

THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION



Despite the difficult times we are living in, The Conservation Foundation celebrated many successes in 2009. If you are a member, donor or volunteer, the sampling of accomplishments listed below illustrates the impact your contributions have made on our environment, our children and our quality of life. Your support will enable this important work to continue in 2010. THANK YOU!

2009 Year In Review

LAND

- ◇ Protected 225 acres worth more than \$12.3 million through 10 transactions in 2009
- ◇ Helped Wheaton Park District acquire land to expand Cosley Zoo and the Lincoln Marsh
- ◇ Negotiated purchases on behalf of the Fox Valley Park District to expand five parks and create one new one
- ◇ Partnered with National Honor Society students from Batavia High School to conduct restoration workdays at the Heritage Woods conservation easement site in Batavia

RIVERS

- ◇ Completed Aux Sable Creek Watershed Plan in Kendall & Grundy Counties
- ◇ Began watershed protection planning effort in the Lower DuPage River Watershed
- ◇ DuPage River Sweep covered more miles (almost 40) and had more participants (560) than ever before in its 19-year history
- ◇ Developed educational and outreach materials for the Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (water pollution) ordinance in DuPage County
- ◇ Through the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW), monitored dissolved oxygen levels at 13 locations and chloride levels at six locations in the Upper DuPage River and Salt Creek, concluding a three-year study of dissolved oxygen in Salt Creek

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- ◇ Developed the second Beyond the Basics seminar, Green Infrastructure for Clean Water, held February 18th, 2010, a professional seminar for elected officials, plan commissioners, engineers, public works employees, developers, real estate professionals and concerned citizens

EDUCATION

- ◇ Expanded our Mighty Acorns program adding one grade level at a new school and an additional site in DuPage County
- ◇ Mentored Fox River Country Day School in Elgin in an expansion of the Mighty Acorns program in Kane County for 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes
- ◇ Increased programming for local schools at McDonald Farm, tripling the previous year's offerings
- ◇ Through the DRSCW, educated hundreds of county and municipal employees on how to reduce chloride use in winter de-icing through two technical workshops, including Illinois' first chloride certification workshop

CONSERVATION@HOME

- ◇ Certified 42 residential and 5 commercial/non-residential sites including the Cantigny Gardens property
- ◇ Sold 2,500 rain barrels to individuals and through our municipal rain barrel program
- ◇ Successful partnership with Old Second Bank promoted "green" checking accounts and rain barrels
- ◇ Staff presented Conservation@Home concepts at more than 80 events and locations, including the Chicago Flower & Garden Show and several area universities
- ◇ Collaborated with other organizations in the region to educate Homeowners Associations about sustainable landscaping
- ◇ With the help of many volunteers and partners, made our McDonald Farm headquarters a Conservation@Home showplace, revamping our butterfly garden, installing two rain gardens and a 750-gallon rainwater harvesting system

PEOPLE AND THE ORGANIZATION

- ◇ Welcomed 20 new active volunteers to our ranks
- ◇ Benefitted from more than 13,000 hours of support from more than 750 volunteers
- ◇ Celebrated four trustees who have served the Foundation for nearly 20 years each (Betty Bradshaw, Robert Hutchinson, James D'Ambrosio, and Stephen Van Arsdell)
- ◇ Reorganized all investments to be FDIC insured
- ◇ Created a Facebook page to communicate with an increasingly tech-savvy public



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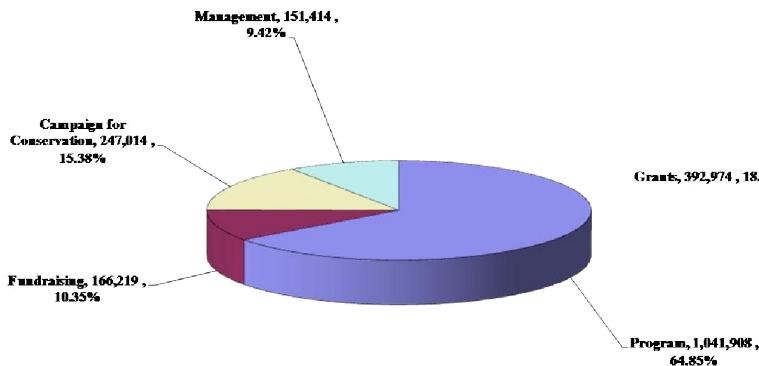
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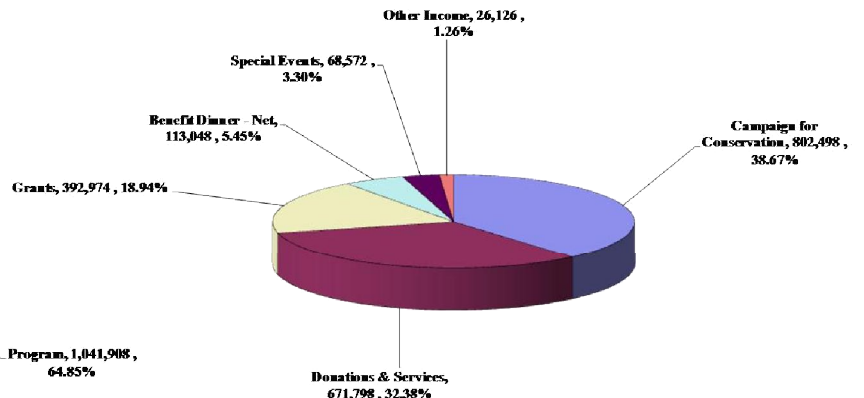
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July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

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