



## Our Mission

*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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# Scenic Views

A newsletter from the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

## Remembering Richard Barloga

This year, the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) lost a great friend and co-founder **Richard Barloga**. Richard gave freely of his time to MALC and his friends. He was a kind and gentle man who taught by sharing the love of nature, which he expressed by his efforts to preserve diverse and lovely places.

His physical legacy includes 45 years of ecological work and plant community surveys of natural areas throughout Southeast Wisconsin as well as uncounted thousands of wildflower and natural area photographs. His work supported natural area management and permanent conservation by local governments and non-profits. His inventories have assisted in acquiring (to name a few) Fitzsimmons Woods, Esch Honadel Woods, Franklin Scout Park, Deer Creek Sanctuary, Martins Woods, and Eagle Prairie. Milwaukee County has named Barloga Woods in his honor.

Richard served in the Army Reserves and later received a degree in Economics from Valparaiso University, Illinois. He was River Bend Nature Center's (Racine) first Director. In 1977, he started a nature program with the Milwaukee County Parks System at Jacobus Park to aid the elderly and handicapped in learning about natural systems. He was a Milwaukee Public Museum Associate and provided herbarium species to their collection.

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Richard Barloga,  
MALC co-founder and  
Land Manager

## Partners Tackle Invasive Knotweed in Franklin

In co-operation with the City of Franklin and United Financial (developers of Franklin's Forest Hill Highlands Franklin senior complex) MALC was able to move quickly to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, which had gained a foothold in Franklin.

A population of the invasive Japanese Knotweed was identified for removal along Forest Hill Avenue in the City of Franklin, WI on a city held conservation easement containing one of the largest open water wetlands in the area. Realizing how aggressive this non-native plant can be, MALC applied for and received a generous two-year *Partners in Preservation* grant from the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

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Japanese Knotweed at  
Forest Hill Highlands



## Richard Barloga Continued from Page 1

Richard was a MALC co-founder and land manager and was involved in many other ecological organizations.

His strong interest and knowledge for plant identification was inspired the teachings of Dr. James Zimmerman at the Madison Arboretum, and the sedge/grass workshops of the UW field station in Cedarburg. He frequently gave slide presentations to groups such as the Wild Ones and was seen as holding a special connection to the natural world in his ability to teach in a soft spoken and spiritual manner. His meditative ways came from an earlier era, and conveyed the sense of spiritual harmony available in nature. He poured physical, emotional, intellectual and artistic efforts into the protection of the natural world and its indigenous plant communities as places for reflection while teaching responsible and moral land ethics. He taught the value of the circle of life and respect for beautiful and irreplaceable landscapes. He will be dearly missed.



*Richard (above) taught the value of the circle of life and respect for beautiful and irreplaceable landscapes. He will be dearly missed.*



*A sample of Richard's book collection, indicative of his interests. MALC is archiving Richard's plant inventories and has compiled a list of projects he was involved in, which we plan to post on our website. MALC, and Richard's family, wish to thank all who have contributed toward the preservation of Richard's life work.*

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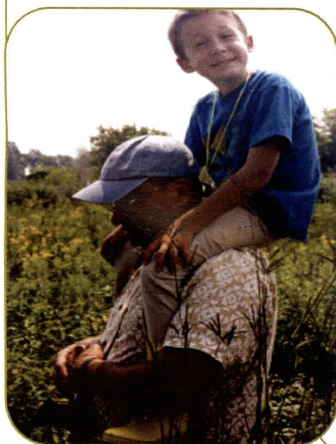
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Perry Rossa stops to inspect a Shagbark Hickory during the fall clean up event at Fitzsimmons Woods.

Two clean up events were held in 2014 at Fitzsimmons Woods in Franklin with neighbors from Hidden Oaks Subdivision and the surrounding area. Fitzsimmons Woods is an Isolated Natural Area.



## Partners Tackle Invasive Knotweed in Franklin

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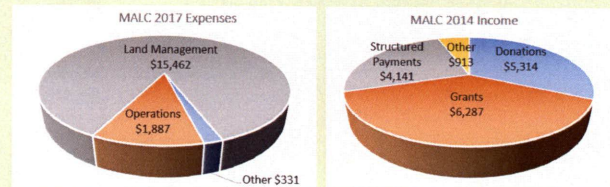
The funds are being used to eradicate this plant that threatens the biodiversity of the wetland.

The goal of the Preservation in Partnership grant program is to remove invasive plant populations within the six county areas of Ozaukee, Washington, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha. Overall, project objectives are to treat over 1,500 acres of invasive species, create an inventory of sites, conduct follow-up monitoring, and provide ongoing education and outreach to the public.

The Franklin population of invasive knotweed was treated in two stages to maximize control. The population was mowed to the ground with a brush saw and then treated with herbicide to prevent sprouting. Plants with very small diameter stems were treated with a low concentration foliar application of herbicide, as they could not be stump treated efficiently. The site was then visited one month later to treat any re-sprouts. As of September 2014, all above ground Japanese Knotweed appeared to be eradicated. There is potential that plants will sprout from underground growth points or from seed in 2015. The second year, the site will be revisited to treat any remaining Japanese Knotweed until the population is eradicated. Marek Landscaping, LLC, is completing the work.

## MALC 2014 Condensed Financial Report

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy maintains an extremely low operational to land management cost ratio by utilizing a dedicated volunteer base. This allows us to insure that every grant or donation dollar is used to support our mission. MALC remains financially secure and invested in our future.



### Liabilities & Equity

Land and Easements	\$802,000
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	\$29,540
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	\$12,432
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$28,602
Net Income 2014 *	(\$1,090)

\*Note: negative net income due to project funding received in 2013 and actual expense payout in 2014

## Support The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

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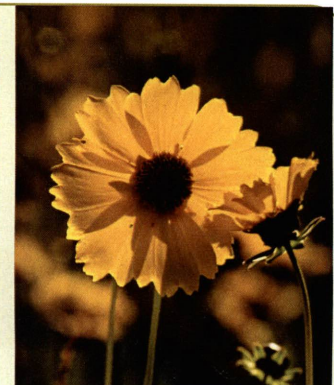
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## Native Seed Distributed at Carity Prairie

The Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network funding supported two seasons of restoration at MALC's Carity Prairie, adjacent to the Prairie Grass Preserve neighborhood in the City of Franklin.

Dare Ecosystem Management, LLC completed invasive shrub de-brushing and prescribed burn restoration, which was later followed by native seed collection and re-distribution to enhance the onsite population of *Gentiana flavida*; a state threatened plant.

Carity Prairie's natural beauty continues to be unveiled. As invasive plants are removed and burn management is introduced, the pre-European settlement flora is stimulated by fire. "Restoration of deep-rooted plants amplifies ground-water recharge and water table support thereby enhancing the water quality of Legend Creek, a tributary of the Root River." MALC President, Don Dorsan stated. Carity Prairie has a unique list of 143 native plant species, many that are rare to find anywhere in the county.

This project and its associated seed distribution now holds a special significance by honoring MALC co-founder, Richard Barloga. The Carity Prairie was the first natural area acquired by MALC under Richard's watch and it was the last parcel to benefit by his rich and diverse seed collection efforts. With his skillfully collected seed, the Prairie will be sure to flourish just like Richard so generously expanded our knowledge of natural habitats.



Larry Leitner, Don Dorsan and Alike Marek prepare seed to disperse at Carity Prairie