Friends Along the Path: Volunteerism

In 2015, more people found meaningful ways to get involved, thanks to our increased focus on volunteerism. We are so thankful for the help our volunteers provide with events, preserve maintenance, photography, mailings, and more!

Volunteer Impact Highlight: Three New Trails

If you like hiking, you’re in luck. Volunteers recently completed three new trails so you can:

• Take in the view from the top of Trevlac Bluffs Nature Preserve
• Relax to the sound of waterfalls at Dilcher-Turner Canyon Forest
• Admire the pretty blue shale creeks at the Laura Hare Nature Preserve at Downey Hill

A Lifelong Journey: Environmental Education

After acquiring land and building trails, we put these unique resources to good use for environmental education. We hired our first full-time Environmental Education Director and expanded our commitment to reaching people of all ages and abilities. In 2015, over 1,800 people participated in our programs.

“Before this class this year, I was a person that only heard what I wanted to hear…. Now I hear a lot more, and when I hear birds and such, I try to identify it.”
—Lou, fifth-grader at Harmony School

Protecting Land

Thanks to you, we protected 607 more acres worth $2.2 million last year, bringing the total to nearly 9,000 acres!

Beanblossom Creek Watershed Conservation Area

By leveraging part of a $1 million state grant and matching contributions from over 200 donors, we acquired four properties in the area... so far! These new preserves along Beanblossom Creek help build a corridor for wildlife, improve water quality, and provide new recreation opportunities.

Acquisition Highlight: Osborne Preserve

This uniquely shaped property protects the scenic “gateway to Bloomington.”

Green space will forever welcome all who pass by. We are exploring options for building a trail so that you can enjoy a walk through this special preserve.

160+ volunteers
1,680+ hours
$38,735 value of their contribution
And many more volunteer contributions that go unreported!
Forging New Trails

Thanks to supporters like you, Sycamore is continuously fulfilling a cycle of protecting land, building trails, connecting people to nature, and applying the support of our donors and volunteers to protect more land. We are strong. Sycamore’s membership includes nearly 1,000 households.

Development Highlight: Sycamore Sustainers

Last fall, we launched the Sycamore Sustainers monthly giving program to recognize people who show their support month after month. As of December 2015, 33 Sycamore Sustainers together were giving almost $1,000 per month. That really makes a difference!


Year after year, we add to our net assets, reserves, and endowments.

NET WORTH

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REVENUE/EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

- Revenues: $1,595,270
- Memberships: $116,359
- Unrestricted cash contributions: $229,129
- Events and other revenue: $68,521
- Restricted contributions: $736,529
- Donated land: $544,732
- Operating expenditures: $(443,246)
- Net revenue: $1,153,924

Thank you for being part of this inspiring journey!

Audited financial statements are available at sycamorelandtrust.org