



## The Conservation Foundation 2008 Year-In-Review

2008 was another successful year for The Conservation Foundation thanks to the support of our members and donors, the contributions of a hardworking group of volunteers, and the work of our dedicated staff. In the face of tough economic times, our 37-year-old organization continues in our work to protect open land and rivers and streams in northeastern Illinois. We're sharing just some of the year's highlights below. In order to continue our important work in 2009, we appreciate your support through the gifts of your time and contributions.

Robert Hutchinson  
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### LAND

- 30-acre addition to Ohara Woods Nature Preserve in Romeoville
- 94-acre Pigott & Pickerill properties acquired by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District
- 200-acre Forked Creek Preserve acquired by the Forest Preserve District of Will County
- 20-acre Waubensee Creek Park purchased by the Fox Valley Park District
- 32-acre conservation easement placed on Pizzo & Associates property in DeKalb County

### RIVERS

- Organized the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPage County River Sweep, in which more than 375 people removed 4.4 tons of debris from riverbanks covering 30 miles
- Led Storm Drain Stenciling initiative in which 346 volunteers stenciled water conservation messages on 1,600 drains and hung door hangers at 2,780 residences
- Developed Chloride Usage and Reduction Fact Sheets for homeowners, commercial operators, and municipalities
- Completed draft of the Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan
- Certified 65 new homeowners in the Conservation@Home program, bringing certification up to nearly 500
- Conducted 60 public educational seminars reaching more than 1,200 attendees on water conservation techniques
- Sold 800 rain barrels to individuals and 500 rain barrels through programs with municipalities

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Developed "Beyond the Basics: Integrating Conservation in our Communities", a professional seminar attended by more than 200 elected officials, plan commissioners, public works managers, engineers, developers and real estate executives

### EDUCATION

- Dedicated new Robert C. Clow Education Center at the McDonald Farm in Naperville
- Scheduled 40 public programs at the McDonald Farm, double the number from 2007
- Reached 1,470 youth through our Mighty Acorns and other youth programs, including 25 percent from at-risk populations
- Reached 30,000 people through activities at more than 30 fairs and public gatherings
- Educated hundreds of county and municipal employees on pollution prevention techniques through training provided at seminars and workshops

### PEOPLE AND AWARDS

- Grew members and donors to more than 5,000
- Benefited from 11,000 hours of support from more than 500 volunteers
- Presented with the 2008 Annual Award for Business Excellence from *The Business Ledger*
- Honored with a second consecutive Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating, its highest honor; only 17 percent of charities have received this honor for two or more consecutive years

### FAST FACTS

Mission: Preserving open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of our environment.

Service Area: Core counties **DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will**; also work in LaSalle, DeKalb, Grundy

Founded: 1972

Headquarters: McDonald Farm; 10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville, IL; 630-428-4500

Program Office: Dickson-Murst Farm; 2550 Dickson Rd., Montgomery, IL 60538; 630-553-0687

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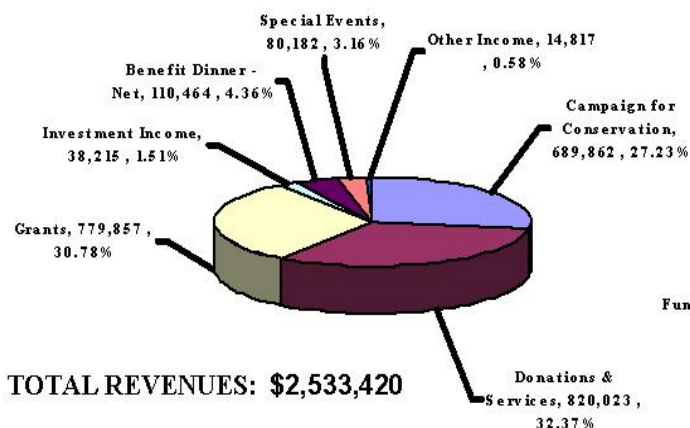
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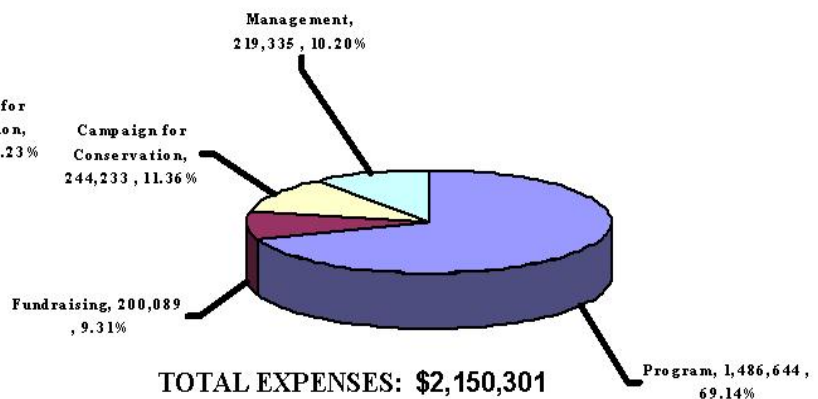
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July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

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