



## 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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Winter 2015

# Scenic Views

A newsletter from the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

## Barloga Inventories Archived at Historic Homestead

Richard Barloga's life work, a collection of Southeast Wisconsin natural area inventories gathered since the early 1970s, has found a permanent home at the Stahl Conrad Homestead in Hales Corners. Richard's inventories are especially meaningful because many sites were documented several times over the years and so offer a record of change rarely done in such work. The sites also range from private to public, with many yet to be protected.

"We felt it was best to have this invaluable record associated with an



Richard Barloga takes photographs of a patch of trout lily while on a hike with friends in May 2013 at Kern Park in Riverwest. Image credit: John Lunz

important historic site like the Stahl Conrad Homestead, as the spirit of preservation represented by this 1870s farmhouse parallels the MALC mission, which is to preserve and protect valu-

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## SSWT Grant Provides Watershed Benefits at Carity



Seed collecting related to a grant for Carity Prairie.

In partnership with the Southeast Wisconsin Watershed Trust, MALC continues restoration of a portion of the Legend Creek watershed at our Carity Prairie property with leading edge technology and traditional restoration. An inflowing storm water drainage swale is being treated with permeable compost filter tubes to contain and filter nutrients and reduce flow energy, combined with several thousand square feet of native seeding downstream of the filter swale.

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able land and water resources for future generations" said MALC Secretary Perry Rossa.

A group of MALC volunteers are working with Homestead staff to organize the inventories for access by qualified individuals. The collection fills over twenty file drawers and includes Richard's extensive collection of nature photography. Delene Hanson, president of the Homestead and one of the MALC's co-founders, is helping with the work.



Barloga Woods is a county-owned extension of Falk Park, just south of Drexel Avenue and east of 27th Street in Oak Creek. It is a rich mesic forest of beech, maple oak and hickory with vernal pools.

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## Treasurer's Report

MALC continues on a sound financial basis through 2015. Operation costs remain low due to volunteer time and expertise. Land management expenses were offset by grants received, with additional donations and funds used to support activities essential to our mission.

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

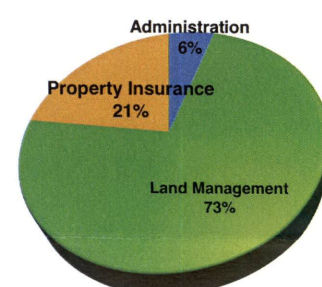
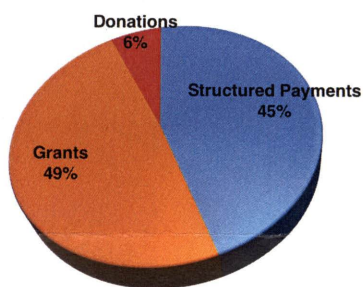
Land & Easement	\$802,000.00
Perm. Restricted Assets	29,568.72
Temp. Restricted Assets	12,432.00
Unrestricted Assets	29,164.60
Net Income for 2015	9,114.47

### INCOME

Structured payments	\$4,141.00
Grants	4,500.00
Donations	573.47

### EXPENSES

Administration	\$256.00
Property Insurance	976.00
Land Management	3,350.50



## MALC Thanks Our Supporters and Contributors

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## Dear MALC Supporters,

This past year was a time of change for the roles of land managers, board members and advisors as Vice President Howard Aprill has been serving in the Middle East as an army logistics advisor, Perry Rossa and Larry Leitner accepted MALC Board positions, Don Dorsan stepped down as President and Kristin Marek took an active role in Land Management advising. We continued our work to seek innovative support for our land management, with the negotiation of two habitat mitigation agreements for our Fitzsimmons Woods and Carity Prairie properties. The agreements address the requirements of the City of Franklin for mitigation of unavoidable impacts to natural communities and will fund high-quality restoration of vernal pools, woodlands and wet prairie for five years. They include monitoring and management to assure attainment of measureable performance standards and annual reporting and were drafted with the input and expertise of our advisors and land managers.

MALC continued the important work of archiving the Barloga natural area inventories, partnering with the Stahl Conrad Homestead as their permanent home. The inventories have already been used by the Milwaukee County Parks Department to provide indispensable support for their work in restoring important Park holdings that may otherwise have been overlooked. Our ultimate goal

is to also display Richard's extensive work in nature photography, including many photographs taken on our lands, complemented by rare examples of his lovely and evocative poetry that was discovered as we worked.

As we honored our past, we looked forward to deeper involvement in the regional heritage and conservation community by working with the Conservancy of Healing and Heritage in the development of a grant application for the protection of Koepmier Lake, one of only five natural lakes in Milwaukee County and a flagship headwater of the Root River. The Conservancy holds important riparian lands at Koepmier Lake, and we have agreed to assist them in with locating funds for natural areas management as they seek to provide peaceful settings for the spiritual health of the critically ill members of our community.

As another eventful year comes to a close, we ask that you consider a donation to MALC so that we can continue our preservation of the places we love. All contributions are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law.

With best wishes for the holidays,

  
Perry Rossa  
MALC Secretary

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The project harnesses natural design principles while exploiting the nutrient uptake capabilities of organic compost, contained within a durable synthetic filter that lies concealed within the vegetation. After flowing through, and being treated by the filter tubes the gently flowing clean water will then be intercepted by restored tall grass prairie. Seed for this planting was collected this October by a group of MALC volunteers from another part of the Charity Prairie, thus helping preserve local ecotypes in the restoration.



Paul Ryan and Don Dorsan discuss prairie management.

## MALC Carity Project Area

