



2004 Annual Report

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Tom Armstrong,
President of
Fox Valley Land
Foundation,
presents the
*"2004 Conservation
Hero Award"*
to Campton Township
for their Open Space
preservation program
at the FVLV Annual
Dinner Dec. 2, 2004.
Accepting were
Administrator
Julia Glas,
and Supervisor
Neil Anderson.

As you will see in this Annual Report, the support and generosity of many partners has enabled Fox Valley Land Foundation not only to expand our efforts to conserve significant natural lands and open spaces, but also to demonstrate how these special places can be managed and restored.

Thank you,

Thomas J. Armstrong
President
Fox Valley Land Foundation Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

A view from a hilltop looking across a gravel prairie and fen wetland...
Trails snaking through a woodland and ravine system...
Prairie flowers ablaze across a field...
The sounds of a gurgling stream...
The cool shade under a great white oak...

These are just a few of the kinds of special places that inspire us to protect and conserve land. We are all working to keep these special places and important natural habitats intact for the generations to come.

It is our mission at Fox Valley Land Foundation ... *"to protect, restore, and preserve significant natural lands and open spaces through public and private partnerships."* And it is with the support of you, our members and friends, that we continue to work with public and private landowners to protect, restore and preserve special places....places like Raceway Woods...Bluff Spring Fen, Trout Park and Dixie Fromm Briggs Nature Preserves...Sleepy Hollow Ravine and our other conservation easements ...and our new Heritage Land Registry sites.

307 acres in Heritage Land Registry

Private landowners play an important role in preserving the land heritage of the Fox Valley. The following 14 landowners agreed in 2004 to conservation and stewardship of their land.

- **Walter & Fely Arnold:** 2.7 acres of fen and stream
- **Camp Dean Girl Scout Camp:** 160 acres of oak woodland, prairie, wetland, stream & floodplain
- **Cliff & Beth DeSanto:** 2.7 acres of fen & stream
- **Don & Helen Edwards:** 25 acres of oak woodland, fen, prairies & stream
- **Glenn & Lauren Jazwiec:** 1 acre of oak woodland
- **Bill & Rhonda Lindoo:** 6 acres of oak woodland
- **Anne Lucietto & Richard Scheffrahn:** pond, stream & floodplain
- **Dave & JoAnn Nebel:** 24.4 acres of oak woodland & pond
- **Steve & Laura Pittner:** 2.7 acres of oak woodland
- **Shirley Rauschenberger:** 1 acre of oak woodland
- **Pat & Mary Sue Shaw:** 30 acres of oak woodland, fen, stream & prairie
- **Amy Stewart:** 4 acres of oak woodland & stream
- **Steve & Nancy Villwock:** 5.3 acres of oak woodland & stream
- **John & Debra Zito:** 40 acres of fen, sedge meadow, oak woodland and pond.

Members and Donors

January 1 to December 31, 2004

The work of Fox Valley Land Foundation depends on the voluntary contributions of members. Without the support and encouragement of these individuals, families and organizations, we could not accomplish our mission to preserve and restore significant land and open space in the Fox Valley.

Compass Circle (\$1,000 or more)

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Jennifer Schaffer

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Leo Goldschmidt

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2004 Grants and Restoration Projects

Grants

- ◆ **Elgin Grantworks, Grand Victoria Foundation**
\$10,000 general operating grant.
- ◆ **Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation**
\$12,605 paid on Land Challenge Grant, as a \$ to \$ match of all new or increased contributions.
- ◆ **Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation**
\$2,500 for facilitation of three year Strategic Plan and \$10,000 toward salary of new staff person, our Land Protection Specialist, from July to December.
- ◆ **Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account, The Conservation Fund**
\$12,000 for Dixie Fromm Briggs Nature Preserve restoration and enhancement in Dundee Township, and \$7,000 for wetland enhancement in the Deer Run East subdivision in Campton Township.
- ◆ **Illinois Department of Natural Resources Natural Areas Acquisition Fund**
\$1,000 for exotic species control at Trout Park Nature Preserve.

Special thanks to **Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation** and **Grand Victoria Foundation** for grants received in 2004 to pay for the salary of our Land Protection Specialist, Liz Aicher, in 2005.

Mitigation Projects

- ◆ **Raceway Woods:** \$65,735
- ◆ **Habitat Restoration Programs:** \$50,000
- ◆ **Dick Young Forest Preserve:** \$24,000
- ◆ **Indian Boundary Prairie lots:** \$14,000
- ◆ **Brewster and Ferson Creek Fens:** \$7,080
- ◆ **Bluff Spring Fen Nature Preserve:** \$6,567
- ◆ **Aurora Fox River habitat restoration:** \$5,760
- ◆ **Soil erosion & sediment control project:** \$3,000
- ◆ **Trout Park Nature Preserve:** \$729
- ◆ **Corron Farm:** \$676
- ◆ **Lake Defiance, Moraine Hills Park:** \$648.

In the last ten years Fox Valley Land Foundation has obtained over *two million dollars* to purchase and restore natural areas.

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Fox Valley Land Foundation: The Fiscal Year 2004 in Review

Here is a snapshot of the financial year—where Fox Valley Land Foundation funds come from, how they are spent, and what our financial strength is.

Statement of Activities	2004 Operating Statement - unaudited	Statement of Financial Position	
2004 INCOME		ASSETS 12/31/04	
Memberships & contributions	\$ 27,275 19%	Cash in Bank	\$ 381,603
Operating grants	\$ 68,205	Accounts Receivable	\$
To/from restricted*	\$ (32,100) 26%	Grants receivable	\$ 1,754
Program grants	\$ 18,851	Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,104
To/from restricted**	\$ 24,861 31%	Property & Equipment	\$ 930
Investment income	\$ 6,388 5%	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 385,373
Management fees	\$ 11,866 8%	LIABILITIES 12/31/04	
Other income	\$ 15,147 11%	Accounts Payable	\$ 22,126
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 140,493 100%	Mitigation Funds****	\$ 266,166
2004 EXPENSES		Payroll Liabilities	\$ 4,125
Administration***	\$ 25,666 19%	Total Liabilities	\$ 292,417
Fundraising	\$ 7,834 6%	Net assets unrestricted	\$ 10,941
Program	\$ 58,894 43%	Net assets temporarily restricted	\$ 62,014
Restoration Projects	\$ 41,901 31%	Operating reserve	\$ 20,000
Student Stewardship	\$ 1,257 1%	Total Equity	\$ 103,730
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 135,552 100%	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 385,373

* Indicates grant funds received in 2004 that will be spent in 2005.

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*** Includes liability insurance, directors' liability, accountant and annual audit.

**** FVLFF holds and administers fees in lieu of mitigation and has the responsibility to restore or create wetlands.

Individual Donors under \$35 cont.

Donna Gorski
 Buzz & Carl Hays
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 Julie Longo
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 Carol Schoengart
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 Eva Tipps
 Jane Unger
 Barb Wahl
 George M. Wolff

THANK YOU...

...to all the volunteers, too numerous to mention here, who donated their time and effort on work-days and other projects...and to all those who made "in-kind" donations to support our mission.

2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 Eric Moldenhauer*

Our Mission

To protect,
 restore,
 and preserve
 significant
 natural lands
 and open spaces
 through
 public and
 private
 partnerships.