature area
- Worked with Lauderdale Lakes District to formally approve boardwalks on the wetlands on the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club upon which the Trust holds a Conservation Easement
- Placed signs on border of new Turtle Creek Preserve indicating our ownership, no hunting, vehicle exclusion and public access

FINANCIALS - 2013

Annual Budget

- \$89,350

Expenditures by Area



Sources of Support

