

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

## ACQUISITION

PROPERTY	ACRES	COUNTY	NOTE
Quog Lake	12	LaGrange (IN)	Brings preserve total to 138 acres
Sauga Swamp	16	Noble (IN)	Brings preserve total to 82 acres
Phil and Jean Ross Preserve	23	Huntington (IN)	A growing 373-acre corridor
Eby Bog	23	Elkhart (IN)	
<b>TOTAL ACQUIRED</b>	<b>74</b>	acres added in newly acquired places	

## PEOPLE PARTICIPATING

**8** Staff members  
**18** Board members  
**169** Volunteers giving 2,000+ hours  
**1,708** Members  
**6,271** Facebook followers  
**30,000** Estimated preserve visitors

## CARING FOR LAND

**433** Acres of invasive plant control  
**55,000** Trees planted  
**50** Trail systems maintained  
**115** Properties maintained and protected

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ACRES acquired the 25-acre Elkhart Bog (not to be confused with the Eby Bog expansion) to hold temporarily on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Our tree planting news was picked up by the Associated Press and printed in newspapers nationwide. Dana Myers (who, with her husband, Duane, donated Walter H. and E. Marie Myers Nature Preserve on Flowers Creek where we planted the majority of the trees) was delighted to hear from her children in California and Chicago that they saw news of their family lands in their local newspaper.
- With support from the Olive B. Cole Foundation and Manchester University, ACRES hired four summer interns to bolster land management during the growing season.
- Reena Ramos (former ACRES summer intern) joined our team in a new position as an Advancement Coordinator, supporting our growth.
- At our Home and Garden show booth and at outings all year long, more visitors and acquaintances than ever before said, "Yes, yes! I do know about ACRES!"

## YOUR INVESTMENT: FINANCIAL REPORT

NET WORTH		REVENUE / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	
Value of Nature Preserves	\$24,769,944	Revenues	\$1,737,154
Bank Accounts	\$1,212,221*	Expenditures	\$884,619**
Equipment	\$269,355		
Investments & Endowment	\$5,515,424		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,766,944</b>	<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$852,535</b>

\*\$500,000 is restricted as a self-loaning account for new acquisitions.

ACRES has no long-term liabilities.

\*\*By accounting standards, cost to purchase land is considered a 'transfer of an asset' and cannot be shown here as an expenditure.