



MISSISSIPPI MADAWASKA LAND TRUST

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights of 2018

- * We acquired two new properties - Whaleback Woodland Reserve and the Poole Family Nature Sanctuary thanks to the generosity of Carolyn Canfield and Helen White, the Echo Foundation and a grant from NCC/ECCC;
- * Interpretative signs mark the new trail on the Poole Family Nature Sanctuary with funding from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation;
- * A series of nine Discovery events took place on our properties, sponsored by generous local businesses, listed back page of this report;
- * The Second Annual Festival of the Wild Child was a huge success with over 200 children and their parents engaging with Nature at various stations throughout High Lonesome Nature Reserve;
- * Once again many found delightful treasures at the silent auction at the Annual Go Wild Gala at Temple's Sugar Bush;
- * Board member Cathy Keddy and her husband Paul received the Meritorious Service Medal for the conservation of their property, the Keddy Nature Sanctuary;
- * The one-year Bioacoustic Monitoring Project, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, was successfully concluded in July, with a comprehensive audio inventory and blueprint for the future of this innovative program.

The Year Ahead

There is an exciting line-up of MMLT events coming for 2019. In our Discover series, groups will explore and learn about different aspects of nature from experts.

We will be holding our 3rd annual **Festival of the Wild Child** and our major fundraiser of the year, the ever popular **Go Wild Gala**.

- May 5, Discover Henry David Thoreau, Blueberry Mountain
- June 23, Discover Birds & Their Friends & Foes, High Lonesome
- July 14, Discover Wildflowers, Poole Family Nature Sanctuary
- August 10, Discover the Heritage of Rose Hill
- Aug 25-26, Festival of the Wild Child High Lonesome
- Sept TBA, Discover Fabulous Fungi, Poole Family Nature Sanctuary
- Oct 6, Fall Colours Hike at Blueberry Mountain
- Oct 6, Discover Lovely Lichens at cliffLAND
- November TBA, Go Wild Gala

Cover photo

Misty cliffLAND by Jean Clifford



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MESSAGE from PRESIDENT HOWARD CLIFFORD

Certain dates are seared in our brain. For me 2002 was such a year. Mary Vandenhoff, Donna Davidson, and Stan Errett had overseen the heart-breaking experience of closing the Lanark Children's Haven – a refuge where disadvantaged and frequently broken children experienced the healing powers of wilderness. Nature too was hurting from dismantlement, fragmentation, and other human abuses. Could a local land trust be a solution? Ted Mosquin's passion to protect the beautiful landscape of the Mississippi Madawaska Highlands made him a perfect fit for this small band of dreamers.

Their dream tugged at my heartstrings. Our family was protecting our own wilderness area and making it open to the community. I was often moved to tears witnessing the joy and special moments experienced by visitors.

The Nature Conservancy could protect our property but couldn't promise to ensure the unprecedented goal of connecting people to nature through a conservation easement. Some voice deep from within always stopped me from accepting half a loaf. I had worked as a psychiatric social worker and then turned to prevention by working in child care. Upon retirement, I found the perfect venue to keep faith with those wounded by life: protect wilderness which also becomes a healing backdrop for people.

I now know that most donors share the same anxiety I did. I can see it in their eyes as they ask: "What happens if MMLT fails?" It is not a real estate deal. It is the property they deeply love – they know the wildlife, the trees, the beaver ponds and all the places special to them. I have watched Mary acknowledge this question as she explained the challenge of protecting a property forever. The donors know no one can predict the future. What they are really asking is can they trust us to be faithful. They, just as I did so many years ago, looked at this small group of dreamers and concluded "These people will not betray me – they will do everything in their power to keep their pledge."

Now here I stand - sixteen years later joining Mary as the last of the founding members to step down from the Board but never stepping back in our support. What a journey. So many memories. Such precious friendships. So much satisfaction. The stunningly beautiful wilderness areas protected forever. The first land trust where private citizens could place conservation easements on their property. Where children and families will always find solace and refuge. The first land trust to use soundscaping to create a sound archive and to augment the monitoring process – the creation of sanctuaries of silence.

The founding members, including Michael Macpherson who joined us within a couple of months of inauguration, continue to this day to provide substantive support. Let me underscore – equally talented and dedicated directors continued to join us as have magnificent volunteers. What a family! I humbly bow to their ongoing dedication.

I love science but the truth is that science is only a part of who we are. The scientists that have the greatest impact are those like Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, and John Muir who move beyond academic detachment and see all our fellow creatures including trees, plants and all the rest as subjects. When we see all aspects of nature as subjects, not objects, we discover deeper insights and love nature more deeply. They are not our servants but our friends. I believe those who don't see this suffer from a perspective deficit.

Nature took a terrible risk birthing humans. Humans have brought nature to its knees and may ultimately be guilty of planeticide. Humans also do utterly uplifting and inspiring things. How will the story end? Hopefully Nature's prodigal children will come to themselves, return on humble knees, and find acceptance as part of Nature's family. This will only happen when they drink from the fountains of Nature that gave them birth. If Nature's gamble pays off, it will in part be because like-minded groups multiply around the world.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside each and everyone of you.



2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

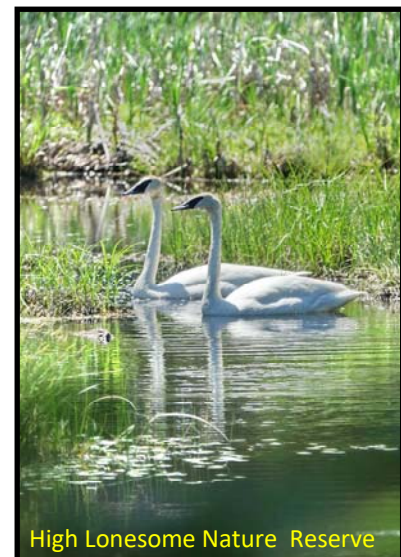
| <u>ASSETS</u> | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$91,733 | \$118,519 |
| Accounts receivable | \$10,799 | \$3,080 |
| Prepaid expenses | \$654 | \$600 |
| Total Operating Assets | \$103,186 | \$122,199 |
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| <u>PROPERTY</u> | 2018 | 2017 |
| Nature Reserves | \$669,500 | \$344,500 |
| Conservation Easements | \$597,501 | \$597,501 |
| Total Property Assets | \$1,267,001 | \$942,001 |
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| Total Assets | \$1,370,187 | \$1,064,200 |
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| Note: | | |
| Endowment Investments | \$231,627 | \$186,159 |
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| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | 2018 | 2017 |
| Accounts payable | \$12,151 | \$13,461 |
| Deferred operating revenues | \$26,187 | \$49,233 |
| Total Liabilities | \$38,338 | \$62,694 |

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Poole Family Nature Sanctuary

Simon Lunn photos



High Lonesome Nature Reserve

INVESTMENT FUNDS, December 31, 2018

The **Sustainability Fund** (\$162,149) is a permanent endowment that provides an annual disbursement used to ensure the operational stability of the mission, programs, staffing, and ongoing operations of the land trust.

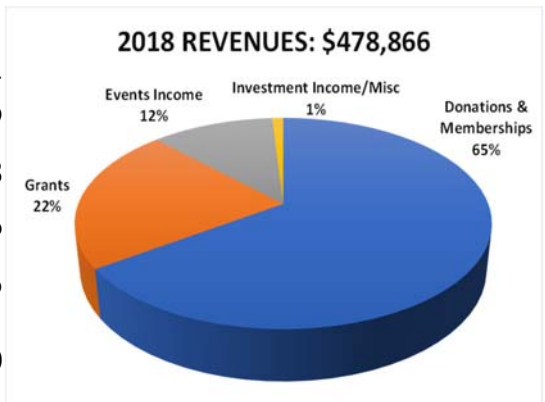
The **Carp Hills Opportunity Fund** (\$60,299) ensures the availability of funds to meet opportunities for the acquisition through donation, purchase or Conservation Easement of ecologically significant properties in the Carp Hills region.

The **Land Acquisition Fund** (\$9,179) ensures the availability of some funds for the acquisition of ecologically significant properties or conservation easements.

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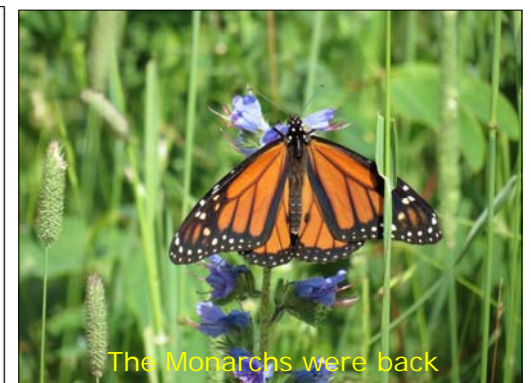
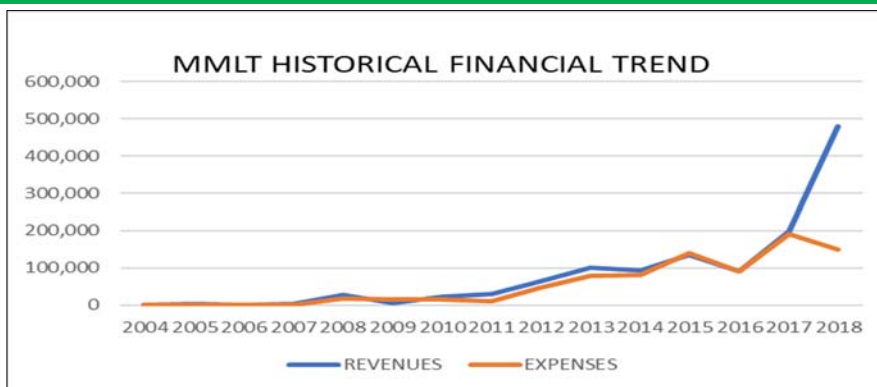
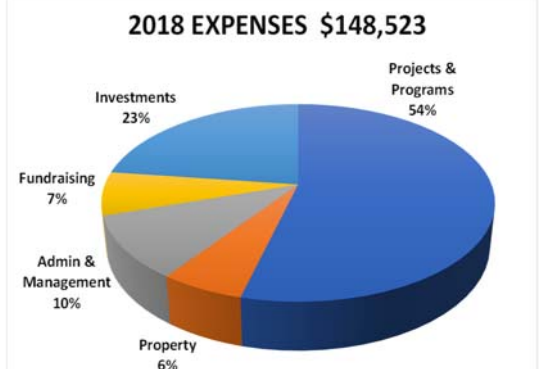
REVENUES

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Donations & Memberships | \$91,120 | \$98,974 |
| Grants | \$41,008 | \$44,569 |
| Events Income | \$18,884 | \$22,738 |
| Investment Income/Misc. | \$2,854 | \$2,046 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$153,866 | \$199,826 |
| Donations of Nature Reserves | \$325,000 | \$31,500 |
| Total Revenues | \$478,866 | 231,326 |



EXPENSES

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Projects & Programs | \$80,098 | \$71,687 |
| Property | \$8,698 | \$5,926 |
| Admin & Management | \$15,174 | \$15,726 |
| Fundraising | \$10,553 | \$13,210 |
| Investments | \$34,000 | \$49,500 |
| Total Expenses | \$148,523 | \$156,049 |



2018 GRANTS

- * **Echo Foundation** provided a grant of \$37,000 to support the acquisition of the Poole Family Nature Sanctuary, with \$33,000 invested in the Permanent Endowment held on our behalf by the Ottawa Community Foundation to cover future property management and stewardship costs, \$2,000 in our Legal Defence Fund and \$2,000 for direct acquisition costs.
- * MMLT also received a \$6,950 grant towards these acquisition costs from the Land Acquisition Program of the **Nature Conservancy of Canada** administered on behalf of Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- * The **County of Lanark** provided a grant of \$1,380 to erect directional signs to Blueberry Mountain and High Lonesome Nature Reserve.
- * **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation** provided \$3,931 to support the development of a trail with interpretative signage and a trail map for the Poole Family Nature Reserve.

POOLE FAMILY NATURE SANCTUARY

The 110 acre Poole Family Nature Sanctuary was donated by Helen (Poole) White as a legacy to her parents, Alfred and Edith, and her family's memory for future generations to also experience the beauty and wildness of the property.

MMLT invites you to visit this sanctuary, enjoy a walk along the wilderness path with its interpretive signs explaining the great examples of natural features that typify the Drummond North Elmsley Township, little disturbed by human activity. This property is adjacent to the 530 acre Keddy Nature Sanctuary, also stewarded by MMLT.



Unveiling of property sign
September 23, 2018

WHALEBACK WOODLAND RESERVE



For over forty years property owner Carolyn Canfield has been interested in permanent conservation of important ecological lands, particularly those facing mounting recreational and residential pressures. Her devotion to pursue this dream through her donation of this small but sensitive and fragile property will now ensure that the land she loves is conserved in perpetuity, and the ecological value of the Carp Ridge enhanced.

Carolyn with friends of Whaleback

2018 EVENTS

Lowdown on Dirt



Explore Keddy NS



Wonder of Warblers



Birders vs Song Meter



Dragonflies & Butterflies



Runtz explores the Fen



Rose Hill Nature Walk



Festival of the Wild Child



Bee Hotel Workshop



Fabulous Fungi



Saddleback Mountain



Go Wild Gala



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