

Woods & Waters Land Trust

2016 Annual Report

"Celebrate with us! 2016 was a great year for land protection in our watershed. I hope you enjoy the highlights in this annual report."

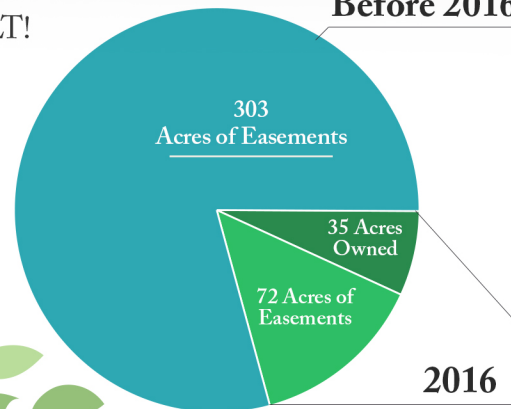
- Chris Schimmoeller, President

LAND PROTECTED

- Dan Hauck and John Wigginton protected 72 acres on the North Fork of Benson Creek with 2,100 feet of stream frontage and a healthy population of Woods bunchflower, a state threatened plant.

- The City of Frankfort donated 35 acres of land to WWLT! The tract contains the federally endangered Braun's Rockress and will be managed as a nature preserve.

Before 2016



LAND RESTORATION

With help from the Frankfort men's and women's shelters, WWLT provided pest plant removal for landowners focusing on garlic mustard and bush honeysuckle.



330 hours of restoration on



25 acres of land for



6 land owners

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH

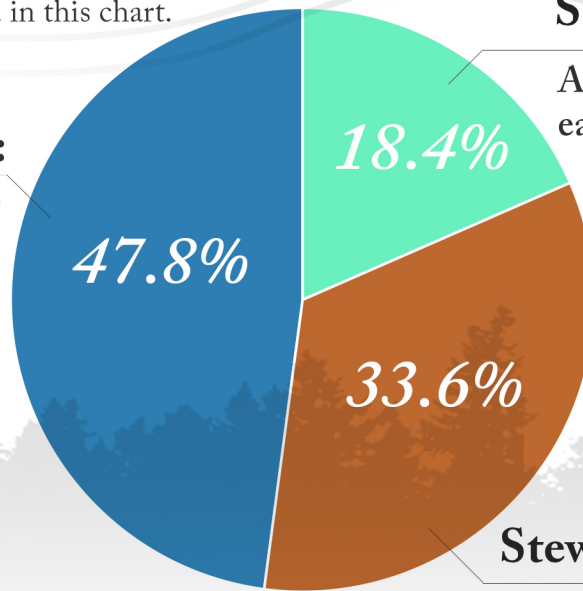
WWLT continued its popular Natural History series, reaching over 120 people. We also hosted hikes, tours, a poetry reading, a wine tasting, various workshops, and our annual Land Extravaganza at Indian Ridge Farm.



ACCOUNTABILITY

WWLT has established three separate funds to protect and manage our properties protected by conservation easements, as allocated in this chart.

Conservation Defense:
Legal protection of easements



Survey

Assuring defensible easement boundaries

Stewardship

Easement monitoring and maintenance in perpetuity

Accreditation

Completing our national accreditation application this year required over 1,100 hours of staff and volunteer time. Thanks to this tremendous effort our business and conservation efforts are sound and defensible!

VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Highlights of our goals and initiatives through 2018:

- Hold a total of 9 conservation easements by the end of 2018;
- Conduct removal and treatment of exotic plants for private landowners twice each year;
- Increase WWLT membership to 250 by the end of 2018;
- Achieve national accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance by the end of 2017;
- Identify and prioritize places to protect in our watershed that possess greatest importance for their ecological and scenic values.