



Scenic Views

Fall/Winter 2011

A newsletter from the

Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy



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MALC's mission is to preserve and protect valuable land and water resources for the benefit of the public, as well as for the wildlife dependent on these resources, in order to maintain quality of life, biological diversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations

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A note from our President, Don Dorsan



This newsletter features background on a new conservation easement and some of our rally tour highlights through Franklin's wild forests. If you have not visited these areas, we invite you to take a snowy walk through a city park or Fitzsimmons Woods. And be sure to visit the Franklin Historical Society's collection of historic buildings at Legend Park.

As the year-end closes, it is an important time to look back at the progress, changes and experiences of the past year. This year marks my first full term as MALC's President. Co-founding member and past president, Delene Hanson, who is currently serving as MALC's treasurer, has decided it is time to hand over her duties and will be leaving MALC beginning January. We offer our appreciation for her many years of services and wish her all the best in any future endeavors.

We will continue our mission of protecting and restoring the places you find special. We provide a quality of life service by setting aside the places you find extraordinary. There are truly unique opportunities still remaining in the Milwaukee area and compelling reasons to see beautiful places remain on the landscape. Imagine future families being able to walk these places and experiencing some of the same surroundings you enjoy today. In the making of a family land legacy, the Mayer family wanted this future for their family land (see article page 4).

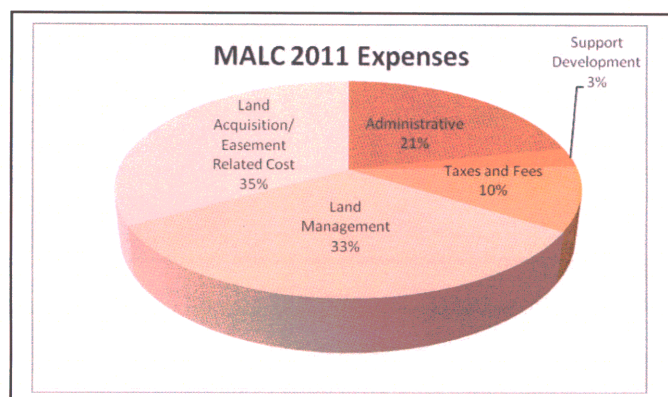
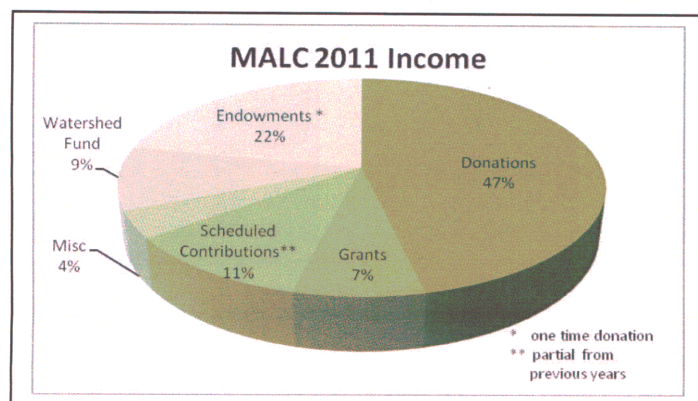
This has been a challenging year for many, especially non-profit organizations. We will be making important changes that will provide additional cost controls and allow us to make the most of your donations. We can't do this alone. Your donations are very important for us to continue maintenance of our lands for you to enjoy and to increase our land protection. We look forward to another successful year with your continued support and wish you and yours Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Don Dorsan

Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy 2011 Year-end financial report

Sustainability is a key term in MALC's finances and land management activities. MALC's 2011 income sources are a healthy mix of dedicated donor support, endowments, land agreement assessments and grant funding. The Conservancy made excellent progress to meet management costs and to fulfill its obligations for land stewardship. Looking ahead, MALC has again prepared a sustainable budget with plans to increase fundraising efforts for the support of land management costs.



Thank you to the following donors that provided support through generous financial contributions or goods and services.

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Please join us in protecting our important community resources by making a contribution at one of the following fund levels.

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☐ Beech Level \$500 - 999
☐ Forest Level \$1000 +
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Your contribution will support land acquisition, stewardship and general operating expenses that help us carry out our mission.

☐ I am interested in volunteering.

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The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy
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www.mkeconservancy.org

Woodland and Human Legacies of Southeastern Wisconsin Tour

In October, MALC hosted a tour for the Land Trust Alliance Annual Rally. MALC partnered with the Indian Community School, Friends of Franklin's Parks and the Franklin Historical Society to provide an educational tour. Student ambassadors led a campus tour and explained how the school cultivates wisdom, spirituality and commitment within Wisconsin tribes. The group was then guided through Fitzsimmons Woods to view rare beech and maple woodlands and learn their ecology. This was followed by a visit to Franklin Woods courtesy of the Parks' Friends group. A gourmet lunch was served near the 19th-century oak canopy where the Franklin Historical Society provided a guided tour of the many historic buildings. Pictures of the tour can be viewed below.

Learn more about our tour partners

Land Trust Alliance
www.landtrustalliance.org

Indian Community School
www.ics-milw.org

Friends of Franklin's Parks
www.friendsoffranklinparks.webs.com

Franklin Historical Society
www.franklinhistoricalsociety.net

Fitzsimmons Woods

Sunshine and fall color provided a near-perfect tour day.



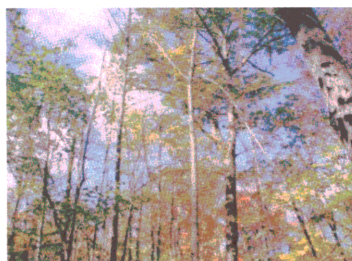
Indian Community School



The school, designed by renowned architect Antoine Predock, presents a seamless fusion of education, ecology and architecture anchored by 200-year-old pines from the Menominee Tribe.

Franklin Woods - Friends of Franklin's Parks

Franklin Woods provides excellent birding and wildflower photography opportunities. The woodland contains a population of Black-haw viburnum, a species of special concern. The shaded areas depict the limits of its range.

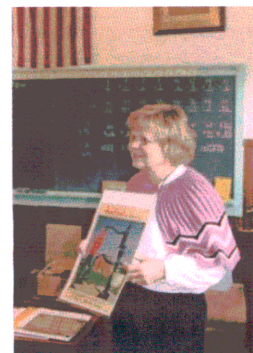


Franklin Historical Society

The Whelan School was one of several historic buildings visited on the tour guided by the dedicated historical society volunteers.



Barbara Pforr,
Franklin Historical
Society





Creamy Gentian, pictured to the left, is present within Mayer family easement.

Don Dorsan, pictured to the right, signing the Mayer Conservation Easement.



Mayer Land - Family Donates Easement to Honor Founding City Father

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) accepted a 22.5-acre conservation easement on the Mayer property located in the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Susanne and Scott Mayer donated the easement in honor of David Mayer. Scott's father, Dave, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and became a Franklin town supervisor in 1948. He was one of three founding fathers during the incorporation of Franklin as a city in 1956. Dave Mayer continued to serve as an alderman until 1993. His family's passion to honor a great father meant preserving a part of Franklin's history for future family members. The parcel adjoins the county-owned Franklin Savanna State Natural Area (FSSNA) and is providing an excellent water quality buffer along Ryan Creek, a tributary to the Root River. The FSSNA contains an extremely rare habitat for Milwaukee County where 93.9 percent of natural vegetation and nearly its entire prairie and oak savanna habitat have been lost.

This easement was a private donation without the use of public funds. The right of public access is not part of the rights with this easement. Presently, public access is allowed only through coordination with MALC.

For additional information visit: <http://www.mkeconservancy.org/lands.html>

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