

**PERMANENTLY  
PROTECTED**

**You helped permanently protect 1,000 acres of the great places of Dane County and south-central Wisconsin.**

MARIO QUINTANA

**With your support, the Land Trust assisted Dane County with the purchase of 870 acres of land to create the new Walking Iron Natural Resource Area between Mazomanie Bottoms State Wildlife Area and Walking Iron County Park.** This acquisition links the protected areas to create a 3,500-acre block of conservation land stretching 3.5 miles along the Wisconsin River.

We worked with the **Town of Dunn** and the Madison Retriever Club to place a conservation easement on 20 acres of land overlooking **Hook Lake State Wildlife Area**, protecting one of the highest-quality wetlands in Dane County.

At **Westport Drumlin State Natural Area** east of Waunakee, we purchased 73 acres of land to protect the eastern flank of a very high-quality prairie and improve public access to this important natural and educational resource.

Along **Token Creek**, we helped the Town of Windsor add 17 acres to its conservancy parks between Big Hill Nature Reserve,

Token Creek Conservancy, and a privately-owned parcel protected by a Land Trust conservation easement.

On the east side of Lake Wisconsin in Columbia County, we worked with a family to permanently protect the view of Wildcat Bluff, a sandstone bluff that rises above the water on a heavily-used section of the **Wisconsin River**. The 20-acre bluff has been owned by the family for 80 years.

Funding to protect these great places came from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Dane County Conservation Fund, the Town of Dunn, the Town of Windsor, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Heritage Land Trust members, and generous landowners.

Land Trust members learned about flood plain forest vegetation from UW botanist Ted Cochrane, Dane County Land Manager Doris Rusch, and JFNew Botanist Nicole Staskowski (all Land Trust members) during an April field trip to the new Walking Iron Natural Resource Area.



I am happy to report that during the last year, we protected just over 1,000 acres of land and water near where you live. This achievement, made in partnership with conservation-minded landowners and local and state governments, is due to your strong support.

I hope you will be pleased with the results of your investment in the Natural Heritage Land Trust: you can see on the back page how every \$1 of your investment

resulted in \$18 of local land conservation this year.

Inspired by the fact that land for the UW-Madison Arboretum was protected by far-sighted individuals during a time of great economic challenge, we will continue to use your contributions wisely to protect the great places in our landscape. In the coming year, we hope to permanently protect important places at **Brooklyn State Wildlife Area, Black Earth Creek** valley, some of the best **farmland** in the nation, and elsewhere.

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The Natural Heritage Land Trust protects natural areas, wildlife habitat, working farms, healthy lakes and streams, and recreational land to provide a high quality of life in the Dane County region.

### THANK YOU to our members, donors, and partners July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Listed below are the names of members who contributed \$100 or more this year. We are grateful for the support of **all** our members—it takes everyone to make local land conservation happen.

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Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson  
Stewardship Program: \$586,142

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## Getting out and about

Land Trust members and friends went to Cherokee Marsh to hear frogs, got a first-hand look at the new Walking Iron Natural Resource Area, checked out the early-summer flowers at Westport Drumlin, removed brush at the Patrick Marsh savanna, cleared the way for the Ice Age Trail at Hickory Hill Conservancy Park, and improved habitat along Black Earth Creek. If you would like to be notified about field trips and work parties, please send your email address to [martha@nhlt.org](mailto:martha@nhlt.org).



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In the Black Earth Creek valley the Land Trust works with landowners to place conservation easements on property to limit impervious surfaces that prevent ground water from reaching the creek.

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## Financial Report

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

Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the Land Trust received \$260,771 for operations and spent \$260,385 for operations.

### Income for operations

Contributions	\$172,047
Rents	\$4,754
Service fees	\$38,617
Other income	\$45,353
	<u>\$260,771</u>

### Expenses for operations

Program Services	\$179,241
Outreach and education	
Easement monitoring	
Doing land deals	
Land management	
Management & Administration	\$24,488
Fundraising	\$56,656
	<u>\$260,385</u>

**\$4.7 million was provided by local, state, federal, private gifts, and landowner donations to protect 1,000.3 acres of important land and water in 2008-2009.**

**Each \$1**  
of your investment in the Natural Heritage Land Trust...



**...returned \$18**  
in land protected this year.

