THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

TOGETHER WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc.:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc. as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



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Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

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Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc.'s 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated on June 9, 2021. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited statements from which it has been derived.

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Warrenville, Illinois June 10, 2022

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Promises to give Investments Prepaid expenses	\$ 474,737 70,915 341,727 11,836	\$ 394,752 68,398 311,663 11,833
Total current assets	899,215	786,646
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost: Land Office equipment	3,804,645 77,415	3,784,645 20,595
Total property and equipment	3,882,060	3,805,240
Less - Accumulated depreciation	22,474	20,416
Net property and equipment	3,859,586	3,784,824
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments	622,625	558,940
	\$ 5,381,426	\$ 5,130,410
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Note payable, current maturities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Agency funds	\$ 99,130 21,389 40,482	\$ 20,090 13,507 37,185
Total current liabilities	161,001	70,782
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Note payable, long-term portion	31,519	52,014
Total liabilities	192,520	122,796
COMMITMENTS		
NET ASSETS: Without donor restrictions - Undesignated - Net property and equipment - Board-designated	3,859,586 255,904	3,784,824 289,919
With donor restrictions	1,073,416	932,871
Total net assets	5,188,906	5,007,614
	\$ 5,381,426	\$ 5,130,410

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	hout Donor	Tith Donor estrictions	Total	co	2020 (for mparative poses only)
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:					
Contributions	\$ 280,705	\$ 95,637	\$ 376,342	\$	240,878
Grants	121,367	93,180	214,547		663,518
In-kind contributions	14,400	-	14,400		10,800
Special events, net of expense of \$11,212	36,014	-	36,014		23,562
Program service fees	38,876	-	38,876		43,007
Investment income, net	39,206	62,252	101,458		62,181
Forgiveness of debt	-	-	-		59,135
Other revenue	 2,110	 	 2,110		27
Total public support and revenue	532,678	251,069	783,747		1,103,108
Net assets released from restrictions -					
Restriction satisfied by payments	 110,524	 (110,524)	 		
Net public support and revenue	 643,202	 140,545	 783,747		1,103,108
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:					
Program services	493,661	_	493,661		434,200
Management and general	57,345	-	57,345		53,729
Fundraising	 51,449	 	 51,449		47,041
Total functional expenses	 602,455	 	 602,455		534,970
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	40,747	140,545	181,292		568,138
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	 4,074,743	 932,871	 5,007,614		4,439,476
NET ASSETS, End of year	\$ 4,115,490	\$ 1,073,416	\$ 5,188,906	\$	5,007,614

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

		2021	 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Change in net assets	\$	181,292	\$ 568,138
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net			
cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		2,058	1,420
Forgiveness of debt		-	(59,135)
Unrealized and realized (gain) on investments		(88,427)	(50,632)
(Increase) decrease in promises to give		(2,517)	33,970
(Increase) in prepaid expenses		(3)	(1,170)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and			
accrued liabilities		7,882	(6,238)
Increase (decrease) in agency funds		3,297	 (2,842)
Total adjustments		(77,710)	(84,627)
Net cash provided by operating activities		103,582	483,511
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property and equipment		(76,820)	(424,576)
Purchase of investments		(124,679)	(151,615)
Sales of investments		119,357	104,723
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(82,142)	(471,468)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from notes payable		78,635	141,135
Payments on notes payable		(20,090)	(9,896)
			<u> </u>
Net cash provided by financing activities		58,545	 131,239
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		79,985	143,282
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning of year		394,752	 251,470
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of year	\$	474,737	\$ 394,752
Cash and cash equivalents - Operations	\$	434,255	\$ 357,567
- Held for others	· .	40,482	37,185
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$	474,737	\$ 394,752
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:			
Interest paid	\$	1,292	\$ 795
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THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(with summarized financial information for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	Program Services	nagement l General	Fu	ndraising	Total	co	020 (for mparative boses only)
Salaries	\$ 292,097	\$ 36,512	\$	36,512	\$ 365,121	\$	339,402
Payroll taxes and benefits	33,718	4,215		4,215	42,148		39,381
Cost of direct benefits to donors	-	-		11,212	11,212		9,734
Depreciation	-	2,058		-	2,058		1,420
Grant expense	69,587	-		-	69,587		32,586
Insurance	14,227	1,581		-	15,808		18,049
Interest	1,292	-		-	1,292		795
Mailings	4,209	842		3,367	8,418		7,341
Meetings	581	-		-	581		1,611
Membership dues	3,440	430		430	4,300		2,800
Miscellaneous	8,520	1,065		1,065	10,650		12,522
Office supplies	2,638	329		330	3,297		8,499
Outside services	7,005	-		-	7,005		6,066
Printing	3,217	-		3,217	6,434		4,270
Professional fees - Accounting	-	8,000		-	8,000		7,800
- Legal	3,606	-		-	3,606		8,323
Real estate taxes	3,355	-		-	3,355		3,180
Rent	13,342	1,668		1,668	16,678		12,476
Stewardship	27,669	-		-	27,669		23,834
Telephone	4,184	523		523	5,230		3,348
Travel	 974	 122		122	1,218		1,267
Total expenses by function	493,661	57,345		62,661	613,667		544,704
Less expenses included with revenues on the statement of activities	 <u> </u>	 		(11,212)	(11,212)		(9,734)
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of activities	\$ 493,661	\$ 57,345	\$	51,449	\$ 602,455	\$	534,970

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, Inc. (the Organization) is a private not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and preservation of McHenry County landscape. Its mission is to preserve the natural heritage of McHenry County by protecting undeveloped land and provide for open space needs. Through the preservation of land, the Organization helps to preserve the agricultural heritage and offers opportunities to observe and study nature, while providing a habitat for native plants and animals. The mission is accomplished primarily through the use of conservation easements, a strategy by which private property owners retain ownership of their lands, but donate their development rights to the Organization.

The financial statements were available to be issued on June 10, 2022, with subsequent events being evaluated through this date.

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies and practices reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Accounting Method -

The accounting records of the Organization are maintained on the accrual basis which recognizes revenue when earned and expenses as they are incurred.

Basis of Presentation -

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Under GAAP, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets which are: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions.

Without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and may be expensed for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of management and the board of directors.

With donor restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> -

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents -

Cash and cash equivalents include all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than three months.

<u>Unconditional Promises to Give</u> -

Unconditional promises to give represent contributions and grants due to the Organization from individuals, foundations, and government agencies. Promises to give were reviewed at year end and all significant amounts were deemed collectible. Promises to give at year end are due within one year.

Investments -

Investments are carried at fair value. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of market risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position.

Property and Equipment -

Acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$2,500 are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, ranging from 5-7 years.

Public Support and Revenue -

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, securities, or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give; that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the assets, or if they are designated as support for future periods. When a donor restriction expires; that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor-imposed contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

The Organization reports gifts of land, buildings, and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations regarding how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

<u>In-Kind Contributions</u> -

In addition to receiving cash contributions, the Organization receives in-kind contributions from various donors. It is the policy of the Organization to record the estimated fair market value of certain in-kind donations as an expense in its financial statements, and similarly increase contribution revenue by a like amount.

Program Service Fees -

Program service fees revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled in exchange for providing various stewardship services. Revenue is recognized as the performance obligations are satisfied. Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the services provided by the Organization.

Functional Allocation of Expenses -

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries and related expenses, depreciation, rent, and other expenses which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Comparative Financial Information -

The 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 conformity with GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

(2) INCOME TAXES:

The Organization has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) as described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income tax has been established.

The Organization files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and Illinois. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2018. The Organization does not expect a material net change in unrecognized tax benefits in the next twelve months.

(3) AGENCY FUNDS:

The Organization is acting as a fiscal agent that holds and disburses the funds per the request of two not-for-profit organizations. The following is a show of the transactions that have occurred during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

(3) AGENCY FUNDS: (Continued)

		2021	 2020
Beginning balance Receipts Disbursements	\$	37,185 11,402 (8,105)	\$ 40,027 21,352 (24,194)
Ending balance	<u>\$</u>	40,482	\$ 37,185

(4) INVESTMENTS:

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the fair values of the Organization's investments were as follows:

	2021			2020		
Bonds	\$	347,609	\$	329,686		
Stocks		568,901		495,677		
Mutual funds		-		7,803		
Real estate investment trusts		47,842		37,437		
Total investments	<u>\$</u>	964,352	\$	870,603		

Investment income for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, consisted of the following:

	2021			2020		
Dividends and interest	\$	26,148	\$	22,501		
Realized gain		34,287		157		
Unrealized gain		54,140		50,475		
Fees		(13,117)		(10,952)		
Investment income, net	<u>\$</u>	101,458	\$	62,181		

Some of these investments are with donor restrictions and can only be released upon the occurrence of a legal defense of an easement. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, investments with donor restrictions were \$622,625 and \$558,940, respectively.

(5) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Accounting Standards Codification for Fair Value Measurements established a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under this codification are described as follows:

(5) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

Level 1:

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2:

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3:

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

<u>Stocks, Mutual Funds, U.S. Government Securities and Real Estate Investment Trusts</u>: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

<u>Municipal and Corporate Bonds</u>: Valued at cost closing price reported on the active market on which the individual bonds are traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes their 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.

(5) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets at fair value:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021						2021
Description		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			Total
Bonds:							
Municipal	\$	310,470	\$	- \$	-	\$	310,470
Corporate		37,139		-	-		37,139
Stocks		568,901		-	-		568,901
Real Estate Investment Trusts		47,842		-	-		47,842
Mutual Funds		<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$</u>	964,352	\$	- \$	_	\$	964,352
		Assets at	Fair Value as	s of Decembe	er 3	1, 2	2020
Description		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		_	Total
Bonds:							
Municipal	\$	296,242	\$	- \$	-	\$	296,242
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Corporate		33,444		-	-		33,444
Corporate Stocks		33,444 495,677		- -	-		33,444 495,677
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Stocks	_	495,677		- - - -	- - -		495,677

(6) COMMITMENTS:

The Organization signed an agreement with the City of Woodstock to become a Site Steward for a property. In exchange for being the Site Steward, the Organization is allowed to use this property free of rent for its operations until July 2022. An in-kind donation of \$14,400 and \$10,800 was recognized for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

(7) NOTES PAYABLE:

	 2021	 2020
Payable to an individual, in quarterly installments of principal and interest of \$5,345 with an interest rate of 2%. Due in April 2024, and unsecured.	\$ 52,014	\$ 72,104

(7) NOTES PAYABLE: (Continued)

Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan payable to a bank as part of the Economic Aid Act. Interest accrues at 1% with the amount to be repaid in equal installments of principal and interest, beginning at the earlier of the date the Small Business Administration (SBA) remits the loan forgiveness amount, or 10 months after the forgivable coverage period, with a final payment due March 2026, consisting of interest and the entirety of the principal. As part of the loan agreement, the entire loan, or a portion of the loan is eligible to be forgiven. The Organization adopted ASC 470 to account for the PPP Loan and will record a gain from the forgiven portion of the loan when it is forgiven. In March 2022, the PPP loan was forgiven in full by the SBA and is reflected as part of current liabilities as of December 31, 2021.

liabilities as of December 31, 2021.	<u>\$ 78,635</u> <u>\$ -</u>
Less - Current portion	130,649 72,104 99,130 20,090
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 31,519</u> <u>\$ 52,014</u>

Maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 2021, are due in future years as follows:

2022	\$ 99,130
2023	20,908
2024	 10,611
	\$ 130,649

The Organization received a loan from the SBA in the amount of \$59,135 under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The loan is subject to a note dated April 2020. The Organization applied for, and has been notified that \$59,135 in eligible expenditures for payroll and other expenses described in the CARES Act have been forgiven. Loan forgiveness is reflected in the accompanying statement of activities.

(8) NET ASSETS:

Board-designated net assets are comprised as follows at December 31:

		2021		
Long-term management	\$	196,329	\$	168,345
Operating reserve Land restoration		59 <u>,575</u>		61,999 59,575
Total board-designated net assets	<u>\$</u>	255,904	\$	289,919

(8) NET ASSETS: (Continued)

Net assets with donor restrictions are comprised as follows at December 31:

	2021		2020	
Legal issues with regard to easements	\$	622,625	\$	558,940
Stewardship		90,174		90,358
Long-term management		210,472		216,498
Land trust project		60,502		36,604
Special projects		67,929		11,200
Oak conservation		21,714		19,271
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$</u>	1,073,416	\$	932,871

(9) CONCENTRATIONS:

The Organization received approximately 41% of its total public support and revenue from two donors for the year ended December 31, 2020.

(10) AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY:

Financial assets available for general expenditure; that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year, comprise the following:

	2021	2020	
Financial Assets - Cash and cash equivalents Investments Promises to give	\$ 474,737 964,352 70,915	\$ 394,752 870,603 68,398	
Total financial assets	1,510,004	1,333,753	
Less cash held for others	40,482	37,185	
Net financial assets after cash held for others	1,469,522	1,296,568	
Less amounts not available - Donor-imposed restrictions Board-advised funds	1,073,416 255,904	932,871 289,919	
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures; that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year	<u>\$ 140,202</u>	<u>\$ 73,778</u>	

(10) AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY: (Continued)

The Organization receives significant contributions, some of which are restricted by donors to fund specific programs or projects. Such restricted funds are tracked for use for the identified program or project. Restricted contributions of \$188,817 and \$469,250 were received and included in financial assets for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Additionally, the Organization has certain board-designated assets that are designated for future expenditures and are not available for general expenditure within the next year. However, the board-designated amounts could be made available, if necessary.

The Organization manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles:

- operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability
- maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs
- maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations will be discharged.

(11) EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Organization maintains a SIMPLE IRA plan for the benefit of eligible employees. Employees may start contributing to their IRA once their compensation is in excess of \$5,000 in the two prior years and in the current year. The Organization will contribute 2% of the employee's compensation regardless if the eligible employee contributes to the plan.

Contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, were \$5,612 and \$6,407, respectively.

(12) EASEMENTS:

The Organization has received 93 easements since it began operations. There have been 2,187 easement acres donated to the Organization as of December 31, 2021.

(13) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

In March 2022, the Organization purchased 324 acres of land in Woodstock, Illinois for approximately \$2,250,000. The purchase was partially financed with a loan from a bank, totaling \$1,265,000, with monthly interest payments at an annual interest rate of 3.62%, variable principal payments throughout the loan as specified in the agreement with the bank, and due in July, 2024. The remaining purchase price was paid in cash from a foundation grant in the amount of approximately \$966,000 and other Organization funds. The Organization intends to pay the loan using cash from a land sale and additional grant funding.

In April 2022, the Organization sold 40 acres of land to an unrelated third-party for a sales price of \$500,000. The Organization recognized a gain on sale of approximately \$67,000.