

Spring 2017

Scenic Views

A newsletter from the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy

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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MALC Expands Legend Creek Holdings With Muchin Family Donation



MALC salutes the generosity and conservation foresight of Danny and Natalie Muchin of Bayside, and Jerome and Carol Muchin of California. They kindly donated to MALC 3.66 acres of woodlands and forested vernal pools in the headwaters of Legend Creek, about 1/4 mile north of our downstream Carity Prairie natural area in the Prairie Grass Preserve neighborhood. The property closing was on December 21.

left to right: Howard Aprill, Vice President, Don Dorsan, Treasurer, Perry Rossa, Secretary, Danny Muchin, Rob Habich, attorney, of Davis & Kuelthau.

This important parcel has valuable spring breeding amphibian habitat and will help buffer and sustain good water quality conditions for many future generations of aquatic life in the Legend Creek and Root River watersheds, as well as at Carity Prairie. Our new property lies at 9941 South Loomis

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Rare Digger Crayfish Highlights New MALC Grant Actions

The Digger Crayfish (*Fallicambarus fodiens*), previously unknown to Wisconsin, was first discovered in 2011 at the Ozaukee County UWM Field Station by scientist Gary Casper, who later found more populations at MALC's Sydney Woodland Preserve (in Glendale) and Fitzsimmons Woods. The Sidney Woods population, discovered in 2015, is isolated from any other known populations.

Digger Crayfish are "primary burrowers," meaning they dig deep burrows to reach the water table and live in vernal pools and temporary wetlands. They spend much of the year underground in their burrows, emerging at night and during wet periods to feed and mate. These burrows also provide critical habitat for many reptiles, amphibians, and insects, which use them as retreats from drought and as winter

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Road, immediately south of the Walgreens at the corner of Loomis and St. Martins roads and can be accessed on foot through the Walgreens parking lot or via the dead-end of Puetz Road. There are no immediate plans for management and our boundary will be posted soon. A mutual right of access easement currently exists between our lands and Walgreens, of which certain provisions will be re-negotiated now that our property is protected in perpetuity for the public's enjoyment.

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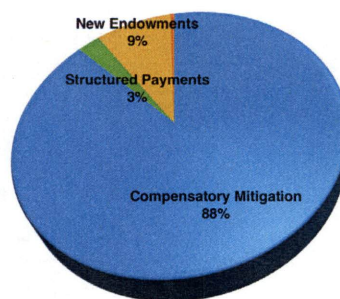
Treasurer's Report

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy continues to remain financially strong by seeking alternative funding sources while also retaining dedicated volunteers.

In 2016 MALC partnered with the local municipality and developers to provide win-win results that allowed off-site mitigation for MALC land restoration.

With our extremely low administrative to land management ratio, MALC is able to use 95% of revenue on management and restoration of our lands. MALC's financial reserves remain strong, providing the organization with a future as sustainable as our lands.

Spring amphibian breeding habitat in the heart of MALC's new Legend Creek holdings.

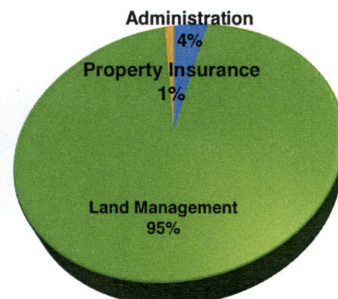


INCOME

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| Compensatory Mitigation | \$88,487.00 |
| Structured Payments | 2,521.00 |
| New Endowments | 8,581.00 |
| Donations | 433.00 |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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| Land & Easement | \$1,102,000.00 |
| Perm. Restricted Assets | 38,121.00 |
| Temp. Restricted Assets | 78,259.00 |
| Unrestricted Assets | 36,499.00 |
| Net Income for 2015 | 9,114.47 |



EXPENSES

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| Administration | \$1,006.00 |
| Other | 260.00 |
| Land Management | 24,047.00 |



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The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy was pleased to be featured in an M MAGAZINE article (see spread at right).

Writer Martin Hintz talked with Howard Aprill, vice president of the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy, to find out how surging development in Milwaukee might be impacting natural spaces.

You can read the full article at the M Magazine web site:

[http://www.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=311829#{}"](http://www.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=311829#{})

... then scroll to page 40-41.

It is also at the Malc website at:


<http://mkeconservancy.org/news.html>



Dear MALC Supporters,

MALC continued to experience successful conservation leadership in 2017, with a public/private partnerships for land management at two sites and a land donation to expand protection within our Legend Creek holdings. We administer this all with volunteer time - please help us

continue with a tax-deductible donation, as allowable by law. Thanks for your support!


Perry Rossa
MALC Secretary

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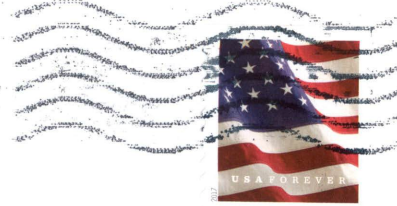


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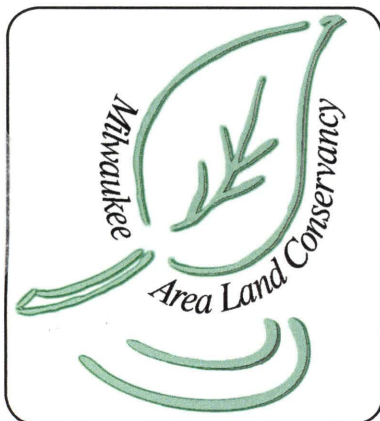
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denning sites. Primary burrowing crayfish are therefore often considered to be "keystone species," like American Beaver, providing habitat that supports other species. Digger Crayfish avoid permanent waters where many other species of more aggressive crayfish reside.

As Wisconsin's rarest native crayfish, little is known about its habitat requirements or life history. They are most often found in forested vernal pools with sedges,

habitats often degraded by invasive species like Reed Canary Grass and Buckthorn. The presence of Digger Crayfish at Sidney Woods contributed to a highly-scored MALC grant application to the Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium (SEWISC) for invasive

species control in Sidney Woods. Grant partners include Milwaukee County Parks, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Gary Casper, WE Energies and neighborhood stewards. Surveys to better understand their life cycle and population status are included in the grant and may provide important data on crayfish breeding cycles, brood sizes and other information crucial to their management as a keystone species.



A Digger Crayfish watches from its burrow on the edge of a vernal pool.