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THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS, INC.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Grassroots Conservation at Work

Mission Statement of The Prairie Enthusiasts



We seek to ensure the perpetuation and recovery of prairie, oak savanna, and other associated ecosystems of the Upper Midwest through protection, management, restoration, and education. In doing so, we strive to work openly and cooperatively with private landowners and other private and public conservation groups.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have always believed that the strength of The Prairie Enthusiasts lies with the individual member. Not content to simply send in their dues, our members embrace the TPE mission and feel a personal commitment to the goals. As you can see in this annual report, they did a spectacular job in 2008.

Protection — The Prairie Enthusiasts added 105 acres to our list of permanently protected prairies and oak savannas in 2008. This was accomplished by purchasing the property outright, assisting another conservation organization to purchase the property, and by securing conservation easements. We now have a total of 2,100 acres protected for future generations.

Management and Restoration — In 2008, TPE chapters actively managed 1,430 acres. Our prairies and oak savannas are under constant pressure from invading weeds and brush. Left on their own, they quickly disappear under red cedars, buckthorn, and a host of other non-native plants. *Actively managed* means people getting their hands dirty pulling spotted knapweed and cutting garlic mustard. It means applying herbicide to leafy spurge plants *individually* so as not to affect the neighboring prairie grass. It means breathing smoke at a prescribed burn while carrying 40 pounds of water. Actively managing a prairie or oak savanna is hard work, but our members contributed 7,788 hours to ensure these ecosystems recover and flourish.

Education — TPE members love to share. In 2008, our members shared their love of the prairie and oak savanna ecosystems by leading 57 guided field trips for the public as well as other TPE members. They hosted a management and restoration techniques conference in La Crosse. And they staffed information booths at public events throughout our area.

Prairie enthusiasts passionately believe that if they can open someone's eyes to the native plants around them, they, too, will fall in love with the rich diversity, amazing resilience, and beauty of our prairie legacy. As we grow and expand our influence, TPE responsibilities also expand. As we approach 2010, The Prairie Enthusiasts plan to meet these challenges by building our endowments, ensuring we can fulfill our mission far into the future.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS

The Prairie Enthusiasts is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization of citizens concerned with the maintenance and recovery of the prairie, oak savanna, and associated fire-dependent ecosystems of Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and southeast Minnesota. We are the only conservation group in our region dedicated solely to the perpetuation of the last remnants of the region's once vast prairies and savannas. Less than 1% survives today of the original millions of acres.

We pursue our mission for the enjoyment, education, and biological welfare of people of today and for generations to come, as well as for the sake of the prairies and savannas themselves. The sites we seek to protect and manage are the last remaining warehouses of genetic material and historical blueprints of nearly vanished ecosystems.

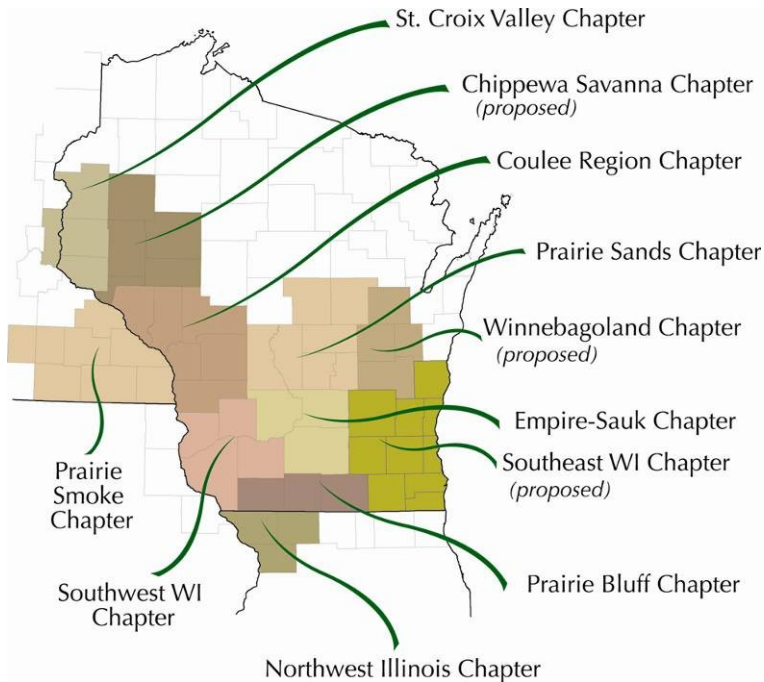
We operate with a sense of urgency, for these last remnants are rapidly disappearing. The causes of their continued decline range from direct destruction to benign neglect. Our surveys indicated that probably no more than 20% of what little is left of these ecosystems are secure in a protected and managed status. There is much yet we can do to salvage these fire-dependent ecosystems. As devastated as our prairie and savanna natural heritage is, there is still great potential for its recovery and long-term survival, if we act now.

The Prairie Enthusiasts' goals and activities do not duplicate that of any other group. Instead, we are complementary; picking up where other broader based conservation groups such as state agencies, The Nature Conservancy, and other local land trusts leave off. We work closely with these and other groups to make sure our efforts are as efficient as possible.

Originally formed in 1987 as the Southwest Wisconsin Prairie Enthusiasts, we officially became The Prairie Enthusiasts in 1993. Our current membership is in excess of 1,100. We are presently structured into eight chapters covering 26 counties in Wisconsin, three counties in Illinois, and nine Minnesota counties.

Chapters are:

- Coulee Region Chapter (Buffalo, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon Counties in Wisconsin)
- Empire-Sauk Chapter (Columbia, Dane, Sauk Counties in Wisconsin)
- Northwest Illinois Chapter (Carroll, JoDaviess, Stephenson Counties in Illinois)
- Prairie Bluff Chapter (Green, LaFayette, Rock Counties in Wisconsin)
- Prairie Sands Chapter (Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara Counties in Wisconsin)
- Prairie Smoke Chapter (Dodge, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmstead, Steele, Wabasha, Winona Counties in Minnesota)
- St. Croix Valley Chapter (Pierce, Polk, St. Croix Counties in Wisconsin and Washington County in Minnesota)
- Southwest Chapter (Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Richland Counties in Wisconsin)



We are an incorporated non-profit organization and are tax-exempt under U.S. Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Thus, contributions to The Prairie Enthusiasts are tax deductible. We are governed by a Board of Directors that meets bimonthly, and we hold a general membership meeting annually.

LAND PROTECTION AND INVENTORY

The Prairie Enthusiasts own 20 natural area preserves totaling approximately 985 acres. We hold conservation easements on another 834 acres at nine sites. We have also acquired and transferred to other conservation groups two easements (146 acres total) and title to a 144-acre parcel, for a grand total of protected land to date of 2,100 acres. We have established formal management agreements with property owners on 20 more sites to manage over 700 additional acres. TPE has verbal agreements to perform management on another 59 sites of 1,170 acres.

In 2008, the Land Protection Committee approved acquisition of the Layton Easement in Rock County. This is a 173-acre parcel in the Lake Koshkonong watershed. It contains 10 acres of woodland and savanna, 40 acres of wetlands and the balance of the property is largely restored tallgrass prairie providing habitat for grassland birds.

A major project approved by the Committee is the proposed acquisition of a 170-acre parcel known as Heather's Prairie in Grant County. This consists of a large parcel of unbroken prairie and is home to the state's second largest population of Prairie Bush Clover, which exists in only 40 other sites. TPE is partnering with Mississippi Valley Conservancy and with Driftless Area Land Conservancy to raise the funds for purchase of the site as well as building an endowment to support it.

The Committee also approved making an offer to purchase to Iowa County on a 90-acre parcel. It was acquired by Iowa County for conservation purposes but has been suffering from the absence of active management. Negotiations are in progress.

With the help of a major grant from Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson State Stewardship Program, and contributions from individuals, our **Empire-Sauk Chapter** facilitated The Prairie Enthusiasts' purchase of 33 acres of critical grassland bird habitat in eastern Iowa County. The acquisition expands our Mounds View Grassland preserve to 533 acres. We also tied up the loose ends of a donation to TPE of a conservation easement on 72 acres of restored and remnant prairie located in southeast Iowa County. The donation came from David Marshall and Wendy Weisensel, and provided most of the match needed to earn the State Stewardship Grant.

In addition, we continued negotiations to protect another 300 acres of prairie, grassland, and savanna in eastern Iowa County. We maintained a partnership with the Natural Heritage Land Trust, WI DNR Natural Areas Program, and Dane County Parks in negotiating the protection of approximately 100 acres north of Madison which contains high quality prairie remnants. We continued our involvement with the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance to foster prairie and savanna restoration of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (7,300 acres), and we remained active in the Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area (MRPHA) Cooperative, which is located on the Iowa/Dane County line. We secured a \$14,000 grant from the Wildlife Conservation Society to help support the Cooperative's coordinator position. The grant is for facilitating implementation of State Wildlife Action plans for Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

Volunteers explored permanent protection with owners of prairie remnants in Dane, Iowa, Jefferson, and Green Counties. Volunteers also visited and inventoried several other sites. Chapters continue to compile a database of known prairie remnants and visit sites to compile species lists.

The TPE Board adopted a policy that will enable TPE, in the appropriate circumstances, help connect conservation sellers of property with conservation-minded buyers. This will only apply where TPE, or a similar organization, is not in a position to acquire the property.

LAND MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION

We love watching prairies and oak savannas grow and flourish. Year after year they respond to proper management and species enrichment. The Prairie Enthusiasts assist both public agencies and private groups in managing remnant lands through our stewardship programs of prescribed burns, brush removal and exotic plant control. The weather conditions in 2008 were less than ideal for conducting prescribed burns, but Prairie Enthusiasts volunteers still participated in over 126 prescribed burns on nearly 1,700 acres of land.



In 2008, chapters were active in managing sites that support remnant prairie, grassland bird habitat, oak savanna, and oak woodland totaling over 1,430 acres. These include ongoing agreements with The Nature Conservancy to manage their 23-acre Schluckebier Prairie Preserve and 3-acre Gasser Sand Barrens in Sauk Co. We also assisted Dane County Parks with management of their sand prairie and oak barrens at Walking Iron Park.

In addition to eight interns, a restoration ecologist, and paid contractors (all funded by grants), land management activities were also performed by many volunteers contributing in excess of 7,788 hours. Volunteer activities included seed collecting, cleaning, and planting, prescribed burns, tree & brush removal, weed control, fencing, planning, seed orchard establishment & maintenance, equipment maintenance, and rare species monitoring & biological inventory. The **Empire-Sauk Chapter** alone cleared nearly 50 acres of trees and brush, and controlled invasive weeds across 500 acres. They made major renovations and improvements to the barn at Schurch-Thomson Prairie.

The **Empire-Sauk Chapter** collected and processed well in excess of \$150,000 worth of prairie and savanna seed (106 species, 620 pounds) in 2008. Nearly two thirds of the seed went to TPE projects, and those of our partners, in the Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area. The rest went to restoration work at our Pleasant Valley Conservancy and Black Earth Rettenmund Prairie preserves, and other smaller projects. Approximately 100 acres were planted. A little over one-third of the seed was collected from TPE seed orchards, and the rest from prairie remnants and plantings.

Coulee Region Chapter continued to manage plantings at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, Genoa Dairyland Power Plant, and the Lakeview Health Center.

Grants totaling \$198,000 awarded to TPE immensely benefited land management and restoration projects in 2008. These grants were from the Wildlife Conservation Society, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Private Lands program, WI DNR Pheasant Stamp and Turkey Stamp grants, WI DNR Landowner Incentive Program, WI DNR Aquatic Invasive Species grant program, Dane County Environmental Council, and NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program grants. We also received an additional \$51,800 in land management support from the Savanna Oak Foundation. The grants allowed us to undertake significant brush/tree removal and weed control work performed on over a dozen projects, and allowed us to acquire additional land management equipment.

In September 2008 our **Prairie Bluff Chapter** rallied around a one-acre mesic prairie remnant in the far northwestern part of Green County, called Greens Prairie Cemetery. Local VFW citizens had petitioned the county judge hoping he would order the town to mow the prairie. While we had been burning the cemetery for a decade, to them it appeared untended and grown with weeds. Fortunately, we were able to convince the judge that the weeds were ecologically significant, historic, and should be deliberately left to grow tall, except perhaps for trails to the gravestones. Further, members of the chapter became active in reforming the cemetery association, and are now communicating often with the veterans. We are becoming stewards of more history than just prairie.

Other lands **Prairie Bluff** members stewarded this last year include:

- Vale Prairie, Green County, WI (TPE owned 5-acre dry prairie with old field)
- Itis Savanna, Green County, WI (20-acre TPE-owned dry savanna, prairie, and old field)
- Hoesly Prairie, Green County, WI (private 80-acre old field with scatterings of prairie)
- Butenhoff Prairie, Green County, WI (TPE-owned 30-acre dry prairie with old field)
- Barry Prairie in Honey Creek Park in Monroe, WI (6-acre planted prairie)
- Abrahams Woods, Green County, WI (40-acre UW-Madison-owned State Natural Area of red oak and sugar maple forest) and the oak savanna and prairie addition purchased last year by WDNR called Stauffacher Woods.

The Prairie Enthusiasts newest chapter, the **Prairie Sands Chapter** applied for and received chapter status in March 2008. Located in central Wisconsin in the sandy soils of ancient glacial lakes, the counties are the original home to some of the state's pine barrens and oak savannas. Dry prairies still exist on deposits of sand throughout, and it is the chapter's goal to find, inventory and help protect these undiscovered treasures.

Because the geographic area is sparsely populated, the chapter is partnering with other local environmental and conservation organizations to strengthen its efforts. For example, the chapter has combined field trips with groups such as the Marquette Chapter of the Ice Age Trail and will actively support work parties in target areas.

One of the first chapter projects sponsored was “Discovery Prairie on the Mekan.” This was an intriguing opportunity to help inventory, manage and learn about restoration at a DNR-owned site on the Mekan River. A small team visited this prairie and talked with the site manager about the possibilities for TPE involvement. Located at the Mekan River Discovery Center in northeast Marquette County is this ten-acre prairie that has, among other things, lupine and its associated butterfly, the federally-endangered Karner Blue. The prairie is adjacent to an old CCC camp, built in the 1940’s on the banks of the Mekan River. It’s a charming assemblage of cabins and lodge in various states of repair nestled in a dense pine grove.

Several groups use the facility now for various purposes, but it would be the specific goal as a chapter to be an advocate for the prairie and for the prairie only. Chapter members hope to inventory the species, help manage invasives such as spotted knapweed and white pine, and re-discover the wonders of this piece of sand prairie. It will teach this new chapter just what it takes to ‘own’ a prairie without having to own it.

In the northwest area of Wisconsin, our **St. Croix Valley Chapter** manages one site near Boardman, three sites in the Kinnickinnic River Canyon, and one site near Bayport, MN.

The Kinnickinnic River Canyon sites include:

- Alexander Prairie, a ten-acre oak savanna managed since 2001.
- Foster Hill, a collection of prairie and oak savanna remnants and the centerpiece of the Foster Conservation Area owned by the City of River Falls. The chapter has managed and protected this area since 1998. We have extended our management onto adjacent private lands using USFWS and DNR grants. This site has several state listed plant species, as well as the endangered Prairie Bush Clover.
- Rocky Branch, a five-acre goat prairie and oak savanna remnant overlooking the Rocky Branch tributary. This site is nestled in a housing development and is heavily used by the neighborhood residents.

Blueberry Hill is a tiny prairie remnant overlooking the St. Croix River near Bayport, Minnesota. The site is owned by the Minnesota DOT and frequented by bald eagles who watch the prescribed burns carefully.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

A brochure and poster on hill prairies in the Driftless Area was produced by the **Coulee Region Chapter** to be used as outreach materials. In 2008, over 500 of the brochures were provided to various conservation agencies for distribution to landowners, and the poster was displayed at two events.

Work began on a project to develop a demonstration site along the La Crosse River State Trail in cooperation with the WI-DNR.

Our 2008 Annual Conference was held in La Crosse on March 8. Hosted by the **Coulee Region Chapter** and open to the general public, over 150 attendees learned about restoration best practices, weed control, prairie butterflies and prescribed burning.



Throughout the growing season, knowledgeable TPE volunteers led more than 57 field trips to a variety of prairie, oak savanna, wetland and oak woodland habitats. Participants were educated about the flora, fauna, ecology and management of these remnant natural areas and restorations.

Our **Empire-Sauk Chapter** staffed the TPE display at the WHA-TV Garden Expo in Madison, and gave presentations on prairie and savanna ecology and conservation to local groups. Outreach work in the MRPHA generated three articles in local newspapers, and the printing of a nature picture calendar for landowners and others. We also gave technical assistance to the prairie restoration project at Huegel Elementary School in Madison.

We have provided education to the public through guided field trips, presentations, development of interpretive materials, and one-on-one exchanges with key resource people such as wildlife managers, foresters, extension agents, and private landowners.

The Prairie Enthusiasts produces a quarterly newsletter. *The Prairie Promoter* provides a wealth of information about prairie ecology and conservation. In addition, we offer a wide variety of books and educational tools in our bookstore. We maintain a website at www.ThePrairieEnthusiasts.org with valuable information on prairie restoration and education.

PARTNERSHIPS

We continued our partnership with the Aldo Leopold Foundation in the Blufflands Project. This project provides private landowners the expertise and infrastructure necessary to sustain and expand their remnant prairies and savannas. The project assists landowners in the stewardship of prairie and savanna remnants along and near the Wisconsin River.

Simon Prairie is a five-acre prairie remnant donated by the Coughlin and Simon families to the West Wisconsin Land Trust. The **St. Croix Valley Chapter** manages the prairie. A NAWCA grant was used in 2008 to clear invasive brush and trees.

The Prairie Enthusiasts works with The Nature Conservancy, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Driftless Area Land Conservancy, state conservation and natural resources agencies, Natural Land Institute, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Gathering Waters, National Park Service, Foundations and many local municipalities with inventory and prairie restoration projects. We are grateful for our environmental partners.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

The success of our organization is the direct result of the support of our members and friends who so graciously give of their time. We are known across the State of Wisconsin as the grass-roots organization with its “Boots on the Ground.” When there is work to be done, our volunteers turn out. Their passion for the organization and its mission is unsurpassed!

2008 Recorded Total Volunteer Hours:

Land Protection & Mgmt	7,788
Education & Outreach	401
Development & Promotion	572
Administration	<u>1,673</u>
Total Volunteer Hours	10,434

\$211,288.50—that is how much the 10,434 total hours volunteered in 2008 are worth according to the *Independent Sector*. Although we know that volunteer service is, in many ways, immeasurably valuable, this national estimate provides a useful gauge for understanding the enormous economic contribution of volunteers to TPE.



CAPACITY BUILDING

The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc. depends solely on membership dues, grants and donations to support our organization financially. Our Fundraising and Endowment Committee and Finance Committee were very active in 2008 working together to update handbooks and procedures so there is financial reporting consistency, transparency and oversight.

We are becoming more conscious of the fact that our volunteer base may not always be sufficient to maintain our ever-expanding land and easement holdings. It is essential to build endowments to make sure that these parcels will be taken care of properly for future generations.

To that end, the Fundraising and Endowment Committee has begun a revision of its plan for capacity building. The document, known as our “Compass Plan”, provides recommendations to build our endowments and to provide tools for planned giving and fundraising ensuring the future protection and management for our prairies.

The Committee also issued a challenge to the Board of Directors for 100% participation in a 2008 Board Challenge Campaign. We know that we cannot ask our members and friends to donate to the organization over and above their dues without setting the example and our Board of Directors was 100% committed to leading the way in 2008!

Our Annual Fund Drive was announced in November. Coordinated by the Fundraising and Endowment Committee, the 2008 Campaign brought in over \$26,000. The Fund Drive was a total organization effort with all chapters involved in the process. Thanks to everyone who supported the ‘08 Fund Drive. From the volunteers who wrote personal notes, stuffed envelopes, mailed letters, made phone calls to everyone who responded so generously!

MEMBERSHIP

The Prairie Enthusiasts offers various membership levels. We encourage the Shooting Star level as the preferred membership level. The year 2008 saw an increase in overall membership from 2007. Total membership was 1045. New members were slightly higher than 2007 with a total of 93 new members.

The Fundraising and Endowment Committee established a Bump Up membership program in 2007. This three-year program was to encourage members to renew memberships at a higher level, recommending at least the Shooting Star membership. In 2008, 89 members participated in the program of which 36 met the challenge to renew at the Shooting Star level or higher.

The Fundraising and Endowment Committee has called for the creation of a Membership Committee whose purpose will be to focus on increasing membership at all levels. This new committee will become active in 2009.



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Southwest Wisconsin	Jesse Bennett

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

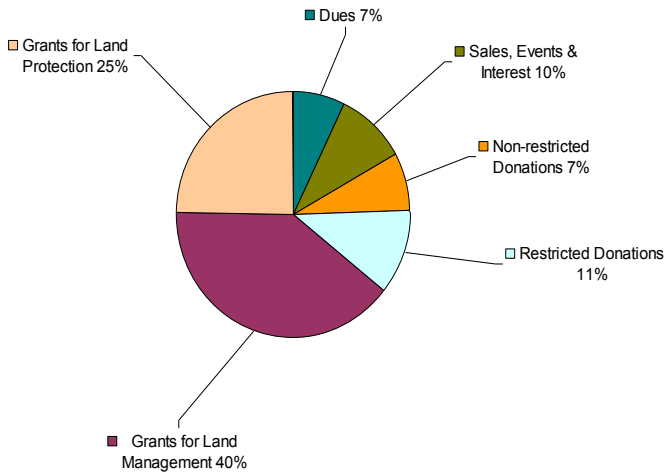
Membership Dues (70% Central, 30% Chapters)	\$ 50,235
Interest, Events and Sales	\$ 68,542
Nonrestricted Donations	\$ 52,853
Restricted Donations	\$ 80,773
Grants for Land Management	\$278,707
Grants for Land Protection	<u>\$174,000</u>
	\$705,110

EXPENSE

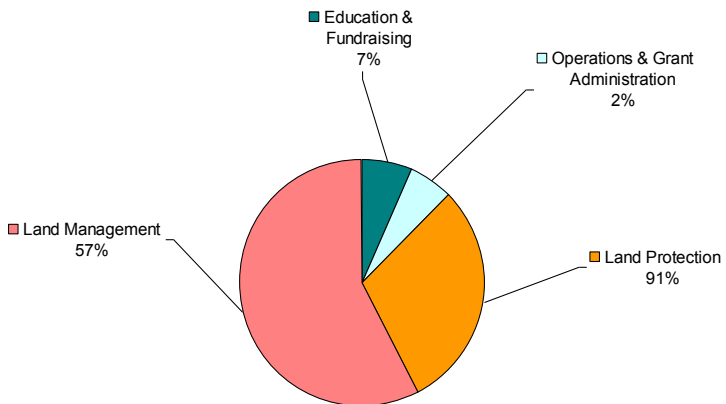
Education & Fundraising	\$ 43,734
Operations & Grant Administration	\$ 38,758
Land Protection	\$196,562
Land Management	<u>\$379,697</u>
	\$658,751



2008 TPE TOTAL INCOME



2008 TPE TOTAL EXPENSES



A Heartfelt THANK YOU to our 2008 Members, Volunteers and Donors!

We are grateful to our 1045 members who contributed to The Prairie Enthusiasts with their membership dues, ad hoc donations, contributions to the annual auction and raffle, and participation in the annual operations fund drive. Our members also gave that priceless gift — their time. We thank each and every member who led a field trip, cleared brush and weeds at a work party, ate smoke at a prescribed burn, produced our quarterly newsletter, and staffed the TPE table or booth at a public event. The Prairie Enthusiasts could not function and would not be the dynamic organization it is without you!

Donors to Endowment Funds and TPE Trust

Barb Barzen	Richard & Victoria Oberle
CUNA Mutual Group Foundation	Sunset Garden Club
Jan Ketelle	The Savanna Oak Foundation
David Marshall & Wendy Weisensel	

Donors to Land Acquisitions

James & Rumi O'Brien

Donors to Projects/Gifts/Memorials/General

Over \$5,000

Schurch Thomson Prairie Trust

\$1,000-\$5,000

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