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From the Leadership



As warmer weather (finally!) comes to Central Indiana, we all look forward to new beginnings brought on by spring. For me, this includes the opportunity to take over as president of the Central Indiana Land Trust's board of directors. While I'm not a Central Indiana native – I grew up on a farm in Eastern Washington – I quickly came to value this area's natural assets after I moved to Indianapolis to work for Eli Lilly and Company. I joined the CILTI board in 2010, and I'm delighted to step into this new role.

I have the benefit of taking on this job at an exciting time. CILTI is in its strongest financial situation in its 24-year history. It has a sound vision for the future and tremendously dedicated staff. It has a cohesive and enthusiastic board. And, most important, it has passionate members who see the value in saving natural areas right here in Central Indiana. You help make us strong.

As you'll see in the following pages, your Land Trust has been busy putting this vision, passion and dedication to work. In 2013, we protected critical lands – including one of the most valuable gifts of land to a land trust in Indiana's history, a 50-acre parcel in the Ameriplex complex that will provide sanctuary for the Indiana bat – and already in 2014 we've begun restoration of areas such as the Laura Hare Preserve at Turtle Bend for better wildlife habitat for the future.

As proud as we are of our accomplishments, we continue to look ahead. Our staff and volunteers continue to seek opportunities to protect and improve more of Indiana's natural heritage, and the board is focused on the process of selecting a new executive director via a national search. We expect to have a new director in place within the next couple of months.

Thank you for your dedication to Indiana's natural places. I look forward to the exciting work we have ahead of us.

Best regards,

Mark O. Blakely
Board President, Central Indiana Land Trust Incorporated

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The Indiana Bat's new multi-million-dollar home

Multi-million-dollar homes aren't all that rare in suburban Indianapolis. But a multi-million-dollar home that's set aside for the Indiana bat and other natural inhabitants is.

Nonetheless, that's essentially what real estate developer Holladay Properties made possible when it gave 50 acres of land near the Indianapolis International Airport to the Central Indiana Land Trust. The land, valued at \$4.3 million, is located on the southwest side of Ameriplex Parkway, adjacent to approximately \$100 million of commercial and industrial projects in southwest Marion County. The gift will ensure that the undeveloped parcel remains undeveloped forever.

The Land Trust plans to enhance the property and maintain it as a nature preserve, open it to the public and managed to encourage the proliferation of native plants and animals. Indiana bats, which are an endangered species, have been spotted near the area, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"This is one of the most valuable gifts of land to a land trust in Indiana's history," said Cliff Chapman, interim

director of the Central Indiana Land Trust. "It's not only the economic value of the land, it's the fact that one of our region's most endangered species proliferates in the surrounding area."

Chapman added that the Land Trust will enhance the area with plantings of native trees and shrubs, as well as other restoration work that will encourage Indiana bats and other wildlife to use the property. To support these efforts, Holladay also is donating \$125,000 for a stewardship fund.

"On behalf of all of the employees of Holladay Properties in Indiana and elsewhere, we are pleased to continue our commitment to environmentally sensitive development," said Chris Wilkes, partner with South Bend-based Holladay Properties. "All three of our major business parks in Indiana – including AmeriPlex here – are designated as 'wildlife friendly' habitats by the Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF), and on that point, we would like to acknowledge Barbara Simpson and the IWF for their role in facilitating the dialogue and donation to the Land Trust."



A wetland restoration project taking place on the property.

The Indiana Bat's home (cont.)

Wilkes continued, "This donation is especially important because it is not only to be enjoyed by residents of Decatur Township and the 7,000 employees of the AmeriPlex business park, but it's another link in the larger preservation program in Marion and Hendricks counties to preserve habitat for endangered species and 'quiet enjoyment' by people seeking natural areas in an otherwise urbanized environment. We are pleased that the land will be preserved forever and enhanced in its natural state by the Land Trust."

The land, which will be named at a later time, is adjacent to property that the Airport Authority owns and is already restoring and managing land for Indiana bats, which prefer hardwood forest with some dead standing trees, and stream corridors and edges to forage for insects.

The Land Trust plans to provide public access with parking and trails in the future.

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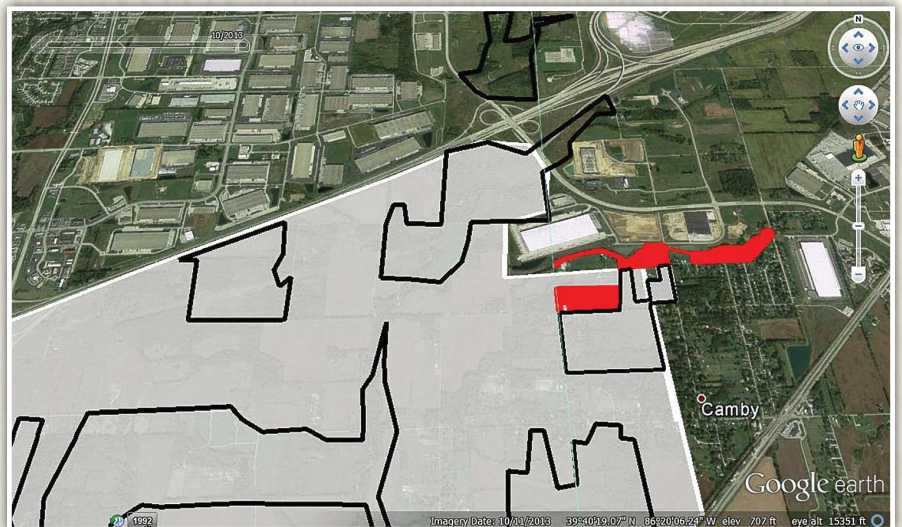
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A strategic acquisition

The Central Indiana Land Trust's Strategic Conservation Plan identifies thirteen Core Conservation Areas that protect seven targeted attributes that define Central Indiana. One of those attributes, endangered species habitat, has an identified Area for conservation – the Indiana bat Macrosite.

The Holladay Properties gift is a part of and borders the Indiana bat Macrosite so it fits perfectly within the Land Trust's Strategic Conservation Plan. The property will be restored and become part of a larger ecosystem of appropriate habitats to benefit the Indiana bat, as well as other wildlife. The Land Trust will continue to protect and restore land in this area as well as the other Core Conservation Areas in Central Indiana.



*New CILTI property in red
Lands already protected for Indiana bat habitat outlined in black
Part of CILTI's Core Conservation Area in white*

The Indiana Bat

Although the Indiana bat carries the Hoosier state's name, the bat's habitat certainly isn't limited to Indiana. In warmer months, it can be found in a number of Midwestern, Southern and Eastern states. In the winter, the Indiana bat hibernates in only a handful of caves, with a large percentage of the bats wintering in Southern Indiana.

A tiny animal – an adult weighs about a quarter of an ounce – the Indiana bat typically spends its time in hardwood forests, roosting under the bark of dead and dying trees and dining on the insects it finds along stream corridors and edges. It was listed as an endangered species in 1967 under the predecessor of the modern Endangered Species Act. Despite this early protection, its population has continued to decline dramatically in recent decades. A 2009 survey estimated its population to be about 387,000, less than half as many as when it was declared endangered.

Its numbers have declined due to a number of factors: habitat loss, disruptions of the caves in which it hibernates, pesticides and other contaminants. Recently, white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease, has claimed a number of Indiana bats. In response to this threat, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has closed a number of caves, sinkholes, tunnels and abandoned mines to the public.



An adult Indiana bat only weighs about a quarter of an ounce

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...to make a gift that lasts for conservation in Central Indiana.

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The Burr Oak Society was established in recognition of those donors who have created such a legacy. If you have made a provision for the Land Trust in your will or trust, please let us know so we can include you as a member of the Burr Oak Society and thank you during your lifetime.



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Restoration work at the Laura Hare Preserve at Turtle Bend



An impenetrable thicket of invasive species was cleared in February making way for native oaks and hickories to be planted later this year.

Welcome New Members!

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Volunteer Spotlight: Becky Dolan, PhD

Becky Dolan grew up exploring woods in the Detroit suburbs and got hooked on spring wildflowers. She left the Midwest for graduate school in Georgia and post-doctorate work in southern California but both she and her husband wanted to get closer to home. Butler University brought them to Indianapolis over 30 years ago where they put down roots.

CILTI actually had many of its first meetings at Butler, even before it legally formed. Some of Becky's colleagues were among the first board members and she was involved from the beginning.

Nine years ago, after several years of volunteering, Becky was asked to join the board of directors and has helped lead the organization ever since. We caught up with her recently to get some insights about her experience with CILTI.

What is rewarding about volunteering?

You get more back than you give and you meet a lot of interesting people that have similar interests.

Why did you join the CILTI Board of Directors?

I've been involved with lots of other organizations but I always liked the mission and the tangible results of CILTI.

What is it about the mission that you like so much?

Preserving the genetic material of the original natural places is very important—once they are gone, they are gone forever. You can do plantings, to recover structure, but not genetics. Restorations will never be what the original natural areas were.

What keeps you motivated?

As a kid, I really enjoyed exploring woods near where I lived. I want to make sure that opportunity is available for future generations in Central Indiana.

What is your favorite CILTI preserve?

Burnett Woods – it reminds me of places I went to as a kid, it's a fairyland of flowers. You just never know what you will find around the next bend of the trail.



Becky Dolan with her husband Tom and their daughter Kate

What is an Herbarium?

Becky is the Director of the Friesner Herbarium at Butler University. The Herbarium is a systematic collection of over 100,000 dried, pressed and preserved plant specimens. Many students and faculty have contributed plants through the years. The specimens, with their carefully documented labels, comprise a reference library on historical distribution, habitats, and timing of flower and fruit production. For more information on Becky's work at the Herbarium you can visit www.butler.edu/herbarium/.



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2013 Financial Report

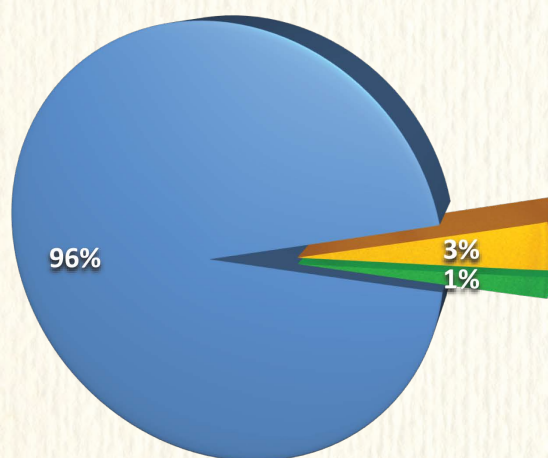
Income	2013 (unaudited)	2012 (audited)
Contributions and Grants	\$4,610,357*	\$702,758**
Investment Income & Interest	\$148,227	\$99,615
Other Revenue	\$67,604	\$63,627
Total Income	\$4,826,188	\$866,000

Expenses	2013 (unaudited)	2012 (audited)
Conservation Programs	\$316,174	\$359,655
Fundraising	\$55,415	\$51,321
Administration	\$53,782	\$60,003
Total Expenses	\$425,372	\$470,979

*includes land gift of the Ameriplex Indiana Bat property

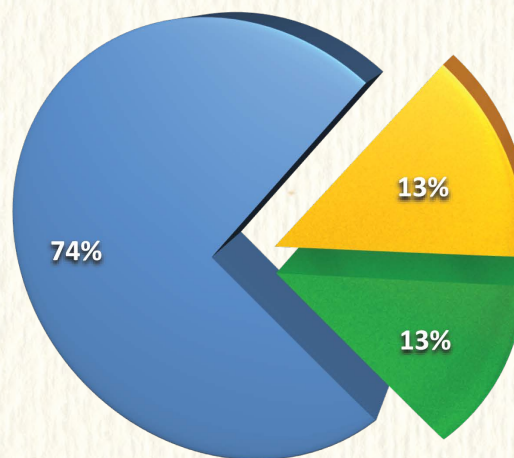
** includes land gifts of Turtle Bend, Peine Easement and bargain sale of the Laura Hare Preserve at Blossom Hollow

Income



- Contributions and Grants
- Investment Income & Interest
- Other Revenue

Expenses



- Conservation Programs
- Fundraising
- Administration

Conservation by the Numbers

As of 12/31/2013

Total Investments	\$904,732
Total Land Value	\$14,433,181
Total Acres Protected	4,113

During 2013

Volunteer Hours	2,000
Volunteer Events	22
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$44,280

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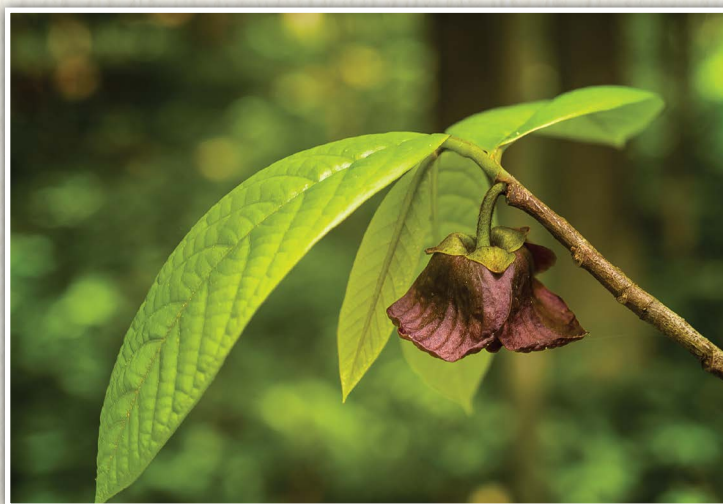
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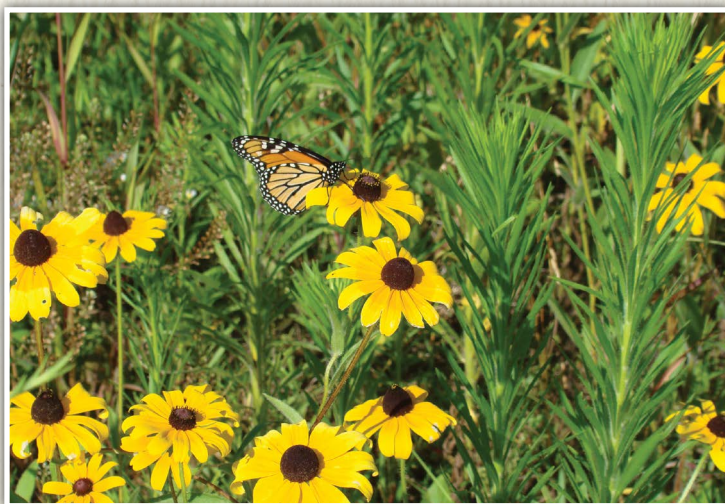
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