



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Seeking to preserve, protect and enhance land
in perpetuity for the public benefit.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members of the Licking Land Trust,

The Licking Land Trust proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary at our Annual Meeting in October. What a pleasure it was to have co-founder Kathy Larson return for that meeting to share stories of the early days of the organization. As part of that celebration, we announced our plan to commemorate our 20 years by planting 20 trees in four locations throughout Licking County. If you would like to help with this project, please visit www.lickinglandtrust.org for more information. You can donate on-line or send a contribution to the Trust.



Kathy Larson



Candi Moore

For the first time ever, three farms in Licking County were selected to receive Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program funding. Sponsored by the Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Van Wey-Hughes LLC farm, the Deering North Farm LLC, and the Robert and Linda Butler farm, represent over 550 acres that will be permanently protected. In 2007, Kayla Hughes donated an agricultural easement to the Trust on her Stair-Hughes LLC farm. While not directly involved in these three easements, we believe our education efforts and easements we have accepted helped facilitate these successes.

Looking forward, we understand that land is a finite resource. As the four-lane 161/37/16 highway is completed through Licking County, many rural areas will face development pressure. According to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) 2009 State of the Region report, nearly 51 percent of Licking County Land is agricultural but a mere 0.9 percent, about 4,153 acres, is parks, preserves and conservation easements. MORPC reported that Licking County lost 16 percent of its farmland from 1997-2002 and another 18 percent from 2002-2007. The Licking Land Trust may have had some successes its first 20 years, but these statistics point out that we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. Please consider helping the Trust as we head into our next 20 years of land conservation and education.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candi".

Candi Moore, Chairman

The mission of the Licking Land Trust is the preservation and permanent protection of central Ohio green spaces -- wetlands, woods, farmlands, riparian corridors, and scenic vistas-- and education about the importance of green spaces and their conservation, all for the public benefit.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

New Office Administrator: The Trust welcomed a new part-time office administrator, Wendy Bittel, in 2009. She completely redesigned and updated our web site and helped further organize our computer and project files. She has become an essential part of the Trust.



Potential Easements: During 2009, Licking Land Trust Board Members had discussions with about 20 land owners who were interested in permanently conserving their land. A conservation easement is a legal agreement to preserve land, and is given to qualified organizations such as the Trust. The landowner retains ownership of the land and the right to control access to it. Recent tax incentives led to an increased interest in conserving land.

Collaboration: In 2009, the Licking Land Trust continued to collaborate with other conservation organizations. The Trust financially supported The Dawes Arboretum and the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). Two Board members attended the LTA Rally in Portland, Oregon and several Board members contributed time and talents to the Coalition of Ohio Land Trusts. The Trust provided letters of support for acquisition projects by Licking Park District and the Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. In celebration of the Trust's 20th anniversary, the Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District created the first edition Preserved Land and Open Space Map of the county.

Annual Fall Gathering: On October 27, 2009, the Trust celebrated its 20-year history at its annual potluck gathering. Members shared food and conversation and learned about the Trust's accomplishments. Board Chair Candi Moore highlighted 2009 activities and programs. Trust co-founder Kathy Larson's talk was a highlight as was the entertainment provided by the Denison University Bluegrass Band.

The Legacy Club: The newly formed Legacy Club is a special group of Licking Land Trust members who have supplemented their annual support by naming the Trust as a beneficiary in their estate plans – by will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. The Trust welcomes your consideration of a gift through your estate to support the important work of the Trust in the years ahead. For more information, please contact Board member Greg Sharkey at (614) 787-4739, gsharkey@tnc.org, or log on to Trust's web site at www.lickinglandtrust.org.

2009 Licking Land Trust Board of Trustees & Staff

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Wendy Bittel, Office
Administrator

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Stewardship

Twenty-three inspections of Licking Land Trust easements and properties were completed during 2009. The annual property inspection process begins in the second year following the Trust's acquisition of an easement. The Board wishes to thank the six non-board volunteers who helped with the inspections of five properties this year.

An issue of concern that the Trust has encountered over the past two years is the presence of deer-hunting stands on the margins of two trust-owned properties, the Hartman Farms Nature Preserve and the Fryman Reserve. Both properties will require continued monitoring. Hunting and trapping are prohibited on both properties.

Educational Programs

This was an active year for Trust programs and events. In March, about 20 members hiked along the Raccoon Creek to view five Trust properties that are key parts of the Raccoon Creek Greenway project. Later in the spring, the Trust hosted a hike at the Fryman Reserve. In August, the Trust hosted a tour of the former pool area at Spring Valley, which is now a prairie habitat in progress. In November, a fall festival, organized by Denison University Environmental Education Studies students, was held at Spring Valley.



Denison University Students

Public Relations & Outreach

The Trust continued to seek publicity opportunities during 2009. The Hartford Fair information booth, described under the Membership report, was effective in providing information and publicity to hundreds of fairgoers from central Ohio. An interactive, aerial map display allowed visitors to view the location of Trust-protected properties and to place push pins where their homes were located.



The Trust wrote and published two newsletters, one each in June and October, that all members received. Newsletters were also sent to many public officials throughout Licking County. Copies of the newsletters were placed in most public libraries in Licking County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Membership enrollment remained strong in 2009, reaching a level of 384. Current membership is comprised of 41 individuals, 274 family members, 31 honorary members, and a small number of



businesses, governmental units, and students. The 2009 membership included 19 Stewards, an all-time record number of individuals and families donating \$500 or more. Additionally, 14 Conservators contributed amounts between \$250 and \$499. These categories recognize significant financial contributions made to the Trust. Members and donors are recognized on pages 8 and 9.

The Trust continued working to increase membership through enhanced public awareness of the Trust's conservation activities. A related initiative, started in 2007 and continued annually, was the creation and staffing of an information booth at the Hartford Fair, in nearby Croton, during August. The Trust's 2009 Fair booth was visited by many fairgoers who stopped by to learn about the Trust's conservation efforts, discuss membership and in a few instances, possible donation of land and easements.

In another effort to increase membership, in late 2009 the Trust identified approximately 200 public officials throughout Licking County, added these individuals to its prospective member database, and solicited them for membership in 2010. This group includes county, township, city and village officials, as well as school board members.

Accreditation

Land trust accreditation is designed to help build and recognize strong land trusts, foster public confidence in land conservation, and ensure the long-term protection of land. In

2006, an independent accreditation commission was established by the Land Trust Alliance to assure the accountability and high ethical standards of land trusts. Applicants for voluntary accreditation must demonstrate compliance with a set of Standards and Practices published by the Land Trust Alliance. As of the end of 2009, 82 land trusts across the country had achieved this status.



The Licking Land Trust Board made major progress this year on drafting, adopting and implementing the policies and procedures needed to apply for accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, completing nearly all the necessary indicator practices. There is still much work ahead, but the Board recognizes the importance of this effort and finds that the process itself is making the Trust a better organization.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial position of the Licking Land Trust remained strong during 2009 with dues and total assets increasing during the year. The Trust continues to have no debt and liabilities of less than \$100. All liquid assets continue to be invested only in FDIC insured bank deposit accounts. As of December 31, 2009, total assets were \$315,753 of which \$63,236 was cash in various bank accounts.

During 2009, total cash received of \$24,625 exceeded total expenses of \$23,579. Of the total year-end cash balance, \$22,894 can be used for general operations. The Spring Valley Fund is restricted to projects at the preserve and currently has a cash balance of \$16,038.

The Stewardship & Enforcement Fund, which increased by over \$4,000 last year, is dedicated to monitoring protected properties and paying for costs of enforcing conservation restrictions if needed.

The Trust Board reviews financial statements and transactions, including donations, dues received, interest earned, and all expenses on a monthly basis, and also compares them to the annual budget.

Licking Land Trust Balance Sheet

Assets	12/31/2009
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Stewardship & Enforcement Fund	\$ 24,079
Spring Valley Fund	\$ 16,038
Tree Planting Fund	\$ 225
Operating Accounts	\$ 22,894
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 63,236
Other Assets	
Office Equipment & Computers	\$ 3,000
Books in Library (33)	\$ 660
Real Estate Tax Receivable	\$ 6,676
50 Shares Spring Valley Corporation*	*
Conservation Easements: 18 parcels (carried at \$1.00 each), 965.7 acres	\$ 18
Trust-owned Land: 8 parcels, 125.7 acres (estimated value**)	\$242,163
Total Other Assets	\$252,517
TOTAL ASSETS	\$315,753
Liabilities and Equity	
Employer Payroll Tax Due	\$ 78
Equity	\$315,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$315,753

Total Cash Received: \$24,625 January 1 - December 31, 2009



Total Expenses: \$23,579 January 1 - December 31, 2009



* The 50 shares in the Spring Valley Corp. may be worth in the \$15,000 range after its house is sold.

**The estimated value of Trust-owned land does not include the value of 5.544 acres received from Park Trails/MI Homes in 2008.

For a complete copy of financial statements, please contact the Licking Land Trust.

LICKING LAND TRUST PROTECTED LAND

Name	Grantor	Licking County Location	Year	Ownership Acres	Easement Acres
Harnden Mill Pond Preserve	Bob and Deb Harnden	Granville Township	1991	7.500	
Raccoon Valley Park	Granville Township	Granville Township	1993		9.730
Boldon Reserve	Doug and Marilyn Boldon	Granville Township	1994	1.200	
Hartman Farms Nature Reserve	Ron Beitzel	Union Township	1995	7.400	
Hill Wetland Reserve	Cynthia Hill	Granville Township	1996	8.200	
Hankinson Road	Lee and Kathy Larson	Granville Township	1997		5.200
Goose Lane Farm	William Custer	St. Albans & Granville Townships	1997		41.200
Old Maid's Lane Farm	William Custer	City of Pataskala	1997		34.200
Mount Parnassus	Howard LeFevre & Robert and Susan Morrison	Granville	1999	0.580	
Raccoon Creek Schwartzkopf Property	Granville Township	Granville Township	2000		3.300
Raccoon Creek Pohm Property	Granville Township	Granville Township	2001		3.300
Kramer Farm	Arthur Kramer	Harrison Township	2002		81.500
Neeley Farm	Larry and Janet Neeley	Walnut Township, Fairfield County	2003		75.300
Mockingbird Hill Conservation Area	Judy Farris/Mockingbird Hill, Inc.	Granville & McKean Townships	2004		53.500
Winter Farm	Ilse Winter	Hopewell Township	2004		72.400
Bieberbach Farm	Marian Bieberbach	Franklin Township	2004		115.200
Fryman Reserve	Dick and Ann Fryman	Granville Township	2005	36.575	
Raccoon Creek Valley Reserve	Park Trails/MI Homes	Newark	2005	58.757	
James Farm	Patricia James	Union Township	2006		55.300
James/Matthews Farm	Patricia James & Jay Matthews	Union Township	2006		60.100
Spring Valley	Granville Township	Granville Township	2007		45.600
Neeley Farm - II	Larry and Janet Neeley	Walnut Township, Fairfield County	2007		52.730
Hughes Farm	Kayla Hughes	Newton Township	2007		92.770
Brush Farm	Victoria and C. Bernard Brush	Pataskala	2007		64.400
Park Trails	Park Trails/MI Homes	Newark	2008	5.544	
Carter Farm	Richard Carter	St. Albans Township	2008		100.000
Total Acres Protected: 1,091.486				125.756	965.730

LICKING LAND TRUST MEMBERS

Stewards (\$500 +):

Mary Evelyn Arnold
Richard Carter
John and Joan Cox
Jill and Paul Griesse
Stephen Jeffrey
Cynthia and Michael Menzer
Candi Moore and Steve

Mershon

Larry and Janet Neeley
Mark and Lori Weaver
Clarke and Sara Jean Wilhelm
Don and Sally Wiper

Conservators (\$250 - \$499):

Patricia and Theodore Barclay
C. Bernard and Victoria Brush
Dave Fryman
John Kralovec and Julie Houpt
Mark Roth
Greg and Ginny Sharkey
Mark and Linda Smith
Doug and Beth Spieles

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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Volunteers continue to be the life-blood of the Licking Land Trust. In 2009, volunteers donated an estimated 2,000 hours to the Trust. The all-volunteer Board donated over 1,800 hours managing the Trust and properties, monitoring easements, providing educational and outreach programs, and working toward national accreditation. Other Trust volunteers donated about 200 hours assisting with educational programs, easement monitoring and outreach activities. Please let us know if we inadvertently failed to recognize you. The Trust would like to thank all of its volunteers for their passion and commitment to preserving land.

Doug Bibee
Elizabeth Bicking
Larry Bicking
Bernie Brush
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Denison University
Faculty & Students
Aaron Fitch

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Tod Frolking
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Thank You!