

More than **700** people attended our outreach events, including guided hikes, paddles, environmental film screenings, and educational seminars.



We have protected over **1,000** acres in the Galien River watershed, providing benefits to wildlife while also improving water quality in the river and ultimately, in Lake Michigan.



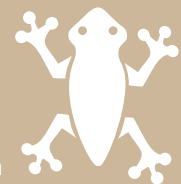
160 people participated in our #10Trail Challenge this past July, hiking 10 local nature trails for prizes.



More than **400** children from Bridgman, New Buffalo, and River Valley Elementary Schools came out to our preserves to explore, play and care for the land through the Mighty Acorns program.



Over **150** different species of wildlife make their home in our Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh in New Buffalo, including several designated by the State of Michigan as "threatened".



63 business partners supported our efforts in 2018, working together to make our community better.



We were able to clear invasive plants from an area equivalent to the size of **19** football fields on our nature preserves, making room for native plants and animals to thrive.



Last year, more than **500** Chikaming Open Lands supporters and volunteers supported conservation in our community, ensuring it remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play.



Dear Members and Friends of Chikaming Open Lands,

One of the goals of our annual report is to highlight the past year's accomplishments. This report offers numbers as well as stories to help describe the impact of the land protected and the ways in which we used our preserves to expand educational programs and provide recreational opportunities for our community.

Another 2018 accomplishment for Chikaming Open Lands is one that understandably gets much less fanfare, although it plays an important role in our continued success. That is the completion of a new 5-year strategic plan. We call it our carefully planned road map which takes into consideration the values and capacity of our organization as well as the needs and priorities of the communities we serve.

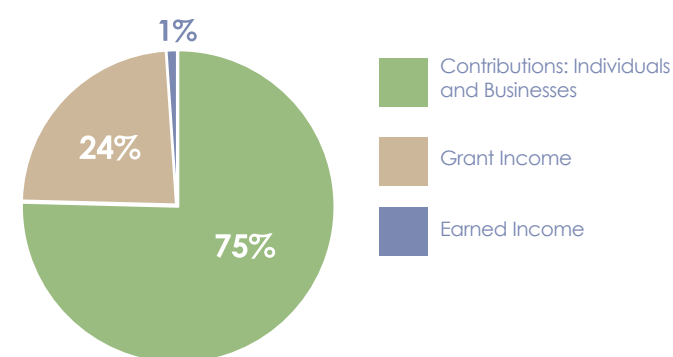
What does our strategic plan mean for the coming five years? First, it means that our mission hasn't changed. We remain dedicated to preserving the open space and natural character of southwest Berrien County - and the accomplishments of this past year are an example of what we'll continue to do. At the same time, we will work to expand our impact - by protecting land in additional areas of the county; by addressing the stewardship needs of those protected lands; by increasing our engagement with the community to promote land conservation; and by identifying resources necessary to ensure our long-term financial stability. Needless to say, there are more details on this road map, and we're happy to share them. But these are the highlights.

With our strategic plan in place, we begin 2019 with enormous gratitude for your continuing support. It is your generosity that makes all of our work possible.

Sincerely,
Linda Puvogel
Board President

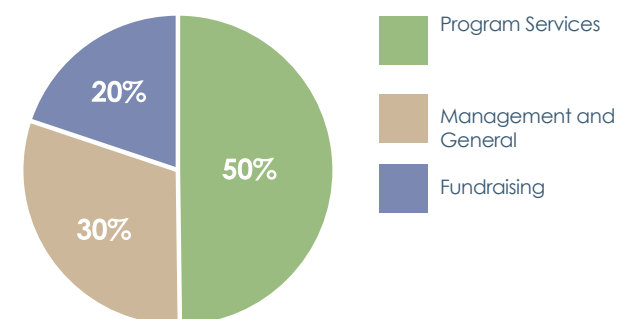


Chikaming Open Lands 2018 Income



2018 Income	
Contributions: Individuals & Businesses	\$531,279
Grant Income	\$165,745
Earned Income	\$ 7,511
TOTAL	\$704,535

Chikaming Open Lands 2018 Expenses



2018 Expenses*	
Program Services	\$216,399
Management and General	\$131,841
Fundraising	\$ 86,317
TOTAL	\$434,557

2018 Investments	
Interest Earned	\$ 1,126
Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$ (104,159)
Investment Management Fees	\$ (12,317)
TOTAL Net Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$ (115,350)

Assets as of December 31, 2018	
Nature Preserves	\$2,594,762
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 220,555
Depreciable Fixed Assets	\$ 248,643
Restricted to Land Protection, Stewardship, and Outreach Activities	\$ 572,567
Board Designated Endowment Fund	\$1,294,361
Assets as of Dec. 31, 2018	\$4,930,888
Dec. 31, 2017	\$4,776,373
Net Assets	\$ 154,515

Figures are under audit at time of publication. Audited 2018 financial statements will be available upon request once complete.



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