



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

PROTECTING

LAND, WATER, & QUALITY OF LIFE

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Keweenaw Land Trust. We continue to strive to create a landscape that is forever beautiful, healthy, and diverse. We have worked hard to provide protection and stewardship for many special places that make our landscape so unique and beloved.

Here is a snapshot of our work over the first 25 years from the current board of directors and also an invitation for you to share your stories and perspectives as you have played a crucial role in KLT's success. Look for more celebrations and updates throughout our 25th year!



KLT Board of Directors 2020—2021

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LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED – TOGETHER!

KLT has been able to accomplish much with the generous support of more than 2,000 households and organizations along with significant donors and willing landowners.

KLT has directly protected **7,991 acres** across **6 counties** in Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula.

4,220 acres in conservation easements

3,728 acres in KLT Nature Areas

43 acres in a reserved life estate

KLT protected lands include more than **8.8 miles** of Lake Superior and **1.3 miles** of Portage Waterway shoreline.

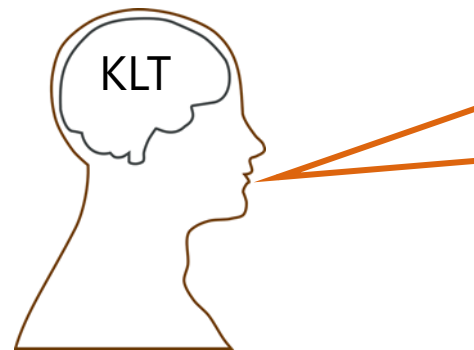
That's **53,759 feet** of undeveloped coast!

We've ensured that **76% of KLT lands** are open to the public.

That's more that **more than 6,000 acres** of land to explore!

We have assisted other organizations to protect **1,106 additional acres**.

We've engaged **thousands** of students, community members, and visitors through education and stewardship programming.

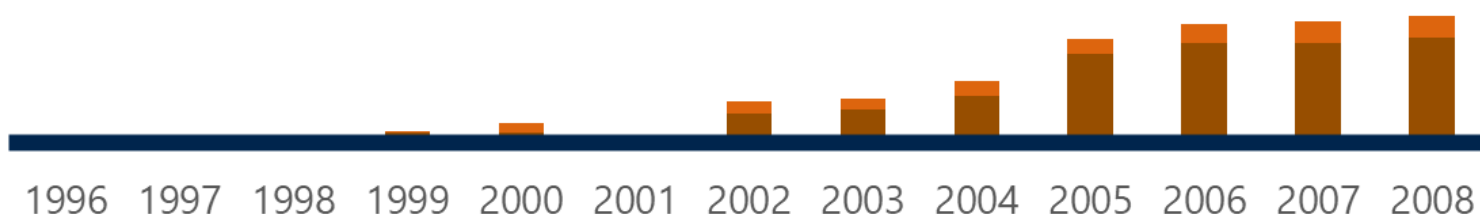


KLT Protected Lands: Cumulative acres protected

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KLT Established

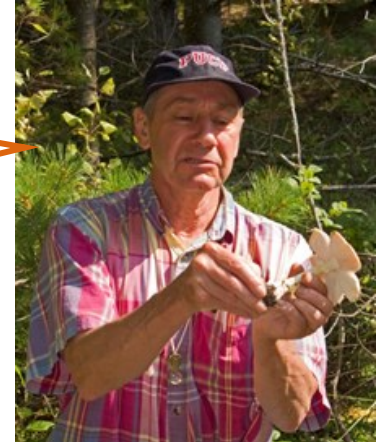
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WHAT DO YOU THINK KLT'S IMPACT HAS BEEN?

"KLT's biggest accomplishment is that it is still going strong -- **stronger than ever after 25 years!** It is a great community of caring people who have shared goals."

-Dana Richter, a KLT founding member



"During the founding, I think I imagined us writing Conservation Easements for a few old farms to protect them from development when owners died. I never dreamed of getting millions of dollars in grants to **preserve miles of Lake Superior shoreline.** KLT has brought millions of dollars into our community and provides ongoing economic support by providing jobs and supporting recreation and tourism."

-Terry Kinzel, a KLT founding member



What do you like about KLT? Which is your favorite nature area?

Please share your thoughts, photos, or stories about KLT by emailing them to info@keweenawlandtrust.org.

We want to hear from you!





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WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS, WE WORK TO:

CONSERVE LAND

We work with landowners and partner organizations to permanently conserve natural resources in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. We assist willing landowners in leaving a permanent legacy by ensuring that the lands they love are protected for future generations. We work diligently to acquire available grants to purchase significant habitats, especially wetlands and shorelines.

STEWARD THE LAND

Stewardship is a big idea, but it can be summed up with what is sometimes called the Campsite Rule: *"Leave this world a little better than you found it."* Protecting land is an important part of our work but it's just the beginning. Our stewardship program helps ensure that the land is cared for and that often means putting in a lot of hard work to improve conditions to benefit nature and our trail users.

MAKE CONNECTIONS TO NATURE

We encourage people to visit our lands and connect with nature and reap all of the benefits that connection provides. We host public outings to nature areas and provide maps and materials for unguided exploration. Educational programs use our nature areas as hands-on, outdoor classrooms and support learning about our natural environment for people of all ages.

