




The Prairie Enthusiasts

2022 Community Report



**Your support is critical
to our mission. Thank you!**

Your generosity is protecting rare ecosystems, restoring and reconstructing habitat, and teaching people to love the land. Prairies and savannas are our rainforests, and they remain our best opportunity to make a tangible, local impact to mitigate climate change. You make that impact by volunteering at work parties, taking on leadership roles on committees, and with every gift you give. Your deep love and respect for the land is demonstrated by all that we have accomplished together.

Thank you!

**Learn how you can
get involved!**

ThePrairieEnthusiasts.org/Events



Thanks to
YOU!

4,019

total acres stewarded

2,492

acres owned by
The Prairie Enthusiasts

301

acres newly protected

1,527

acres in
conservation
easements held by
The Prairie Enthusiasts

1,519

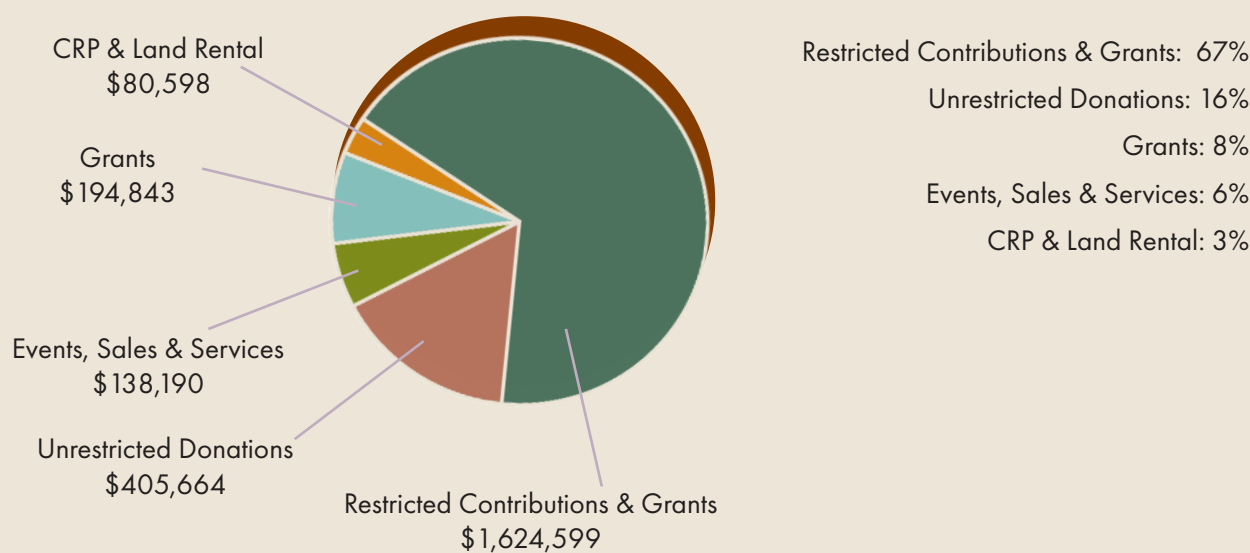
total members

448

new members

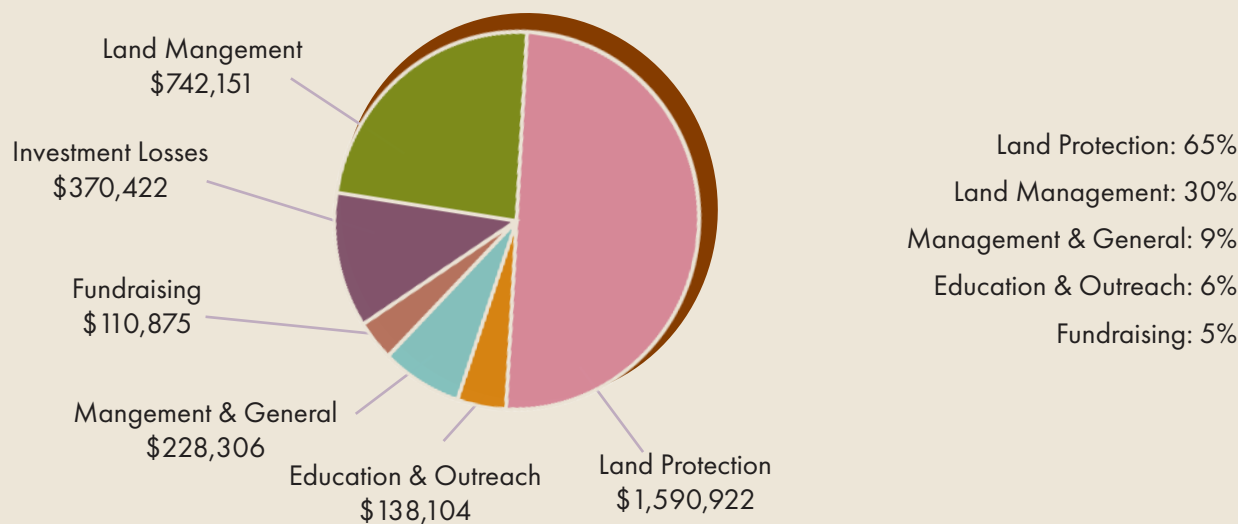
Revenue, Gains and Other Support

Total: \$2,443,894



Expenses, Acquisitions & Losses

Total: \$3,180,800



Assets

Current Assets

Cash & Equivalents: \$619,236
Receivables: \$280,962
Other: \$39,001
Total: \$939,199

Property & Euipment (net of depreciation)

Land & Improvements: \$11,276,356
Equipment: \$36,229

Investments & Restricted Cash: \$3,282,914

TOTAL ASSETS: \$15,534,698

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts Payable: \$29,605
Deferred Revenue: \$26,080
Accrued Salaries & Expenses: \$39,997
Total: \$95,682

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions: \$1,220,107
With Donor Restrictions: \$14,218,909
Total: \$15,439,016

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS: \$15,534,698

- Financial Notes:
- 1. Includes both The Prairie Enthusiasts, Inc. and The Prairie Enthusiasts Trust.
 - 2. Financial statements audited by Johnson Block & Company
 - 3.Land Management amount includes \$207,500 of equipment purchases.
 - 4. Land Protection amount includes \$1.56 million of land acquisitions.

Mounds View Grasslands expanded to a total of 832 acres!

The 260-acre Hanley Farm was protected in June 2022. Its remnant prairie was an important addition to this large, contiguous ecosystem outside of Madison. The Hanley Farm was our largest acquisition to date, made possible by a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife endangered species funding, and more than 60% by private philanthropy. We couldn't have protected the diversity of this landscape without your help.

In addition to the Hanley Farm, we protected two other properties — a critical two-acre addition to the Shea Prairie wetlands area at Mounds View Grasslands, and 40 acres adjacent to Erbe Grasslands with remnant prairie that has grown the preserve to 140 acres of critical habitat for grassland birds.



Staff Ecologist Dan Carter met with **70 landowners last year**, providing recommendations for restoring a total of 713 acres and recommendations for new habitat establishment for another 291 acres.



Southwest Wisconsin Chapter **received grant funding** to clear brush at Sylvan Road Conservation Area and to burn and mow at Eldred Prairie.



The St. Croix Valley Chapter had a total of **847 stewardship hours!**



Northwest Illinois Chapter conducted **233 hours of seed collecting.**



Chippewa Savannas Chapter had a record **26 burn volunteers**, 14 of whom were brand new first-time volunteers.

Sharing Knowledge

We've had a relationship with Mayville Middle School for almost nine years. It was uphill work, literally, to get a 3/4-acre school prairie thriving again. Originally planted in 2010, it didn't get the stewardship it needed until 2014. Now, it has a diverse plant community. It is used as an outdoor classroom by a number of the teachers, and it's gratifying to see kids explore the plot looking for invertebrates, identifying plants, and examining bird boxes to see nests. This is where the real work is: to give kids a sense of awe of the natural world that will carry them through to adulthood!

– Alice Mirk, Glacial Prairies Chapter



3 Chapters now have **scholarships** for students entering environmental fields.

New educational displays created at Moely Prairie!