

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a beautiful time to be in Southwest Wisconsin! Our prairies have never been prettier, the forests are lush and green, farm fields are green and golden, and bluebirds are rebounding from a down year in 2021. We have been carefully and safely gathering in a new normal.

- Our spring social at Folklore Village was well attended with several new first-time attendees. This was an opportunity to share the Driftless message of preserving lands.
- Evenings Afield programs in the Lowery Creek Watershed have been popular and informative. These small groups have given us an opportunity to share ideas and history while surrounded by nature.
- Legacy Society members gathered at the Bloomfield Prairie and each had a story to tell about how they acquired their property and became involved with preserving it.

As an organization we have set out and accomplished much this year, thanks to your generous support.

- We are pleased that we were able to permanently protect the Ringelstetter Wetland property along the lower Wisconsin River, located on the north side of the river between Sauk City and Spring Green. This will be transferred to the State of Wisconsin and become a part of the lower Wisconsin Riverway, open for all to enjoy.
- The Driftless Trail Project is continuing with additional segments planned to open soon (see page 5).
- Strategic planning is underway which will guide DALC's efforts for the next five years.
- New staff have joined DALC which will help us review and add new conservation easements, and better manage and improve the properties we now own (see page 7).

We hope you have been able to safely get out and enjoy nature this year. Your continued support makes it possible to do the important work of DALC.

Sincerely,
Dale

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"I continue to fall in love with the Driftless Area. I hope to see the Driftless Area Land Conservancy focus on opening up the magic of the Driftless to citizens who want to hike through it and become immersed in its special beauty. I'm thrilled that you have a vigorous "acquisition" & conservation mission. When trails and overlooks provide ways for Driftless lovers to enter into and enjoy more of it on a physical and personal level, I will be even more thrilled. Keep up this effort!"

- Mary Weeks

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If you have been missed or want your
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2021 FINANCIAL REPORT:

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Our stewardship and endowment funds are managed by the State Bank of Cross Plains and the Madison Community Foundation. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution to these funds—or establish a named fund—please contact Jennifer Filipiak at 608-930-3252.

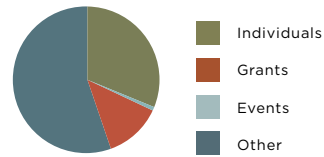
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2021 OPERATING REVENUE

Individuals: \$444,884
 Events: \$4,495
 Grants: \$179,345
 Other: \$779,610

Total Operating Revenue: \$1,408,334



2021 EXPENSES

Land Protection & Management: \$331,342
 Community Programs: \$36,764
 Advocacy: \$49,017
 Administration: \$121,509
 Fundraising: \$61,890

Total Expenses: \$600,522



Deficit From Operations: \$807,812

Note: DALC received \$468,750 in donated legal services that benefited our advocacy work in 2021. This amount is not included in the operating revenue and expenses shown above. The information presented here is unaudited. Our financial statements (reviewed by a CPA) and Form 990 are available upon request.

BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

Monitoring & Legal
 Defense Contributions: \$0
 Investment Income, Net of Fees: \$41,479

LAND ACQUISITION CONTRIBUTIONS & GRANTS

Landowner: \$0
 Grants: \$0
Total Expenses: \$0

FINANCIALS AS OF 12/31/2021

Legal Defense Fund: \$90,000
 Stewardship Monitoring Fund: \$234,613
 Invested in Land Held for Conservation: \$2,413,224
 Operations: \$2,998,815
 Total Net Assets: \$5,736,652
 Total Liabilities: \$48,208

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Photo by Susan Dvorak

THE DRIFTLESS LEGACY SOCIETY

There are few places in the world as unique as the Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin. That is why protecting its critical habitat and beautiful spaces is vitally important. We gratefully thank our Driftless Legacy Society members for their commitment to this distinctive landscape. By including DALC in your estate plan, you too can protect and care for the land you love for generations to come.

If you have an interest in joining our Legacy Society please let us know by contacting us at (608) 930-3252 or email info@driftlessconservancy.org. We value such a profound commitment to our mission and would appreciate the opportunity to thank you in your lifetime.

Thanks to you, and to those who treasure these lands, the future looks brighter.

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