



# North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy Annual Report 2017



**Nature  
Worth  
Preserving**





## PROPERTY OWNED | 406 Acres

### 0 to 4 acres

Dixie Independence .11  
Holly Lakeview Preserve .25  
Bald Eagle Lake Lots .5  
Princeton Independence .69  
Whipple Lake Preserve 2.6  
Heather Haven 3  
Victoria Preserve 3.2  
Keller Sanctuary 3.5

### 4 to 15 acres

Cranberry Lake Shores 4.2  
Eaton Wet Meadow 4.5  
Voorheis-Beardsley Farm 8  
Tully Lake Preserve 14.7  
Rattalee Shoreline 15

### 15 to 115 acres

Sashabaw Creek 20  
Buckhorn Complex 23  
Mud Lake 35  
Nels Kimball Sanctuary 41  
John R. Schmude 55.4  
Nolta-Brennan 60  
Springfield Nature Preserve 111

## EASEMENTS | 1,099 Acres

### 0 to 7 acres

Campbell .25  
Thomson Preserve .5  
Deer Wood Hollow .5  
Oakland Crest II .5  
Gill Landing 1  
Oakland Hill I 1  
Oakland Hill II 1  
Round Lake Shores 1.2  
Oakland Crest I 1.5  
Cedar Park I 4  
Hall's Connector 5  
Waterworks Wetlands 5.2  
Bailey Preserve 5.2  
Oakhill Hollow 6.8

### 7 to 20 acres

Robert E. Shell Fen 8.9  
Poquosin II 9  
Pine Knob Country II 10.3  
Cedar Park II 10.5  
Steeple Ridge 11  
Waterford Hills 11  
Poquosin I 12  
Schwartz Preserve 12.7  
Long Lake Village 12.9  
Ingomar Farms 13  
Village Park 14.9  
Whipple Tree Lane II 17  
Old Sturbridge 19

### 20 to 250 acres

Hummingbird Ridge 25.2  
Davis Lake Overlook 36.7  
Bridge Valley Reserve 50.8  
Suzanne G. Knorr 52  
Clarkston Woods 59.49  
Forest Point Acres 62  
Hidden Ridge 69.97  
Haddon Nursery 79.6  
Thread Creek Farm 97.23  
Liberty Golf Preserve 120  
Camp Wathana 250



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# Enthusiasm

drives the people in our organization and it all started with founder Tom Bullen's passion for nature and land.



## We're Celebrating 45 Years

At a time when the modern-day environmental movement was just beginning, NOHLC founding father, Tom Bullen, created a land conservancy dedicated to preserving open spaces in and around the place he called home.

In January 1972, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy became Michigan's first land conservancy.

With Tom as our honored guest, we celebrated 45 years of conservation at this year's Wild Night Out. Tom reminded us that doing something is always better than doing nothing. Thanks to Tom and all the other early trailblazers for everything they've done.

## Staff

### Office Coordinator

Robert Inskeep

### Stewardship & Land Acquisition

Sue Julian

### Land Preservation Specialist

Shannon Steel

### Administrative Assistants

Mary Herzensteil

Rebecca Steketee

Miranda Wheeler

## Board

**Board President:** Emily Duthinh

**Vice President:** Jean Garmlich

**Secretary:** Bette Moen

**Treasurer:** Marilyn Zigarac

**Past President:** Christopher Benedict

### Directors

Mike Dougherty

Robert Inskeep

Sue Julian

Lora Perkins

Jill Stern



## The Beaver Deceiver

At the end of 2017, our land crew installed a Clemson Pond Leveler at a pesky beaver dam along the Clinton River north of Clarkston.

Home owners suffered from occasional flooding due to the dam. Rather than relocating the beaver, we installed a pond leveler.

The dam remains intact, but water is able to flow under the dam through PVC pipes. The beavers can't hear the water flowing through the pipes, so they are fooled into thinking the dam is secure. Future flooding is prevented.

Conserving the land, preserving the beaver's habitat and protecting nearby homes are all part of the NOHLC mission.



## Repairing Land With Fire

Controlled burns have long been used as a tool in ecology and forestry to rejuvenate the land as well as clear out the old and make way for the new.

In 2017 the NOHLC contracted fire management personnel to conduct a controlled burn at our Sashabaw Creek property.

This controlled burn is just one part of a 5-year maintenance plan designed to mitigate human impact on the land and restore it to its natural beauty.



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# Communication

is paramount to spreading our message. We have embraced new technology and social media to reach more people, more often.

406

ACRES OWNED

1,504

ACRES PROTECTED

1,099

ACRES OF EASEMENTS

## Social Media & the NOHLC

We're telling our story in many ways. Board member Mike Dougherty's video "Land Is My Legacy" was a finalist in a national competition and has been viewed 842 times on YouTube.

Our Facebook page has grown from 699 followers at the start of 2017 to 831 at the end. Our page is very active. We post several times a week, and our followers participate in every post

We have increased the publication of our newsletter, delivered by e-mail, to twice a month.

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# Participation

by local people on local land makes our organization special. Making a difference close to home is a dream for many.

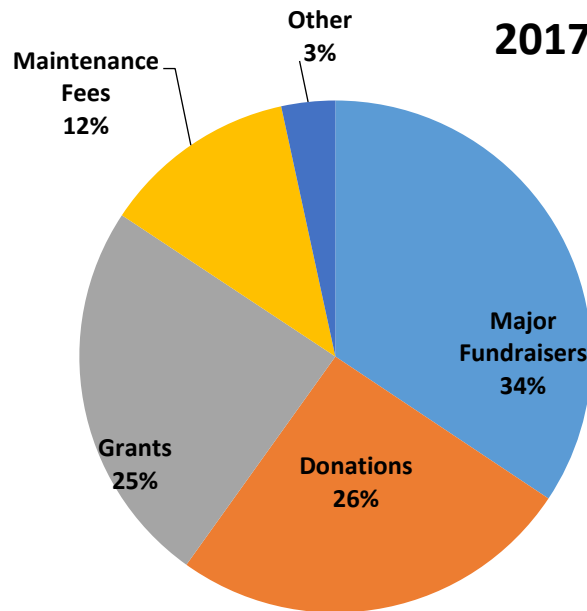
## Investing in the Future

We raised \$30,000 for continuing support during our annual Wild Night Out fundraiser. This is 20% more than the funds we raised in 2016.

We also received a \$3,000 accreditation grant from the Land Trust Alliance. We committed 800 work hours towards documenting our work for in-depth reaccreditation through the Land Trust Alliance.

**Performance Auditors**  
Mary Blanchard  
Christopher Benedict

## 2017 Income



## 2017 Expenses

