

# 2014 Annual Report



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## Restoration and Planning for the Future



In 2014 we decided to take on the task of Strategic Conservation Planning. The plan will be complete in 2015 and will guide our future land acquisition activities. NEWLT recruited seven new members to join our board of directors at the beginning of 2015 who also took part in the planning process.

We increased capacity throughout the summer with two interns from UW Stevens Point. The students made improvements to our communi-

cations materials and helped us map the places in NEWLT's service area where we should focusing our conservation efforts to have the greatest impact in our communities and achieve our mission.

We continued our restoration activities at Guckenberg-Sturm Preserve including removing invasive plants and adding donated native plants. If you have not visited this preserve yet, please do, it gets more beautiful each year. Located just off highway 41, you can sit and relax on the wildlife viewing platform in the marsh. Visit our website for directions.

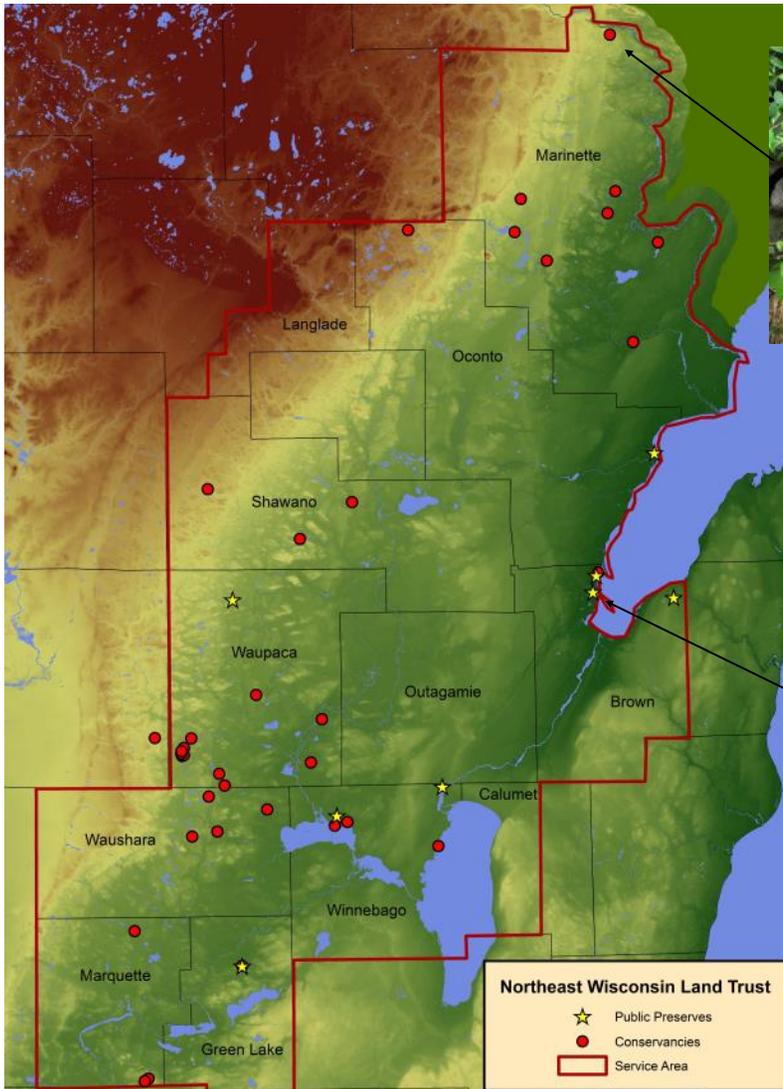
Thank you all for your generosity and time spent with us this past year. Without you, none of this would be possible. We look forward to sharing our Strategic Conservation Plan and talking with you about our goals to preserve the best remaining natural lands in northeast Wisconsin.



**The mission of Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust is to preserve lands that protect our waters, landscapes and natural habitats for this and future generations.**

# Protected Land in 2014 — Trout Streams and Wetlands

Two properties totaling 221 acres were preserved by the land trust in 2014; a private conservancy and a public preserve. Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust has now preserved 49 properties totaling 4978 acres and more than 30 miles of shoreline. Visit our website to view all of our protected lands and find directions to our public preserves at [www.newlt.org](http://www.newlt.org).



**Spikehorn Creek Conservancy**



This 190 acre conservancy in Marinette County protects 1,500 feet of frontage on Spikehorn Creek, a Class 1 trout stream, wetlands, forested uplands and fields of wildflowers.

**Harbor Lights Preserve**



This 31 acre wetland in Suamico is a critical water filter for Green Bay, home for muskrats and a stopover site for migrating birds and open for adventurous visitors (bring your boots).

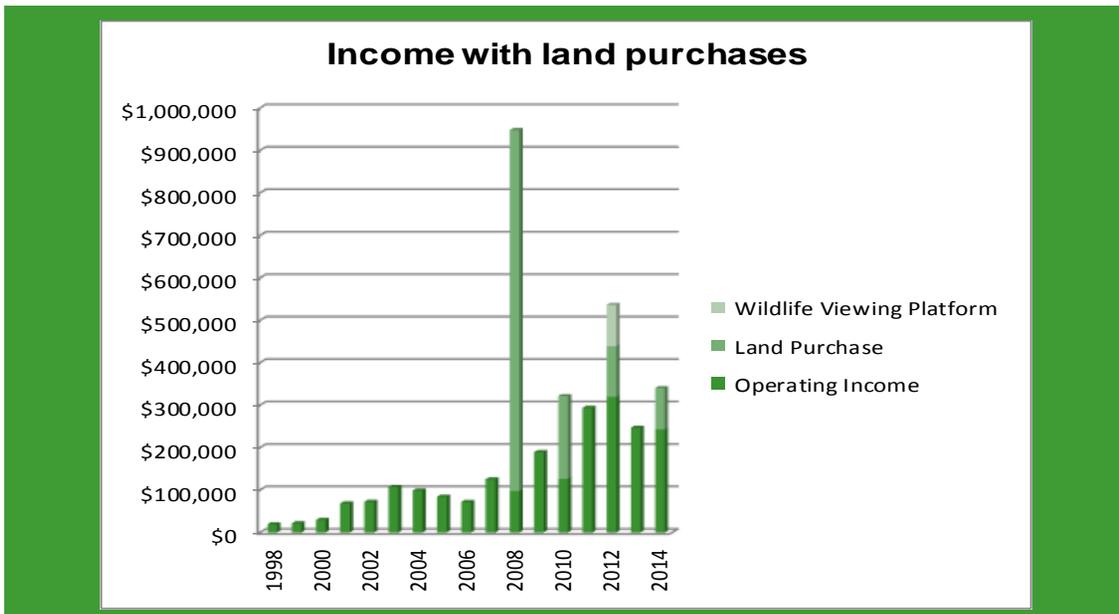
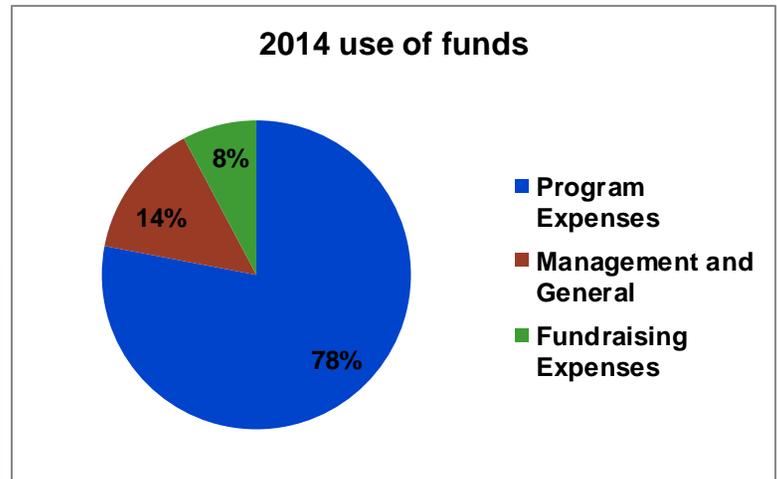
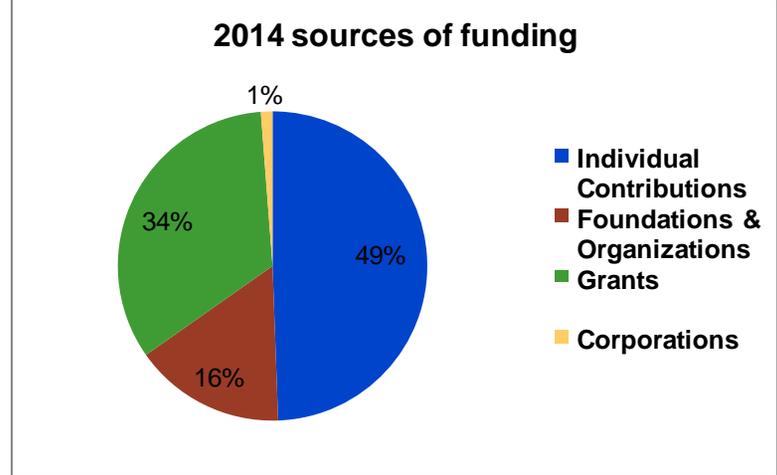


Steve and his brother Michael spoke fondly of their youth and roaming the land in Marinette County. The brothers' affection for the land was evident as we hiked the area. Michael eagerly pointed out boyhood haunts such as a rock face, trails among native forest, huge ant hills, a tamarack lowland and a crossing over Spikehorn Creek. Some 1,500 feet of the Class 1 trout stream serpentine the land along one border. The gurgle of running water could be heard as we exited from a stand of white pine bordering a former pasture. A family vision for the future and partnership with the Land Trust now will allow the Spikehorn to gurgle into the future.



# NORTHEAST WISCONSIN LAND TRUST

BALANCE SHEET		REVENUES AND EXPENSES	
ASSETS		REVENUES	
Cash	\$107,114	Grants and donations (cash)	\$299,395
Other current assets	\$10,354	Other	\$125
Beneficial interest in assets held by Community Foundations	\$126,547	In kind	\$39,000
Conservation land, equipment and boardwalk	\$745,803	Investment income, net of \$1,187 expenses	\$1,497
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$989,818</b>	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$340,017</b>
LIABILITIES		EXPENSES	
Current liabilities	\$7,444	Program	\$146,849
Total liabilities	\$7,444	Administrative	\$44,585
Net assets	\$982,374	Fundraising	\$24,347
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$989,818</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$215,781</b>
Increase in reserves: includes land purchased			\$124,236



**Land Stewardship Funds \$422,629**

**Total Value of Preserved Lands \$9,255,666**

Together preserving the places you love in northeast Wisconsin