Annual Report 2016
The Land Conservancy of McHenry County

Total Income 2016

Member support $239,872
Grants $303,103
Program service fees $27,389
Special events $33,472
Dividends/interest/investment income $22,580
In-kind gifts/Other $12,410
Total Operating Income $476,118
Land Acquisition Income $162,708

Expenses 2016

Programs $376,488
Management $43,592
Fundraising $40,402
Total Operating Expenses $460,482
Increase in land assets from 2015 $230,096
Wolf Oak Acquisition Loan ($200,000)

2016 Year-end Fund Balances

Easement Stewardship Endowment (1) $433,802
Third Generation Oak Fund (2) $25,894
Land Management Reserve (3) $148,531
Operating Reserve (4) $47,488
The WPPC (5) $41,946
Land Conservancy Funds $128,513
@ McHenry County Community Foundation (3) $128,513

(1) The Easement Stewardship Endowment is held to provide income that covers the cost of annual monitoring of TLC’s easements. It also provides resources in the event that TLC must legally defend an easement, and is used to cover the insurance premiums for the Terra Firma Insurance Policy each year. TLC holds 81 permanent conservation easements, and pays $5,600 a year for insurance.

(2) Third Generation Oak Funds are used to cover expenses related to community oak planting events.

(3) The Land Management Reserve was created to ensure that TLC has funds set aside to support long-term management of the lands it owns. TLC owns 398 acres of land. The goal is to build this fund to be equivalent to $2,000 an acre of land owned, so the goal for the fund is $800,000. The funds held for TLC at the McHenry County Community Foundation are also designated for long-term management of land. The combined total of Foundation and TLC-held Land Management Funds was $277,043 on 12-31-2016.

(4) The TLC Board started an Operating Reserve in 2012 to help ensure that the organization has adequate funds on hand to manage its cash flow. The goal is to build the Reserve to an amount equal to three months of operating expenses (about $100,000) by the end of 2017.

(5) TLC serves as the Fiscal Sponsor for The Wildflower Preservation and Propagation Committee to allow them to operate as a 501c3 nonprofit organization.