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### Financial Report

The Natural Heritage Land Trust's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, the Land Trust received \$306,980 and spent \$291,885. The Land Trust's income and expenses fluctuate annually depending on its land protection work in a given year.

#### Income

Contributions\*  
\$206,951  
Other Income\*\*  
\$100,029  
Total  
\$306,980

#### Expenses

Program Services: \$215,100  
Management and Administration: \$40,208  
Fundraising: \$36,577  
Total: \$291,885

Please contact us if you would like a copy of our audited financial statements for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007. The Land Trust's federal tax returns (990s) are available on Guidestar, which provides information on non-profit organizations ([www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)).

\* Includes funding from Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for land protection.

\*\*Includes investment income, rent, other sources of income.



- See what you helped accomplish:
- Wisconsin Dells landmark protected
- 18th farm conserved in Town of Dunn

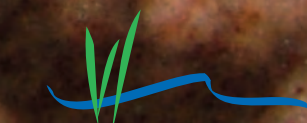
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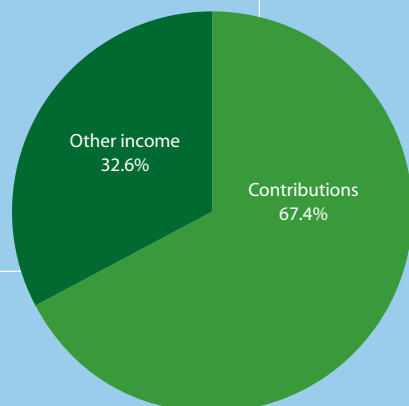
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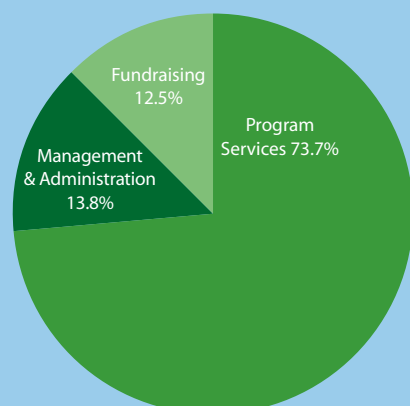


Annual Report  
July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007

Income



Expenses







**Thank you for helping to protect the landscapes that make the Dane County region a great place to live and work. This annual report summarizes our accomplishments for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2007. I hope you will take pride in your contribution to these successes.**

*—Jim Welsh, Executive Director*

The Natural Heritage Land Trust protects natural areas, wildlife habitat, working farms, healthy lakes and streams, and recreation lands that contribute to a high quality of life in the Dane County, Wisconsin region.

**In 2006-2007 we protected some of the important landscapes of south-central Wisconsin.**

**A Wisconsin Dells landmark protected.** Louis' Bluff and more than one mile of Wisconsin River shoreline were safeguarded forever thanks to the foresight and generosity of Frank and Mariana Weinhold. The dominant feature of the northern end of the Dells of the Wisconsin River State Natural Area, Louis' Bluff is a beautiful sandstone formation cloaked in white pines and oaks. The conservation easement we placed on the property in May permanently limits development of this privately-owned property. Funding for the purchase of the conservation easement was provided by the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

**18th farm conserved in Town of Dunn.** In June, the Town of Dunn and the Natural Heritage Land Trust became co-holders of a conservation easement protecting the 68-acre Everson farm. The farm is located near the Yahara River and Lake Kegonsa. The conservation easement allows for the establishment of a link in the proposed Lower Yahara River Bike and Pedestrian Trail. Funding for the purchase of the conservation easement was provided by the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and the Town of Dunn.

**In 2006-2007 we developed new partnerships.**

**New frontier for farmland preservation in Dane County opened.** The Town of Windsor and the Natural Heritage Land Trust agreed to work together to implement the Town's new program to protect farmland through the purchase of development rights. Located northwest of Sun Prairie, Windsor has some of the best farmland in the county. Our job is to work with interested landowners to develop conservation easements and secure matching grant funds to purchase the conservation easements.

**Word spread about conservation easements in Black Earth Creek Valley.** We had face-to-face meetings with nineteen landowners in the Black Earth Creek Valley, including ten landowners who attended spring and fall open houses in the valley. As those landowners make decisions about the future of their farms, they will know about conservation options that might work for them.

**In 2006-2007 we stewarded conserved lands.**

**Conservation easements monitored.** We inspected 34 properties on which we hold conservation easements. The annual visits ensure that the landowners are complying with the terms of the easements – which are voluntary agreements that protect important natural resources and high-quality farm land.

**Land management began at Patrick Marsh.** With the help of the Patrick Marsh Conservancy and the Patrick Marsh Middle School, fifty people turned out on a fall day to clean up the woods purchased by the Land Trust at Patrick Marsh. In addition, we put up a sign thanking major donors and inviting additional support from the community to create a landmark nature preserve in Sun Prairie's backyard.

**Prairie increased at Wilke Preserve.** We planted four additional acres of prairie at the Wilke Prairie Preserve north of Waunakee. We also repaired the berm that maintains the preserve's wetland and conducted a prescribed burn to rejuvenate the prairie and wetland at this public nature preserve.

**Wetland restored at Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area.** The Natural Resources Conservation Service began to implement a wetland restoration project on the 350-acre Lakin Trust property we bought in 2006 as an addition to the Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area in Rock County.



Include the Natural Heritage Land Trust in your estate planning or will. Your gift will provide generations of conservation benefit to the community. Talk to your financial planner or legal advisor about including the Natural Heritage Land Trust, Inc. in your estate plans. [Be sure to note our federal tax identification number, 39- 1452825]. For more information, please contact Martha Frey at 608/258-9797 or martha@nhlt.org.



**We will turn 25 in 2008.**

Since our inception in 1983, the Natural Heritage Land Trust—working in partnership with local groups, government agencies, landowners, and members and donors—has protected 4,681 acres of important land and water. Our 25th anniversary Stewardship Awards Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Monona Terrace in Madison. Please join us there.

**The Natural Heritage Land Trust is grateful to all of its members for their support during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.**

**Major Donors**

**\$75,000+**

Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

**\$50,000+**

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