

KEWEENAW LAND TRUST

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

June 19, 2000

KLT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dana Richter, Hancock – President
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Prepared by Dana Richter, KLT President

This has been another productive year for the Keweenaw Land Trust, thanks to the tremendous effort of our board and volunteers, and with the support of our members. We have accepted another 200 acres of forest and wetland to protect at the head of the Keweenaw Bay, our first acquisition in Baraga County. This brings our land holdings to 230 acres owned and 260 acres under conservation easement.

Although acquiring land or conservation easements is central to our goals, this past year we have also conducted considerable public outreach and community education. We sponsored or took part in community forums, workshops and field events that give visibility to the Trust and demonstrate its viability.

The Common Ground Workshop, sponsored by the Keweenaw Land Trust and the Keweenaw Industrial Council, brought together 34 community businesses, landowners, educators, governments, and environmental groups to discuss interests, concerns, and ways to work towards common goals for the future of the Keweenaw. Partners in the workshop also included the MTU Groundwater Education in Michigan Center and the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce.

The objective of the Keweenaw Land Trust to integrate the community into its goals is reflected precisely in our new mission statement, another accomplishment of the past year. We have learned a lot since the founding of the Trust, and some of our early conceptions of how a land trust works have been reshaped by the experience of actually operating one. To improve our internal operations, we held an orientation workshop in the fall and strategic planning workshops in the winter. At the orientation meeting we improved our committee structure and functions. Then Board members met two Saturdays in January and February to review our past and envision our future. With a lot of hard thinking and effort we agreed on a mission we all can work for: *The Keweenaw Land Trust is a community partner dedicated to preserving the quality of life in the Keweenaw through land conservation.*

When considering the people involved in the Keweenaw Land Trust—board members, volunteers and members—two words describe the cause we share to protect the land we love: *commitment and dedication*. Four board members will leave the board this year after three to four years of service. They have helped lay the foundation for the future work of the Trust. To be sure, their concern for the Keweenaw will guarantee their continued commitment and dedication to the land, even as they put their energy into other efforts. They have set the stage for the important land planning and protection that needs to be done, and we welcome their continued involvement. I encourage you to review the history of the Keweenaw Land Trust and its accomplishments during these short four years, which are outlined in the Appendix to this Annual Report.

This brings me to the last point I would like to emphasize about the Keweenaw Land Trust. I think of the organization we have formed as a solid, sustaining entity in the community, one that may have its ups and downs and spurts of activity, but one that is here for the long term. By investing efforts in caring for the land, we are planting seeds that will bear fruit far into the future. Thanks to all who have contributed to this effort.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared by Christa Walck, Treasurer

Fiscal Year 2000 (ending June 30, 2000)

I. Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues:	2000*	1999*
Membership and member donations	\$4,610	\$4,310
KLT T-shirt sales	104	150
Land Trust Alliance Scholarships	-	800
Michigan Economic Council Grant	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	\$5,514	\$5,260
Expenses		
Printing (newsletter), copying and supplies	\$ 838	415
Postage, P.O. Box and Bank Box Rental	274	314
Meeting expenses (Annual, workshops)	216	245
National Land Trust Rally	250	800
Common Ground Workshop	800	-
KLT T-Shirts	-	318
Organizational Memberships (LTA & MLUI)	250	175
Attorney fees	-	120
Liability Insurance (LTA comprehensive - 2 yrs)	-	800
Indemnity Bonding (KLT president & treasurer)	90	90
Incorporation renewal fee	10	10
Property tax (Paavola Wetland)	<u>252</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,980	\$3,287
<i>Net Revenue</i>	<i>\$2,534</i>	<i>\$1,973</i>
Carryover [\$-10 adj.]	\$3,813	\$1,850
Current Funds Available	\$6,347	\$3,823

* Fiscal years, ending June 30

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Fiscal year 2000 (ending June 30,2000)

II. Statement of In-Kind Donations

Board members and volunteers contributed in-kind donations of time, professional services and out-of-pocket expenses:

	2000	1999
Total Hours	1,260	819
Valued @ \$10/hr.	\$12,600	\$8,190
Attorney pro-bono services	300	300
Title search pro-bono services	-	75
Airline Frequent Flyer Miles	500	-
Miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses	<u>600</u>	<u>2,249</u>
Total	\$14,000	\$10,814

III. Endowment Funds

	2000	1999
Keweenaw Community Foundation Endowment Fund	\$12,020	\$4,660
Horse Tail Scramble Fundraiser*	\$3,661	\$2,700

* Hosted by Terry Kinzel and Sue Ellen Kingsley

IV. Land Donation

In May, 2000, KLT accepted a donation of 200 acres of land in Baraga County from the Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The assessed value of this property is yet to be determined.

The KLT Board of Directors is grateful to everyone who donated their time, funds, and land to advance the mission of the Keweenaw Land Trust! Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Michelle Morgan (Chair), Steve Albee, Jim Boyce, Jay Johnson, Sue Ellen Kingsley, Terry Kinzel, Denise Marth.

I. Membership

Current Membership: 121 households
New members in 1999/2000: 15

II. Activities

Our first objective this year was to develop and maintain a membership database. We maintained an updated membership list and focused our efforts on increasing membership renewals. Personalized mailings were sent to those whose memberships had lapsed, and at this time 69% of our membership has renewed. We developed and the Board approved membership levels as follows:

Basic	\$ 20
Protector	50
Guardian	100
Steward	250
Conservator	1000

We are now developing a mailing list of prospective new members in preparation for a membership drive in fall 2000.

Another objective was to promote membership benefits. With the help of Dana Richter, cards and letters were sent to members thanking them for their contributions. We have been researching a map of land ownership in the Keweenaw, with a plan to print it and offer it as a premium for joining KLT.

Our last activity was coordinating this Annual Meeting.

III. Future Plans

- Fall 2000 membership drive
- Recruit a volunteer to enter data into a membership database program
- Continue our work on the map
- Encourage all of you to renew your annual memberships

LAND MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Greg Kudray, (Chair), Steve Albee Jeff Flam, Dana Richter, Pat Toczydlowski

I. Activities

One of the most important projects facilitated by the committee was the acquisition of the Sixmile Creek property, which comprises 200 acres of wetland and forest at the head of the Keweenaw Bay in Baraga County. The committee completed all of the steps for acceptance of the property, which was transferred to KLT by The Nature Conservancy. Thanks to the new regional Nature Conservancy representative, Tina Hall, for expediting the process. Greg Kudray conducted the on-foot inspections, and Michelle Morgan diligently oversaw proper transference of the deed. A field trip is scheduled for members to explore the property on July 1.

The committee organized member visits and field trips to the Paavola Wetlands and the Simi properties in the past year. The Paavola Wetlands is being considered as a site for a nature interpretive trail, which the local Boy Scouts may help to construct. In addition, a KLT volunteer will develop a recreational management plan for the property as part of a graduate course. Pat Toczydlowski contacted township officials to request that taxes be waived for the Paavola Wetlands property due to our ownership and its use for the public good. We are in the process of designing signs to identify KLT's stewardship of both the Sixmile Creek and Paavola Wetlands properties.

We have been acknowledged locally and nationally for collaborating with Trout Unlimited in stream improvement projects on the Pilgrim River south of Houghton, although our involvement was peripheral.

II. Future Plans

- We continue to work with a Pilgrim River landowner with the possibility of eventual long-term protection of his property.
- At least two other projects are in the early stages of development and are being reviewed by the committee; one would protect a long stretch of critical Lake Superior shoreline.

PUBLICATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members: Christa Walck (chair), Cindy Drake, Emily Fiala, Sue Ellen Kingsley, Dana Richter

I. Activities

We published three newsletters since the last annual meeting. Sue Ellen Kingsley has taken on the job of newsletter editor and significantly improved the professional quality of our newsletter, which is growing in size. Cindy Drake is preparing the popular new feature Keweenaw News.

Hot off the press is our newly revised KLT brochure, available at the back of the room, with our new mission statement and membership categories. Cindy Drake, Dana Richter and Christa Walck completed this revision.

Our major outreach activity this year was the Common Ground Workshop for Sustainable Development in the Keweenaw, held in April 2000. The one-day workshop was funded by an \$800 grant from the Michigan Economic and Environmental Roundtable and a \$400 matching grant from the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation. The workshop was co-sponsored by Keweenaw Industrial Council, and Michigan Tech GEM Center for Science and Environmental Outreach was an active partner in developing and implementing the workshop. Over 30 local leaders from diverse organizations, including several members of the Keweenaw Land Trust, attended the workshop to explore common values and concerns. A strongly-held common value was the natural environment in which we live. Task forces are starting to work on issues identified by the participants, including the need for land-use planning by municipalities, an inventory of resources and watersheds, and value-added sustainable businesses.

Other outreach activities included hosting two community awareness events: Emily Fiala organized the Winter Snowshoe Walk for the Millenium at the Paavola Wetlands, and Dana Richter gave a talk on conservation easements at NorthWinds Books in Eagle Harbor. Emily Fiala has taken on the responsibility of ensuring that our events are publicized in the local media.

Finally, we produced the 2000 Annual Report. It has been a busy year.

II. Future Plans

- KLT Web page
- Continue Common Ground initiative

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Members: Terry Kinzel (Chair), Jim Boyce, Sue Ellen Kingsley, Denise Marth, Michelle Morgan

I. Activities

The primary fundraising event for the past year was the second Horse Tail Scramble held at Churning Rapids on July 4, 1999. Begun modestly in 1998, the 1999 Scramble grew into a delightful event which brought in over \$3500 to the KLT Endowment Fund, include matching gifts of \$1250 by Steve Zutter of Edward Jones & Company of Hancock, and an anonymous donor. Portage Health System provided a generous grant of \$500 in support of health-related activities for our communities.

The race committee is hard at work preparing for this year's Horse Tail Scramble which promises to be bigger yet. At the time of the report we have received pledges of \$2000 in matching funds and \$500 grants each from Portage Health System and Keweenaw Memorial Medical Center supporting the run and fitness walk.

II. Future Plans

- Brochure on Planned Giving

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Emily Fiala (chair), Pat Toczydlowski, Christa Walck

I. Orientation & Strategic Planning

This is a new committee, the need for which was identified at the fall Orientation meeting. At this meeting, the Board reviewed and revised its committee structure and the responsibilities assigned to each.

The Board Development Committee helped organize this winter's strategic planning process. With former Board member Doug Sherk serving as facilitator, the Board met on two Saturdays in January and February to 1) discuss their vision for KLT, 2) examine the organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis), 3) develop a mission statement, and 4) identify critical issues.

II. Recruitment

The committee has initiated efforts to identify skills needed on the Board to aid in the recruitment of Board members who can fill voids in certain areas of expertise.

III. Future Plans

- Continue strategic planning with development of goals and objectives to address critical issues
- Develop a Board manual
- Recruit new Board and committee members throughout the year
- Build a scholarship fund to enable Board members to attend conferences
- Develop a mechanism for annual assessment of Board

Brief History of the Keweenaw Land Trust

Prepared by Dana Richter
for Board Strategic Planning Meeting, 22 January, 2000 (revised 2/00)

Started organizing in summer 1994 after the MTU Ventures land sale

- some sort of conservancy was in mind
- Terry Kinzel and Sue Ellen Kinglsey initiated, had meetings at their house
- main early organizers: Cindy Drake, Jeff Flam, Michelle Morgan, Pat Toczydowski, Dana Richter
- other people who had early input: Dave Toczydowski, Phil Morgan, Janet and Bob Marr, Sue Andres, Sue Raker
- drafted by-laws based on examples and Land Trust Alliance books
- organized board and made lots of contacts
- established fiscal year from June 30 to June 30
- meetings four times a year plus an annual membership meeting
- 12 March 1996 incorporated KLT in the State of Michigan as a nonprofit corporation
 - with help from Bill O'Donnell and Jeryl Manchester
 - Incorporators: Terry Kinzel, Michelle Morgan and Dana Richter

First KLT "organizational" meeting 15 April 1996. First officers and board (8) for year 96/97:

- Michelle Morgan - Pres, Terry Kinzel - VP, Jeff Flam - Sec, Dana Richter - Tres.
- other board members: Doug Sherk, Pat Toczydowski, Dave Rulison, Denise Marth
- later that year became tax exempt retroactive to March 1996
- opened checking account at Superior National Bank
- President and Treasurer became bonded in October: \$5000 each against fraud

24 June 1997 First Annual Meeting

- 80 members, budget of \$2,200, assets of \$880
- officers and board (10) for year 97/98:
 - Terry Kinzel - Pres, Greg Kudray (new)- VP, Pat Toczydowski - Sec, Dana Richter - Tres.
- Doug Sherk, Dave Rulison, Denise Marth, Jeff Flam, Michelle Morgan, Christa Walck (new)

29 June 1998 Second Annual Meeting

- 100 members total, budget of \$2,300, assets of \$1,850
- officers and board (10) for year 98/99:
 - Greg Kudray - Pres, Michelle Morgan - VP, Pat Toczydowski - Sec, Dana Richter - Tres.
- Doug Sherk, Denise Marth, Terry Kinzel, Jeff Flam, Christa Walck, Emily Fiala (new)
- changed to meet six times a year

28 June 1999 Third Annual Meeting

-110 members total, budget of \$3,300, assets of \$3,800, in kind donations \$10,800

-officers and board (10) for year 99/00:

-Dana Richter - Pres, Michelle Morgan - VP, Terry Kinzel - Sec, Christa Walck - Tres.,
Denise Marth, Jeff Flam, Pat Toczydowski, Emily Fiala, Greg Kudray, Jim Boyce (new)

Keweenaw Land Trust Accomplishments to January 2000

1. Organizing and establishing a Land Trust is a major feat in itself
 - we have joined and interacted with other Michigan land trusts and land preservation organizations since 1996
2. Designed and printed 2000 copies of our brochure; ready for a redesign and reprinting.
 - first 1000 were produced with help from a MEC grant
3. Published 3 to 4 newsletters each year; have done two mailings of approx. 300-500
4. Established a visible role in the local community, newspaper, DNR, Lake Superior Land Co., local governments, Northwind Books, WUPFID
5. Participated in a land use education workshop with GEM Center, funded by MEC in 1997
 - created a presentation for public information and outreach
6. Created and adopted criteria, guidelines and steps for land acquisition and conservation easements.
 - Other forms created: -baseline data checklist
 - application for land preservation
 - property inspection form
7. Participated in UP landscape assessment process with the Nature Conservancy 1998
8. Established an endowment fund with the Keweenaw Community Foundation (~\$10,000)
 - Annual Horse Tail Scramble fundraiser started in 1998 for the endowment (thanks to Terry Kinzel and Sue Ellen Kingsley!)
9. Have joined the Land Trust Alliance and are insured through them
 - have adopted their Standards and Practices for land trusts
10. Organized a seminar/workshop for local attorneys and appraisers with grant from the Keweenaw Community Foundation
11. Have sent board members to the last two national Land Trust Alliance Rallies
 - received grants from the Land Trust Alliance for travel, registration and lodging
12. Participated in a second Land Use Workshop with the GEM Center and LWV in late 1999
13. Negotiated our first conservation easement on 260 acres of forest land in south Houghton Co.

14. Accepted our first donation of 30 acres of wetland from the Mason's by Paavola
-held a reception there in spring 1999, and a snowshoe outing New Year's Day 2000
15. Received 200 acres at the head of the Keweenaw Bay donated to us by the Nature Conservancy
16. Have been working with a property owner to help protect his property on the Pilgrim River
-have collaborated with Trout Unlimited (in the background) on projects there
17. Have received a grant for ecological data base software (ArcInfo) worth \$1200 (Greg Kudray)
18. Received MEC grant (Christa Walck) to hold a Common Ground Workshop in partnership with the Keweenaw Industrial Council, Chamber of Commerce and GEM Center, spring 2000.
19. Have had 3 successful annual membership meetings
20. Reprinted revised brochure.
21. Membership increased to 120 members.

2000 KEWEENAW LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP

Steve & Judy Albee, Hancock, MI
Frank Alpeters, Houghton, MI
Kate Alvord & Kraig Klungness, Houghton, MI
Howard & Selma Anderson, Hancock, MI
Laura Anderson & Jackson Scholl, Kalamazoo, MI
Donna Armistead, Hancock, MI
Mike & Cathy Aten, Chassell, MI
Janet & Bud Avery, Mohawk, MI
Dave Bach, Houghton, MI
Ron & Judy Backus, Hermansville, MI
George & Merry Ball, Traverse City, MI
Susan Barakat & Brian Logan, Presque Isle, WI
Sylvia Barnard, Houghton, MI
Bruce Beaudoin & Gretchen Hein, Hubbell, MI
Robert P. Beck, Cleveland, OH
Nicholas Bell & Theresa Rekawek, Mohawk, MI
Carol Berkenkotter & Jim Hefling, Houghton, MI
Lynn Bjorkman, Calumet, MI
William & Joanne Blumhardt, Houghton, MI
Ted & Laurie Bornhorst, Houghton, MI
Alice & Jim Boyce, Houghton, MI
Kristine Bradof, Houghton, MI
Marianne & Alan Brokaw, Houghton, MI
Vi & Bob Brown, Houghton, MI
Chuck Brumleve, Marquette, MI
John Paul Carpenter, Houghton, MI
Steve & Joan Chadde, Calumet, MI
Janet Dalquist, Houghton, MI
Becky & Bob Darling, Chassell, MI
Evan Dixon, Houghton, MI
Jeanne Dzik, Lake Ann, MI
Emily & Frank Fiala, Hancock, MI
Virginia Kemp Fish, Stevens Point, WI
Jeff Flam & Cindy Drake, Houghton, MI
Jo Foley, Laurium, MI
Audrey & Paul Frair, Houghton, MI
Sharon & Warren Gaskill, Black Earth, WI
Andrew Geffort, Houghton, MI
Phil & Vera Gerhardt, East Lansing, MI
Lynn & John Gierke, Chassell, MI
Friederika Greuer, Houghton, MI
Rosemary Grier & John Welch, Pelkie, MI
Bob Hagen, Golden Valley, MN
Isabelle Hagen, Houghton, MI
Tina Hall & Bruce Ventura, Lake Linden, MI
Dave Harmon & Susan Dlutkowski, Atlantic Mine, MI
Chuck Harris & Diana George, Hancock, MI
George Hartmann, Racine, WI
Andrea Hauge & Loyal Bacon, Houghton, MI
Geri Hawley, Ontonagon, MI
Bonnie Hay, Mohawk, MI
Hanne Hellowell, Hancock, MI
George Hite, Eagle Harbor, MI
Karen Hubbard, Hancock, MI
Jackie Huntoon, Houghton, MI
Georgiana Hurst, Marquette, MI
Connie Julien, Chassell, MI
Ann & Paul Kemppainen, Hancock, MI
Frank Kerwin & Sue Micensky, Negaunee, MI
Phillip Kingsley, Bluffton, OH
Terry Kinzel & Sue Ellen Kingsley, Hancock, MI
Joseph Kirkish, Houghton, MI
Pete Klaes, Lake Forest, CA
Jan & Mark Klemp, Laurium, MI
Nancy & Robert Korth, Gresham, WI
Elisabeth & Ken Kraft, Chassell, MI
Greg Kudray, Chassell, MI
Jeanne & Craig Kurtz, Houghton, MI
William & Ethyl Larsen, Petoskey, MI
Jerry & Mary Lou Lenz, Eagle River, MI
Eloise Liddicoat, Mohawk, MI
Robert M. Linn, Hancock, MI
Janet List & Tom List, Calumet, MI
Robert & Maria Macfarlane, Mohawk, MI
Carol Maclellan, Houghton, MI
Janet Marr & Bob Marr, Calumet, MI
Denise & Pete Marth, Pelkie, MI
Geraldyn and Richard Mason, Neenah, WI
Scott McConnell, Calumet, MI
Maxwell & Nancy McCrohon, Washington, DC
Phyllis & Gary McIntyre, Hancock, MI
Terry & Peg McNinch, Atlantic Mine, MI
Michelle & Phil Morgan, Calumet, MI
Philip B. Musser, Hancock, MI
John Neufeld, Gail Neufeld, Calumet, MI
Gina Nicholas, Elmhurst, IL
Anne Okonek, Cornell, MI
Neil Paynter, Hancock, MI
James & Leslie Eldridge Petersen, Whitehall, MI
Candy & Rolf Peterson, Houghton, MI
Susan & Robert Pleznac, Kalamazoo, MI
Al Poffenberger, Fort Wayne, IN
Betzabé M. Praeger, Houghton, MI
Barb & Phil Quenzi, Atlantic Mine, MI
Sue Raker & Fred Galloway, Calumet, MI
Dana Richter, Hancock, MI
Mark C. Roberts, Houghton, MI
Nanno & Bill Rose, Houghton, MI
Dave & Linda Rulison, Pelkie, MI
Jon & Christine Saari, Marquette, MI

Bruce & Maggie Sabol, Vicksburg, MS
Mike Scheiwe & Diane Raven, Toivola, MI
Steve Schmunk, Marquette, MI
Joseph C. Schott, Valrico, FL
Samuel R. Schwartz, Ft Wayne, IN
Dickie & Cindy Selfe, Hancock, MI
Doug & Nancy Sherk, Mohawk, MI
Jon & Ghazala Sherk, Lowell, MI
Erwin & Janet Simi, Nisula, MI
Allison Slavick & Randall Matis, Cable, WI
Alice & Ted Soldan, Pelkie, MI
Dennis Sotala & Shuly Rayberg, Calumet, MI
Janeen Stephenson & Leonard Bohmann,
Houghton, MI
Pat & Dave Toczydlowski, Calumet, MI
Paul Tomasi, Mohawk, MI
Peter & Patricia Van Pelt, Eagle Harbor, MI
Christa Walck, Houghton, MI
Vicki & Ray Weglarz, Allouez, MI
Bill & Shirley Weiss, Alden, MI
Harold Wescoat, Copper Harbor, MI