

Natural Land Institute

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

Year Ended December 31, 2020



Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
Natural Land Institute
Rockford, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Natural Land Institute (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Natural Land Institute as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Natural Land Institute's 2019 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements in our report dated March 31, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Report on Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information, appearing on pages 24 through 26, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Wipfli LLP

Rockford, Illinois
April 5, 2021

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Statement of Financial Position

<i>December 31 (with comparative totals for 2019)</i>	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 527,158	\$ 446,654
Money market fund, restricted and board designated	198,692	4,868,377
Marketable securities, restricted and board designated	5,356,091	-
Unconditional promises to give	6,000	6,000
Other receivables	125,000	-
Prepaid expenses	18,630	18,766
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation	333,379	309,679
Land held for preservation	8,273,557	8,048,057
Conservation easements	1,160,868	1,160,868
Property and equipment, net	175,651	243,406
Total assets	\$ 16,175,026	\$ 15,101,807
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses	\$ 103,710	\$ 88,514
Due to Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership	2,266	1,516
Unearned revenue	316,055	294,429
Note payable	55,378	-
Total liabilities	477,409	384,459
Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	10,038,625	9,516,160
Board designated	2,372,101	2,011,820
Net assets with donor restrictions	3,286,891	3,189,368
Total net assets	15,697,617	14,717,348
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 16,175,026	\$ 15,101,807

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

<i>For the Year Ended December 31, (with comparative totals for 2019)</i>	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Undesignated	Board Designated			
Support and Revenue					
Contributions	\$ 61,846		\$ 143,753	\$ 205,599	\$ 310,170
Grants	20,000		447,643	467,643	194,097
Membership dues	175,780		-	175,780	188,568
Fundraising events, net of direct costs	10,902		-	10,902	18,772
Investment income (loss), net	-	\$ 218,010	331,519	549,529	521,939
Interest income	2,951	-	-	2,951	23
Gain on disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	1,920
Other income	235,414	100,000	-	335,414	71,054
Net assets released from restrictions	783,121	42,271	(825,392)	-	-
Total support and revenue	1,290,014	360,281	97,523	1,747,818	1,306,543
Program services	683,345	-	-	683,345	559,801
Management and general	66,219	-	-	66,219	62,356
Fundraising	17,985	-	-	17,985	13,437
Total expenses	767,549	-	-	767,549	635,594
Change in net assets	522,465	360,281	97,523	980,269	670,949
Net assets, beginning of year	9,516,160	2,011,820	3,189,368	14,717,348	14,046,399
Net assets, end of year	\$ 10,038,625	\$ 2,372,101	\$ 3,286,891	\$ 15,697,617	\$ 14,717,348

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses

For the Year Ended December 31,(with comparative totals for 2019)	Program Services					Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Nygren Wetland Preserve	Conservation Partnerships	Land Preservation Projects	Other						
Salaries and wages	\$ 57,820	\$ 82,191	\$ 19,993	\$107,682	\$ 267,686	\$ 49,071	\$ 13,621	\$ 330,378	\$ 242,587	
Payroll taxes and benefits	8,004	11,378	2,768	14,907	37,057	6,793	1,886	45,736	35,758	
Insurance	15,800	10,183	5,268	3,143	34,394	3,557	-	37,951	21,370	
Utilities	3,006	-	206	2,126	5,338	966	137	6,441	7,149	
Telephone	1,000	435	311	2,713	4,459	680	51	5,190	5,054	
Depreciation	36,261	13,319	-	2,750	52,330	-	-	52,330	44,829	
Building repairs	-	-	-	-	-	312	-	312	2,400	
Equipment repairs and maintenance	6,980	1,023	-	-	8,003	-	-	8,003	4,266	
Field supplies	12,580	12,256	-	-	24,836	-	-	24,836	17,203	
Plants and seeds	1,680	5,753	-	-	7,433	-	-	7,433	8,333	
Postage	61	-	87	3,046	3,194	591	158	3,943	5,837	
Office supplies	53	-	586	7,119	7,758	1,466	547	9,771	8,375	
Copying and printing	176	-	-	11,568	11,744	2,175	580	14,499	18,451	
Books, maps, and photos	193	-	-	132	325	-	-	325	606	
Travel	2,779	833	442	4,150	8,204	608	185	8,997	15,038	
Public relations	1,747	-	-	2,181	3,928	-	335	4,263	8,157	
Professional services	3,413	120,725	3,672	34,731	162,541	-	-	162,541	158,290	
Memberships and donations	-	-	1,750	1,244	2,994	-	485	3,479	5,158	
Land transactions	-	-	37,572	-	37,572	-	-	37,572	21,731	
Miscellaneous	39	-	-	3,510	3,549	-	-	3,549	5,002	
Total expenses	\$ 151,592	\$ 258,096	\$ 72,655	\$201,002	\$ 683,345	\$ 66,219	\$ 17,985	\$ 767,549	\$ 635,594	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

<i>For the Year Ended December 31, (with comparative totals for 2019)</i>	2020	2019
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 980,269	\$ 670,949
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation	52,330	44,829
Net unrealized gain on investments	(464,304)	(519,488)
Net unrealized gain on beneficial interest	(37,775)	(51,269)
Net realized (income) loss on sales of investments	31,738	(2,451)
Contributions received for investments	(125,800)	(372,010)
Proceeds from lawsuit settlement	(100,000)	-
Proceeds received from farm lease	(20,710)	(6,526)
Contributions received for purchase of equipment	-	(93,970)
Contributions received for future purchases of land for preservation	(42,500)	-
Contributions of land held for preservation	(45,250)	(19,000)
Gain on disposal of assets	-	(1,920)
Change in beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation	14,075	13,745
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Other receivables	(125,000)	-
Unconditional promises to give	-	265,500
Prepaid expenses	136	(2,665)
Accounts payable	-	(2,549)
Accrued expenses	15,196	5,248
Due to Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership	750	7
Unearned revenue	21,626	121,534
Net cash flows from operating activities	154,781	49,964
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	5,799,442	13,688,017
Purchase of marketable securities	(6,053,281)	(13,895,944)
Purchase of property and equipment	(164,825)	(159,246)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(418,664)	(367,173)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from notes payable	55,377	-
Contributions received for investments	125,800	372,010
Proceeds from lawsuit settlement	100,000	-
Proceeds received from farm lease	20,710	6,526
Contributions received for purchase of equipment	-	93,970
Contributions received for future purchase of land for preservation	42,500	-
Net cash flows from financing activities	344,387	472,506
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	80,504	155,297
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	446,654	291,357
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 527,158	\$ 446,654

Supplemental cash flow information:

Non-cash investing activity:

 Donation of land

\$ 45,250 \$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Natural Land Institute (the "Organization") is a nonprofit organization. The Organization's mission is to create an enduring legacy of natural land in northern Illinois for people, plants, and animals.

Comparative Financial Information

The accompanying financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. The estimate of promises to give and fair value of investments are particularly subject to change in the near term.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, which are neither held for nor restricted by donors for long term purposes, to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and highly liquid financial instruments designated by the Board of Trustees, endowments that are perpetual in nature, or other long term purposes are excluded from this definition.

Marketable Securities

The Organization carries investments in marketable securities with readily determined fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Quoted market prices in active markets are used as the basis of measurement. Net investment income (loss) is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Marketable Securities (Continued)

Investments are generally recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices, when available, or estimates of fair value. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, or, if sold immediately after receipt, at the amount of sales proceeds received (which are considered a fair measure of the value at the date of donation). Those investments for which fair value is not readily determinable are carried at cost or, if donated, at fair value at the date of donation, or if no value can be estimated, at a nominal value. Investment income or loss and unrealized gains or losses are included in the statement of activities as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of certain investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Promise to Give

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue in the period promised and as assets, decreases of liability or expenses depending on the form of the benefits received. The Organization records unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset if the discount rates materially affect the amounts expected to be collected. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue in the statement of activities. We determine the allowance for uncollectable promises to give based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Promises to give are written off when deemed uncollectable. An allowance for doubtful accounts was not considered necessary at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Intentions to give are not recognized as revenue unless they are legally enforceable.

Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Community Foundation

The Organization established an endowment fund that is perpetual in nature under the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNI) and is named as beneficiary. The Organization granted variance power to the CFNI, which allows the CFNI to modify any condition or restriction on its distributions for any specified charitable purpose or to any specified organization if, in the sole judgment of the CFNI's Board of Directors, such restriction or condition becomes unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community. The fund is held and invested by the CFNI for the Organization's benefit and is reported at fair value in the statement of financial position, with distributions and changes in fair value recognized in the statement of activities.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Land Held for Preservation

Land acquired for preservation is recorded at actual cost (or, if donated, fair market value on the date donated) and is carried at the acquisition basis throughout the period owned. They are managed in an effort to protect and preserve them.

Conservation Easements

Conservation easements are intangible assets comprised of listed rights and/or restrictions over the owned property that are conveyed by a property owner to the Organization in order to protect the owned property as a natural area, as defined in federal regulations. Conservation easements are granted in perpetuity and stay with the property even if it is sold. The Organization acts as a steward of the rights, ensuring that the landowner or subsequent landowners honor the conservation easement. Conservation easements purchased are recorded at actual cost and is carried at the basis throughout the period owned. If donated, no value has been assigned to the conservation easements due to the lack of foreseeable future cash flow benefits and absence of a secondary conservation easement market.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are valued at cost with an expected life greater than one year and a cost greater than \$2,000. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred. Gains or losses on disposition of property and equipment are reflected in income. Depreciation is computed on the straight line method over the useful lives of the assets ranging from 5 to 30 years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Organization reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. An impairment loss would be recognized when the estimated future cash flows from the use of the asset and its fair value are less than the carrying amount of that asset. The Organization has not recognized any impairment of long-lived assets during 2020 and 2019.

Unearned Revenue

Grants applying to services to be rendered in future periods are recorded as unearned revenue when received and reflected as support in the year when the services are earned. Certain, unexpended grants could be required, under the grant terms, to be returned to the funding entity.

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Net Assets

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions: net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, a board designated quasi-endowment.

Net assets with donor restrictions: net assets subject to donor or certain grantor imposed restrictions. Some donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time, long-lived assets placed in service, or other events specified by the donor. Other explicit donor imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Contribution Recognition

Support and revenue is recognized when earned. Program service fees and payments under cost reimbursable contracts received in advance are deferred to the applicable period in which the related services are performed or expenditures are incurred, respectively. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Contributions with donor restrictions are reported as contributions without donor restrictions if released in the year received. Membership dues are considered by management to be contributions, based upon the economic substance received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

In-Kind Contributions

Volunteers contribute significant amounts of time to the Organization's program services, administration, and fundraising and development activities; however, the financial statements do not reflect the value of these contributed services because they do not meet recognition criteria prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles. Contributed goods are recorded at fair value at the date of donation. The Organization records donated professional services at the respective fair values of the services received if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization. No significant contributions of such goods or services were received during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting service activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Certain costs are attributed to more than one program or supporting function and, therefore, require allocation amount the programs and supporting services benefited. Management believes their allocations are done on a reasonable and consistent basis. Most personnel costs, office expenses, professional services, and other expenses are identified with a specific program or supporting function at the time they are incurred and are reported accordingly. However, some of these expenses require allocation, which is done on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except on net income derived from unrelated business activities. The Organization is classified as a public charity. The Organization is also exempt from Illinois taxing jurisdiction.

Change In Accounting Policies

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. The core principle of the guidance in ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Organization adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2019 as it felt it was the most faithful depiction of the timing of revenue reasonably expected to be collected in exchange for goods or services. The Organization applied Topic 606 on a retrospective basis and elected the practical expedient in paragraph FASB ASC 606-10-65-1(f)(1), under which an entity need not restate contracts that begin and are completed within the same annual reporting period. There was no change to reported revenue, net assets, or the change in net assets for either period presented.

Revenue Recognition

Memberships

Memberships include receiving the Organization's newsletter and an invitation to their special events held during the calendar year. No discounted or free tickets are given to members for these special events. Membership revenue is recognized by the Organization as revenue at the time it is received. There is no other performance obligation by the Organization other than providing the member with a newsletter and invitation to their special events. Memberships cover a twelve month period, thus considered a point in time revenue recognition.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue Recognition (Continued)

Fundraising Events

Fundraising event revenue is recognized by the Organization at the time it is received. All events are held during the calendar year, thus considered a point in time revenue recognition.

Pending Accounting Pronouncements

In 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which is intended to improve financial reporting on leasing transactions. ASU 2016-02 will require lessees to recognize right of use assets and lease obligations for operating and finance leases under terms greater than 12 months. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. ASU 2016-02 must be applied modified retrospectively. Management is evaluating what impact this new standard will have on its financial statements.

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through April 5, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. All subsequent events requiring recognition as of December 31, 2020 have been incorporated herein. See Note 18 for disclosure of subsequent events.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions or designations limiting their use, within twelve months of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following as of December 31,:

	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 527,158	\$ 446,654
Reserve marketable securities	955,508	700,984
Conservation easement fund spending rate distributions and appropriations	5,878	5,000
Endowment spending rate distributions and appropriations	152,119	140,000
Distributions from beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation	13,335	12,000
Total financial assets available for general expenditure within one year	\$ 1,653,998	\$ 1,304,638

As part of the Organization's liquidity management plan, the Organization invests cash in excess of daily requirements in short term investments and money market funds. Occasionally, the Board of Trustees designates a portion of any operating surplus to its operating reserve, which totaled \$955,508 as of December 31, 2020 and \$700,984 as of December 31, 2019.

The Organization's conservation easement fund totaling \$587,793 as of December 31, 2020 and \$489,788 as of December 31, 2019, is subject to an annual spending rate of 1% as an appropriate for annual related expenditures approved by the Board of Trustees. Although the Organization does not intend to spend from this reserved easement fund (other than amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part of the Organization's Board of Trustees's annual budget approval and appropriation), these amounts could be made available if restriction requirements are met.

The Organization's endowment funds consist of donor restricted endowments and funds designated by the Board of Trustees as quasi-endowments. Income from donor restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes, with the exception of the amounts available for general use. Donor restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure.

The Organization's board designated quasi-endowment totaling \$3,380,420 as of December 31, 2020 and \$3,107,429 as of December 31, 2019, is subject to an annual spending rate up to 4.5%, as described further in Note 8. Although the Organization does not intend to spend from this board designated quasi-endowment (other than amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part the Organization's Board of Trustees's annual budget approval and appropriation), these amounts could be made available if necessary.

The Organization's beneficial interest in assets held by community foundation totaling \$333,379 as of December 31, 2020, distributes at an annual spending rate of 4%, as described further in Note 5.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3: Concentrations of Risks and Uncertainties

Credit Risk

The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts at two financial institutions. The balances, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization's uninsured cash balances as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 totaled approximately \$229,000 and \$125,000, respectively.

Support and Revenue

The Organization's funding provided from donor contributions for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 totaled approximately 12% and 24%, respectively.

Note 4: Marketable Securities and Money Market Funds

Marketable securities and money market funds consist of the following as of December 31:

	2020			2019		
	Cost	Unrealized gain	Fair Market Value	Cost	Unrealized gain	Fair Market Value
Marketable securities	\$ 4,891,395	\$ 464,696	\$ 5,356,091	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Money market funds	198,692	-	198,692	4,868,377	-	4,868,377

Net investment income (loss) from marketable securities consist of the following for the years ended December 31:

	2020	2019
Dividends	\$ 104,168	\$ 76,757
Realized gains (losses), net	(31,738)	606,960
Unrealized gains (losses), net	464,696	(120,468)
Investment fees	(22,866)	(41,310)
Investment income (loss), net	\$ 514,260	\$ 521,939

The marketable securities and money market funds are donor restricted or board designated funds.

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Note 5: Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Community Foundation

Starting in 2010, the Organization transferred \$240,000 of donations to the CFNI to establish an endowment fund. Under the terms of the agreement, in the third quarter of each year, the Organization receives a distribution at an annual spending rate of 4%. The Organization cannot withdraw the original amount transferred or any appreciation on those transferred assets. At the time of the transfer, the Organization granted variance power to the Foundation. That power gives the Foundation the right to distribute the investment income to another not-for-profit organization of its choice if the organization ceases to exist or if the governing board of CFNI votes that support of the Organization (a) is no longer necessary or (b) is inconsistent with the needs of the CFNI community. The endowment fund is reported in the statement of financial position as beneficial interest in assets held by community foundation totaling \$333,379 and \$309,679 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 6: Unconditional Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give consist of the following as of December 31:

	2020	2019
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,500
Receivable in one to four years	-	500
Unconditional promises to give	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000

Note 7: Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an ordinary transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three tier hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted market prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore, requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The asset's or liability's fair value measurement within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The methods described below may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair value. Furthermore, while the Organization believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 7: Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Common stocks: valued at the daily closing priced as reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Exchanged traded funds: valued at the daily closing priced as reported on the active market on which the individual exchanged traded funds are traded.

Mutual funds: valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Organization are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Organization are deemed to be actively traded.

Money market funds: valued using a net asset value of \$1.

Beneficial interest in assets held by CFNI: valued at the beneficial interest in assets held at the fair value of the Organization's share of the investment pool as of the measurement date. The investment pool is based on quoted net asset values of underlying investments held by the investment pool adjusted by an asset charge. The underlying investments held in the investment pool are composed approximately of 35% domestic equities, 30% foreign stocks, 25% bonds and 10% alternative investments including hedge funds, real estate and private equity funds.

The following tables present the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy as of:

<i>December 31, 2020</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds:				
Common stocks	\$ 3,674,808			\$ 3,674,808
Government agencies	288,559			288,559
Corporate bond	1,312,284			1,312,284
Fixed income exchange traded funds	52,885			52,885
Real estate	27,555			27,555
Money market	198,692			198,692
Beneficial interest in assets held by CFNI		\$ 333,379		333,379
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ 5,554,783	\$ 333,379		\$ 5,888,162

<i>December 31, 2019</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 4,868,377			\$ 4,868,377
Beneficial interest in assets held by CFNI		\$ 309,679		309,679
Total assets measured at fair value	\$ 4,868,377	\$ 309,679		\$ 5,178,056

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Note 8: Endowment and Quasi-Endowment Funds

The Board of Trustees has interpreted Illinois' adoption of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) to permit the Organization to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of an endowment fund, as the institution determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment fund is established, unless stated to the contrary by the donor as expressed in the gift instrument.

The primary long term financial objective for the Organization's endowments is to preserve the real purchasing power of endowment assets and income after accounting for endowment spending and costs of portfolio management. Performance of the overall endowment against this objective is measured over rolling periods of one, three, and five years.

Quasi-endowment funds are funds merely earmarked by an organization's governing board, rather than restricted by a donor, to be invested to provide income for a long but unspecified period, and the governing board has the right to decide at any time to expend the principal of such funds. If the market value of the net assets with donor restrictions at year end is below the original fair value, a deficit is recorded within net assets with donor restrictions.

The aggregate endowment funds are managed to optimize the long run total rate of return on invested assets, assuming a prudent level of risk. The goal for this rate of return is one that provides funding for the Organization's existing spending policy. Over the short term, the return for each element of the endowment portfolio should match or exceed each of the returns for the broader capital markets in which assets are invested.

The endowment assets are governed by a spending policy that seeks to distribute a specific payout rate up to 4.5% of the endowment base to support the Organization's programs annually. The endowment distribution is made quarterly, currently at approximately 1% of the market value of the total endowment portfolio on the last day of the quarter. Such a policy will allow for a greater predictability of spendable income for budgeting purposes and for gradual steady growth for the support of operations by the endowments. In addition, this policy will minimize the probability of invading the principal over the long term. Spending in a given year will reduce the unit value of each endowment element by the payout percentage. In the case of short term declines in the market value of the endowment pool of funds, the overall spending rate may be calculated below the designated payout percentage in order to maintain the original unit value of certain elements of the true endowment. Growth of the unit values over time should allow for spending of principal, without drawing from the original corpus of a particular gift.

From time to time, certain donor restricted endowment funds may have fair values less than the amount required to be maintained by donors or by law (underwater endowments). We have interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater endowments in accordance with prudent measures required under law.

As of December 31, 2020, the Board of Trustees had designated \$1,416,593 of unrestricted net assets as a quasi-endowment fund to support the mission of the Organization. In addition, the endowment fund also consists of donor restricted endowment funds and beneficial interest in assets held by community foundation.

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Note 8: Endowment and Quasi-Endowment Funds (Continued)

Endowment funds and quasi-endowment funds are invested in common stocks, exchanged traded funds, mutual funds and money market funds. The total endowment will be monitored on a continual basis for consistency of investment philosophy, return relative to objectives, and asset allocation.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund consist of the following as of:

<i>December 31, 2020</i>	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Board designated quasi-endowment funds	\$ 1,416,593		\$ 1,416,593
Donor restricted endowment funds:			
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation		\$ 333,379	333,379
Original donor restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor		2,179,403	2,179,403
Accumulated investment losses		(215,577)	(215,577)
Total endowment and quasi-endowment funds	\$ 1,416,593	\$ 2,297,205	\$ 3,713,798

<i>December 31, 2019</i>	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Board designated quasi-endowment funds	\$ 1,310,836		\$ 1,310,836
Donor restricted endowment funds:			
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation		\$ 309,679	309,679
Original donor restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor		2,243,696	2,243,696
Accumulated investment losses		(447,103)	(447,103)
Total endowment and quasi-endowment funds	\$ 1,310,836	\$ 2,106,272	\$ 3,417,108

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Note 8: Endowment and Quasi-Endowment Funds (Continued)

Endowment net asset components of change by type of fund consist of the following for the years ended:

<i>December 31, 2020</i>	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 1,310,836	\$ 2,106,272	\$ 3,417,108
Investment gain, net	139,031	223,613	362,644
Contributions		20,800	20,800
Appropriations pursuant to agency spending rate policy		(11,754)	(11,754)
Appropriations pursuant to spending rate policy		(41,726)	(41,726)
Distributions pursuant to distribution policy	(33,274)		(33,274)
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 1,416,593	\$ 2,297,205	\$ 3,713,798

<i>December 31, 2019</i>	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Balance, January 1, 2019	\$ 1,215,134	\$ 1,668,611	\$ 2,883,745
Investment gain, net	146,361	227,438	373,799
Contributions		290,150	290,150
Appropriations pursuant to agency spending rate policy		(11,586)	(11,586)
Appropriations pursuant to spending rate policy		(68,341)	(68,341)
Distributions pursuant to distribution policy	(50,659)		(50,659)
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 1,310,836	\$ 2,106,272	\$ 3,417,108

Note 9: Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following as of December 31:

	Depreciable Lives	2020	2019
Buildings	7 - 30 years	\$ 58,675	\$ 58,675
Office furniture and equipment	5 - 10 years	361,787	361,787
Construction in progress		-	15,425
Total property and equipment		420,462	435,887
Less accumulated depreciation		(244,811)	(192,481)
Property and equipment, net		\$ 175,651	\$ 243,406

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Note 10: Fiscal Agent Relationship

The Organization was asked to serve as the fiscal agent for Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership to administer grants the fiscal agents received and other revenues. The undisbursed grants and other monies totaling \$2,266 and \$1,516 are recorded on the statement of financial position as an asset and liability as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 11: Contingency

The Organization, under Illinois unemployment compensation regulations, has been recognized as self-insured for purposes of unemployment compensation insurance. Accordingly, no charges are paid to the Illinois Director of Labor during the year unless legitimate claims for unemployment compensation are filed by former employees. When such claims are filed, the Organization is liable for the unemployment compensation paid by the State of Illinois to the filing parties. There were no claims filed for which the Organization was liable for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Organization is contingently liable for all future potential unemployment compensation claims from current employees. A liability has been recorded as an estimate of future claims totaling \$15,000 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 12: Deferred Revenue

The Organization received revenues; however, not yet earned relating to service grants which consist of the following as of December 31:

	2020	2019
Grand Victoria Operating Grant	\$ 54,817	\$ 51,393
Apple River Canyon Restoration Grants	64,184	82,630
Apple River Canyon, The Nature Conservancy	9,284	9,284
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant	7,500	13,996
Northwest Illinois Land and Water Conservation Plan Grant	1,467	4,126
Stewardship Grant, anonymous grantor	-	20,000
Vital Lands Network Grant	-	6,328
Four Rivers Environmental Coalition Grant	2,289	2,289
Land Acquisition Grant	-	17,000
Grand Victoria Foundation, Silver Creek Woods Grant	21,807	87,383
Brubaker Family Foundation Grant	65,007	-
Jane Addamsland Park Foundation	80,000	-
The Conservation Fund	9,700	-
Deferred revenue	\$ 316,055	\$ 294,429

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Note 13: Notes Payable

As of December 31, 2020, the Organization had an outstanding loan of \$55,378 from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), as a result of legislation passed to assist businesses in navigating the Coronavirus pandemic. Under the terms of the original loan agreement, the loan bears interest at a rate of 1% with monthly payments of \$3,116 commencing seven months after funding and extending for a two-year term.

The aggregate maturities required on the note payable at December 31, 2020 are summarized as follows:

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	<i>2020</i>
2021	\$ 33,810
2022	21,568
2023	-
2024	-
2025	-
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 55,378

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Note 14: Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following as of December 31:

	2020	2019
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Lands owned Stewardship	\$ 335,492	\$ 258,532
Purchases of new land for preservation	631,062	570,176
Stewardship of Carroll Creek	17,132	17,132
Promises to give, proceeds from which have been restricted by donors for:		
Stewardship and restoration of Nygren Wetland Preserve	6,000	6,000
Endowments subject to spending policy and appropriation:		
Stewardship and restoration of land held for preservation	1,963,826	2,028,119
Not subject to spending policy or appropriation:		
Beneficial interest in assets held by community foundation	333,379	309,679
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 3,286,891	\$ 3,189,638

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donors as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2020	2019
Expiration of time restrictions	\$ 769,412	\$ 383,287
Satisfaction of purpose restriction:		
Enforcement and defense of conservation easements	2,500	2,500
Distributions:		
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation	11,754	11,586
Restricted purpose spending rate distributions and appropriations:		
Stewardship and restoration of land held for preservation	41,726	68,341
Net assets released from donor restrictions	\$ 825,392	\$ 465,714

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Note 15: Retirement Plan

The Organization offers a tax deferred annuity plan qualified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan covers full-time employees of the Organization which three months of service. Employees may make contributions to the plan up to the maximum amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Code if they wish. There were no contributions made on behalf of the Organization.

Note 16: Donated Services

A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to the operations of the Organization's programs, principally in restoration and educational programs. The value of these donated services and time is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements because they do not meet the criteria for recognition.

Note 17: Risks and Uncertainties

Beginning in March 2020, the United States economy began to suffer adverse effects from the Covid-19 virus crisis ("CV19 Crisis"). The effects of CV19 Crisis continue to evolve as of the date of this report. Management believes the future impact of the CV19 Crisis on the Organization cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Note 18: Subsequent Events

On January 25, 2021, the Organization received a second disbursement in the amount of \$68,062 from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), as a result of legislation passed to assist businesses navigating the Coronavirus pandemic. Under the terms of the original loan agreement, the loan bears interest at a rate of 1% with monthly payments of principal and interest to be determined based upon a loan forgiveness application being filed within 10 months after the end of the Organization's loan forgiveness covered period and the loan forgiveness application being accepted.

On March 26, 2021, the Organization filed a loan forgiveness application for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$55,378 received during 2020.

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Schedule of Conservation Easements (Unaudited)

December 31, 2020

County	Area Name	Acres	Acquired	Owner
Bureau	Walnut Grove Woodland	7.30	7/19/1984	Bureau Co. Soil & Water Conservation District
Bureau	McCune Sand Prairie	200.00	7/19/1984	Bureau Co. Soil & Water Conservation District
Bureau	Ross Wildlife Refuge	63.40	7/19/1984	Bureau Co. Soil & Water Conservation District
Carroll	John Nickels	80.00	6/11/2007	John Nickels
Carroll	Banes	151.10	12/23/2008	Douglas & Janice Banes
Carroll	Stretton	35.00	11/7/2013	Robert & Vicki Stretton
DeKalb	Pizzo Prairie	40.00	12/31/2004	Jack Pizzo
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	20.23	12/15/2003	Richard & Jane Hoffman
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	5.42	12/15/2003	Arthur Wittwer
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	81.27	12/15/2003	Richard & Jane Hoffman
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	82.62	12/15/2003	Jane Hoffman
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	44.76	2/1/2004	Thomas Williams
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	41.48	2/1/2004	Mark & Marcia Wittwer/Timothy & Dianna Wittwer
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy	21.90	2/1/2004	Margaret Drendel
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy 2	10.00	5/2/2006	Daniel & Cynthia Fischer
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy 3	30.00	11/24/2008	William & Judith Gontko
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy 3	22.85	11/24/2008	Edward & Patricia Hoff
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy 3	24.89	12/3/2008	Timothy Murphy
DeKalb	Clear Water Legacy 3	31.85	12/3/2008	Mark & Marcia Wittwer/Timothy & Dianna Wittwer
Jo Daviess	Hanover Bluff	88.82	2/3/2003	Tim Dimke
Jo Daviess	Hanover Bluff	37.16	2/6/2003	Ulrike Rachuy
Jo Daviess	Hanover Bluff	79.76	5/9/2003	The Prairie Enthusiasts (Hanley)
Jo Daviess	Hanover Bluff/Roberts	44.23	6/15/2005	The Prairie Enthusiasts
Jo Daviess	Valley of Eden	408.59	8/12/2017	Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
Lake	Pohickory	31.00	1/17/1996	Land Conservancy of Lake Co.
Ogle	Cain Farm	130.00	12/17/1998	Steve Schlicper & Kim Smeja
Ogle	Cain Farm	92.00	3/1/2011	Anthony Benesh
Ogle	Piros Prairie	6.89	12/29/1995	Bob & Sheryl Piros
Ogle	Carpenter Tract	0.38	4/27/1996	Eileen Moore
Ogle	Silver Creek Biodiversity Preserve: Tarbox Unit	48.86	9/14/2012	Northwest Allinois Audubon Society
Ogle	West Grove	40.00	6/20/2000	Mary Blackmore
Pope	War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary	483.00	1990 - 2000	Illinois Audubon Society
St. Clair	Pruitt Sinkhole	15.00	1/19/2000	Charles and Melba Pruitt
Sangamon	Robinson Woods #1-#6	6.36	1990 - 2003	Friends of the Sangamon Valley
Stephenson	Patricia Knight	49.37	12/31/2007	Nancy Klehm
Whiteside	Lyndon-Agnew Triangle Prairie	10.20	9/28/1993	Whiteside Co. Soil & Water Conservation District
Whiteside	Spring Slough	20.87	5/4/1994	Whiteside Co. Soil & Water Conservation District
Whiteside	Durward-Hardin Farm	272.00	8/23/2000	Marge Hardin Family
Whiteside	Kerr Farm	379.00	12/18/2008	Corliss Kerr
Winnebago	Burr Oak Valley Preserve	3.38	11/1/1988	David and Karen Wade
Winnebago	John Carleton	152.89	11/21/2006	John Carleton
Winnebago	Nygren Wetland Preserve	5.99	1/13/2006	Mark Shedd
Winnebago	John Peterson Farm	101.50	12/27/2007	John R. Peterson
Winnebago	Ottertail Marsh	131.51	9/16/2010	Mark Cagnoni
Winnebago	Pecatonica Woodlands	68.00	7/21/2011	Daniel Marske and Jim Dixon
Winnebago	Mary Sackett Prairie	26.50	12/27/2007	George Johnson
Winnebago	Stone Bridge Nature Trail	69.99	11/7/1994	Roscoe Township
Winnebago	Stone Bridge Nature Trail	16.83	1/5/2005	Roscoe Township
		3,814.15		

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Schedule of Land Held for Preservation (Unaudited)
December 31, 2020

Description	Acres	Value
Apple River Canyon (Rhodes tract), Jo Daviess County, Illinois	149.10	\$ 670,000
Hanover Forest, Jo Daviess County, Illinois	34.64	84,000
Beach Cemetery Prairie Nature Preserve, Ogle County, Illinois	4.00	-
Carpenter Tract, Ogle County, Illinois	4.00	9,000
Howard D. Colman Dells Preserve, Ogle County, Illinois	37.86	102,269
Devil's Backbone, Ogle County, Illinois	59.10	59,250
Kyte River, Ogle County, Illinois	233.30	466,000
Schol-Mar Farm, Ogle County, Illinois	62.68	413,700
Milan Bottoms, Rock Island County, Illinois	93.23	458,798
KaNella Renshaw, White County, Illinois	80.00	42,000
Lyndon-Agnew, Whiteside County, Illinois Burlington-Northern-Right of Way	78.00	23,980
Burr Oak Valley Preserve (Burchfield Tract), Winnebago County, Illinois	62.60	150,000
Burr Oak Valley Preserve (McCleary Woods), Winnebago County, Illinois	35.00	382,000
Harlem Hills Prairie (Atwood Tract), Winnebago County, Illinois	1.79	2,500
Howard D. Colman Nature Preserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	54.69	136,231
Richard Conklin Preserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	136.20	332,375
Addison Foss Farm, Winnebago County, Illinois	407.60	1,691,000
William and Gayle Keefer Nature Reserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	36.52	225,000
Kilbuck Creek, Winnebago County, Illinois	4.60	23,200
Lind-McGeachie Preserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	54.62	230,850
Lost Flora Fen, Winnebago County, Illinois	40.20	126,000
Nieman Marsh, Winnebago County, Illinois	39.00	135,160
Carl and Mryna Nygren Wetland Preserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	705.80	946,343
Ottertail Marsh (Deery Tract), Winnebago County, Illinois	2.75	6,875
Pecatonica Ridge Prairie, Winnebago County, Illinois	80.00	400,000
Pecatonica Woodlands, Winnebago County, Illinois	142.26	554,806
Silver Creek Preserve, Winnebago County, Illinois	160.20	602,220
	2,799.74	\$ 8,273,557

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Schedule of Support and Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets
Carl and Myrna Nygren Wetland Project (Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Support and revenue:	
Donations	\$ 23,632
Grants	680
Event proceeds	3,955
Investment income, net	46,186
Program fees and reimbursements	610
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Total support and revenue	75,063
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Expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	65,824
Field supplies	14,313
Travel	2,779
Contractual services	3,413
Telephone	1,000
Utilities	3,006
Postage	60
Equipment maintenance	6,980
Insurance	15,800
Marketing	1,923
Books, maps, and photos	193
Miscellaneous	39
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Total expenses	115,330
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Change in net assets	(40,267)
Net assets, beginning of year	28,194
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Net assets, end of year	\$ (12,073)

Summarized from other information