



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY **2017**

OUR VISION

The Kensington Conservancy will work to inspire all members of the St. Joseph Channel community to embrace positive conservation values that will promote the protection and preservation of natural ecosystems for all generations.

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Kensington Conservancy is the establishment, development, maintenance and management of nature reserves and programs in the St. Joseph Channel for the conservation and preservation of the natural ecosystems.

ABOUT US

The Kensington Conservancy is a land trust that works to protect lands and waters by purchasing property, accepting donations of land and through voluntary conservation agreements. These protection methods are all aimed at protecting our precious landscape in perpetuity.

The Kensington Conservancy also believes that conservation and preservation can also be achieved through the good stewardship practices of all property owners. We work with local landowners, farmers, governments, schools and other organizations to develop programs that will promote greener and less intensive development, best land and water management practices, invasive species control and low impact recreational activities.

Our membership includes residents of Canada and the United States who represent various interests including permanent and seasonal residents, government, business and the scientific and academic communities. As one of North America's few bi-national land trusts, the Kensington Conservancy is a registered charity in both Canada and the United States. The conservancy received Canadian charitable status in 2006, making 2016 our tenth year of operation.



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BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

This past year marked a special moment for The Kensington Conservancy when we moved our operations into the new TKC Conservation Centre on Boyer Drive just steps away from our previous location. Not only does our staff now have a permanent space in which to carry out their important work, the whole community has a place to come learn about and participate in conservation through our programs and events. We opened the door of the Centre last December and have been happy to receive many visitors since then. It's a wonderful resource for our members, partners, and neighbors in the community. As I write this, we're kicking off a series of summer events for 2018 and we hope to see you all there!

It's been really gratifying to see TKC continue to strengthen its relationships with its partners and establish bridges to new ones over the past year. Years of dedication on the part of the board, our staff, and, you, our members, has resulted in our being sought out by government and non-government organizations wanting to work with us to help leverage the effectiveness of our conservation efforts. It wasn't so long ago that we felt like it was hard to get a foot in the door and now the doors are being opened for us. Needless to say, we're happy to walk through those doors and our door is always open.

TKC has become a vital part of our local community. Our members and friends are finding out that our protected properties are opening up new, back yards to be hiked, explored, and simply enjoyed for their beauty. Out on the water, people can appreciate the beautiful views while knowing that we're working hard to improve the health of wetlands and the quality of the water flowing from our protected rivers and creeks. We're spreading the word that nature is there to be enjoyed while there are also many ways all of us can work to keep wild spaces healthy and vibrant.

The year ahead will find us continuing to work with the next generation of land stewards who will be charged with continuing the work we have started. We will be expanding our outreach to young people who share our passion for conservation and land protection. Our board is strong because we have a mixture of people from different generations. Our relationships with Sault Ste. Marie area academic institutions

has enabled us to attract talented, young conservationists to help staff our office and expand our connections to other youth with the same interests. This year will also see an expanded Junior Explorers Program, which will impassion future conservationists while providing the kids with a fun, exciting summer involvement.

Whether you're a junior, a senior, or somewhere in the middle, you are playing an important role in protecting and revitalizing this special area by being involved in our work and being part of our community just as we've become a part of yours. Together, we can look forward to another year of progress in protecting lands and waters while finding out how we can all enjoy them.

DAVID HOFMANN, TKC BOARD CHAIR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I have a wonderful picture on my office wall that was a gift from a board member, which says, “find your passion and share it with others.” I am so lucky that I get to do this everyday. I often talk about passion and how it plays a role in a happy working life. Without passion for what you do, it becomes just a job.

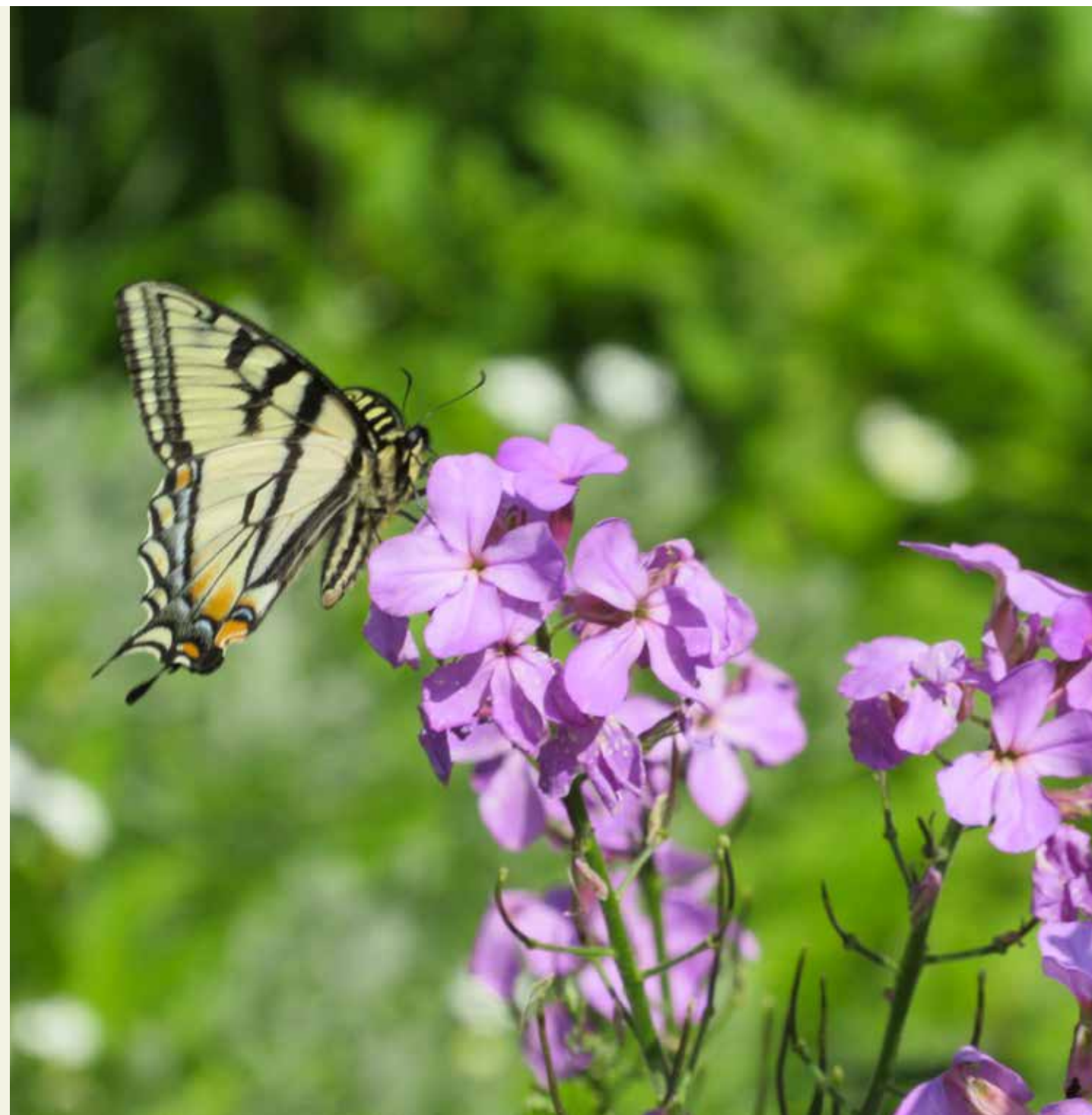
I don't just have a job, but rather a passion for protecting and preserving the natural environment. TKC has the tools that help me do my job, landowners to create a future vision for their land, and parents and grandparents to learn and then teach the younger generations of family the importance of learning from history and preparing for the future.

Each year we grow as an organization. In 2017, a lot changed for us. The tools that we use to do our work will now make the organization sustainable into the future. As TKC embarks on the creation of their new strategic plan that will reflect those changes, we will review the current plan. We will be evaluating where we are in terms of reaching the five goals that we determined would guide our work in the previous plan. I am drawn to goals four and five as being very important for us to become sustainable into the future. Both goals work towards building a sustainable organization that will have the resources to work well into the future, including human resources and financial resources.

Sustainability is a word that we use in the not-for-profit world frequently. As we fulfill our mission, this word means we need to do it in perpetuity. Perpetuity, of course, means the state or quality of lasting forever, a bond or other security with no fixed maturity date. This means my job, and that of the board of directors, is to ensure that the work that we do will be sustainable in perpetuity. Some of us see those generations coming up quickly behind us.

It was interesting that while attending an Indigenous Workshop on conservation that in the Indigenous culture they use 7 generations as a way to express perpetuity.

This makes me look back at how many generations in our local families have



contributed to the health and current state of the land and waters.

In some respects, the quality has deteriorated (especially around Lakes Erie and Ontario) but when we look at the work that TKC and others is doing, we see that trend reversing.

Our growing knowledge of human impact on the natural environment has given us a vision and a value of what we could lose. It's not just about whether we believe in climate change (I can't believe anyone doesn't), it's about protecting, preserving, learning, and teaching.

With great writers like Dan Egan, indigenous leaders, local groups like TKC, and academic institutions in our local and neighbouring communities teaching us about our environment, we must learn to also become teachers. Share what you learn with your families, neighbours, friends, and all those around. Share your vision for a healthy natural environment seven generations from now.

TANNA ELLIOTT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TREASURERS REPORT

2017 was a remarkable year for the Kensington Conservancy thanks to your donations, bequests and overall support for our organization. We were able to establish a Stewardship Fund, fully invested in Canada, which will guarantee that we can fulfill our obligations for the properties that have been both donated and acquired by TKC in perpetuity. We have also established an Endowment Fund, fully invested in the US, to help support the continued successful operation of TKC in the years to come. A finance committee was established, consisting of board members and financial advisors from TKC membership, to help us to establish and monitor our investments. Finally we were able to fully fund a permanent home for The Kensington Conservancy that will enhance our image within the community, provide a permanent and comfortable workplace for our staff and be cost effective in terms of annual expense.

Although we have made major strides in strengthening our financial future, please remember that The Kensington Conservancy's annual operating budget is funded primarily by member donations. Our annual budget covers staff payroll, administrative costs, program development/monitoring and basic operating expenses. Our annual appeal, which takes place in the fall of each year, funds the operating budget for the following year.

Grants are specific in nature and cannot be used to fund our annual operating budget. Funds from a grant may be used only for the project for which the grant was given. Grants assist TKC in achieving its primary goals, but do not add to our economic stability.

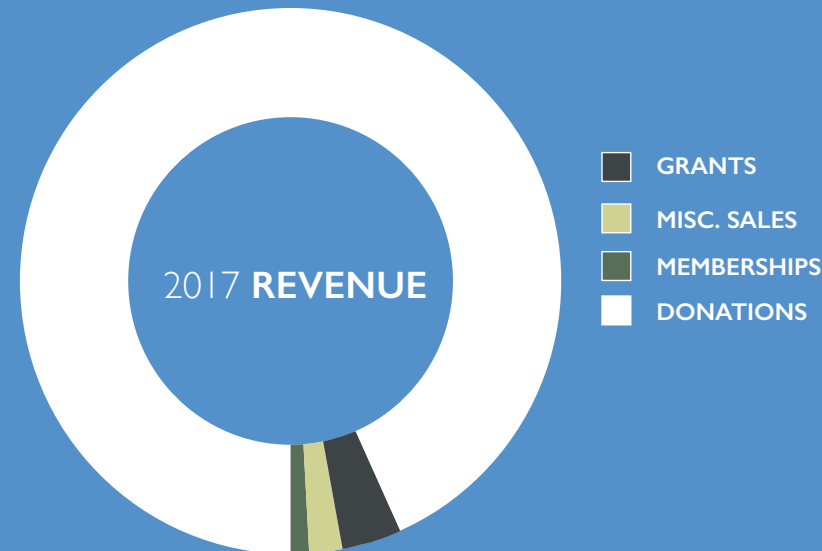
Thus as you can see, your individual donations continue to be the life's blood of the Conservancy. Without your financial support we would not be able to continue our activities to conserve and protect the lands and water of the Desbarats shore community for future generations. Thank you for your past generosity and with your continued support we look forward to serving the needs of this wonderful area for years to come.

RICK SIPE, TREASURER



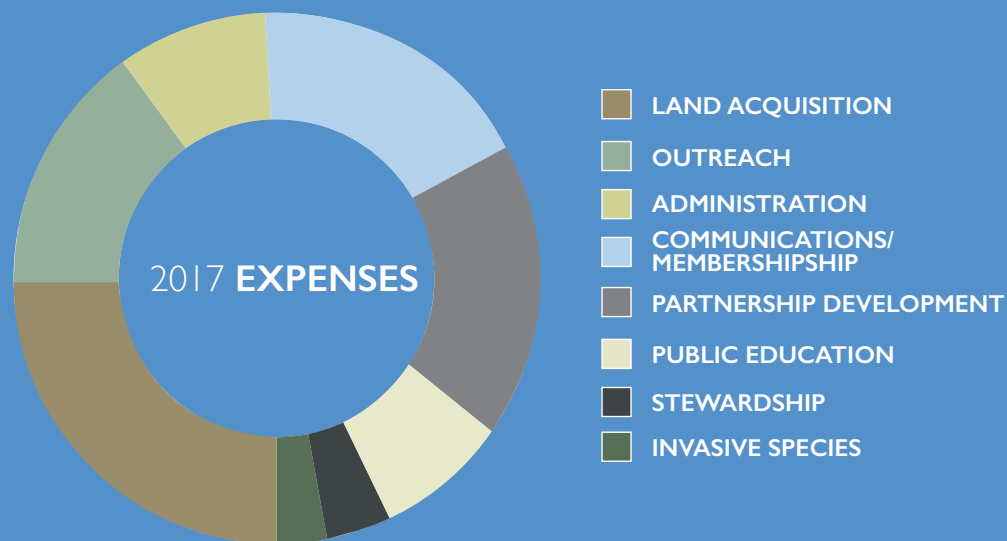
TOTAL REVENUE

GRANTS	45,479
MISC. SALES	21,460
MEMBERSHIPS	6,077
DONATIONS	1,778,553
TOTAL	1,851,669



TOTAL EXPENSES

LAND ACQUISITION	50,229
OUTREACH	29,207
ADMINISTRATION	20,871
COMMUNICATIONS/ MEMBERSHIPSHIP	37,573
PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	40,139
PUBLIC EDUCATION	18,987
STEWARDSHIP	7,616
INVASIVE SPECIES	3,815
TOTAL	208,437



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FUNDS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

“Adopt the pace of nature:
her secret is patience.”

~ RALPH WALDO EMERSON



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

- Conducted our second annual Desbarats Christmas Bird Count, where 40 participants tallied 39 species in one day
- Organized another successful Sustain Algoma Expo at the Johnson Township Community Centre
- Hosted our third annual BioBlitz, this year on our Boyer Preserve
- Moved in to our brand new TKC Conservation Centre on our Boyer Preserve
- Received funding from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund for our Stobie Creek Rehabilitation Project
- Planted over 300 tamarack trees along the banks of Stobie Creek
- Successfully ran our first Explorer Summer Day Camp, in partnership with the St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association
- Conducted bird box and bird feeder workshops, in partnership with AlgomaTrad
- Despite a poor weather year, we lead guided hikes for 35 people on our properties
- Released TKC-OPOLY, our board game fundraiser featuring TKC properties and other local landmarks
- Through the Canada Summer Jobs Program, we hired Vanessa Brouse to be our Assistant Field Technician for the summer
- Continued to clean up garbage along Highway 17 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program
- Made presentations at local schools about TKC and good stewardship practices,
- Gained 182 likes on our Facebook page, as our social media presence continued to grow

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2018

- The Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund funding, received in 2017, will continue into 2018, allowing us to plant additional trees and shrubs for our Stobie Creek Rehabilitation Project
- We applied to the MNRF Species at Risk Stewardship Fund and successfully received funding, allowing us to hire a Species at Risk Field Technician for our Desbarats Species at Risk Bird Inventory, Education and Outreach Project for the summer of 2018
- Extensive planning will go into making the 2018 Desbarats Christmas Bird Count another successful event with quality data collected for bird conservation
- Many guided hikes, volunteer opportunities and special events will fill TKC's 2018 Summer Schedule



LEGACY CIRCLE

The following individuals have identified that they've left The Kensington Conservancy in their Estate Plans:

Mary and Donna Deplonty
Tina and Terry Haight
Virginia Jordan

Mason Phelps
Peggy Phelps
David Welles, Jr
Peter Welles

Is The Kensington Conservancy already in your will, trust or other estate plans? If so, thank you! Please let us know about your plans because it helps us plan for the future. Call or email Executive Director, Tanna Elliott and she will add your name to the Legacy Circle. Your gift may remain anonymous, if you like.

Don't have a will? You're not alone! Now is a great time to start planning, and please consider including a bequest to The Kensington Conservancy in your estate plans. Contact Tanna for suggested "bequest language" and The Kensington Conservancy TAX ID for you to share with your attorney.

A legacy gift in one's estate will help sustain The Kensington Conservancy and its ability to keep its promise to preserve the land and waters of the St. Joseph's Channel for all generations.

“The work of The Kensington Conservancy will outlive me... they've committed to protecting and stewarding the lands and waters of the St. Josephs Channel in perpetuity. I left TKC in my estate plans so that they will be able to fulfill their Mission for our Grandchildren's generation and beyond. ”

~ PETER WELLES



WHAT YOU CAN DO

The cause of protecting plants and wildlife isn't something for land trusts like the Kensington Conservancy alone. You can lend a helping hand too. Whether as a landowner, an educator, or a citizen scientist, there is plenty the public can do. If there is anything else you are curious about, please do not hesitate to contact the Kensington Conservancy office and we will do our best to help you.

Protect Species at Risk

Many species of plants and animals are at risk in Ontario. If you've seen a species at risk, please report it! For many species listed as threatened and endangered, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has developed recovery strategies to help species recover or to mitigate further loss. The Ontario Government and other organizations have funding available that could help you protect species at risk on your property.

Monitor Wildlife

It can be very expensive and time consuming for scientists and technicians to collect data in order to estimate wildlife populations. Therefore, many volunteer based programs have been created so that you can contribute. Get involved in one of these programs and contribute to science!

Report Invasive Species

If you think you've seen an invasive species, make a report through EDDMapS Ontario or call the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

Practice Sustainable Forest Management

Since wood is used so much in our daily lives, it would be impossible to halt the practice of cutting down trees. However, there are ways it can be done sustainably in order to make sure there are trees left for the future and wildlife species are affected as little as possible.

For more information on each of these areas, please go to the TKC website - www.kensingtonconservancy.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kensington Conservancy Board of Directors boasts a broad cross section of the local community. It has citizens from Canada and from the United States, permanent and summer residents, those with long family histories and those with new experiences in this vibrant community. Everyone comes to the table with a genuine love of land and water and a wish for future generations to enjoy the same treasures. Listed below are the members of the board of directors.

Executive Committee

David Hofmann	President
Sarah Vincenzo	1st Vice President
Hugh MacDonald	2nd Vice President
Alice Hill	Secretary
Rick Sipe	Treasurer

Directors

Lisa Derickx
 Libby Ellis
 Terry Haight
 John Hollingsworth
 Lindsey Palumbo
 Merrill Warren
 Richard Warren
 Andrew Welles
 Peter Welles

Staff

Tanna Elliott
 Carter Dorscht
 Nathan Earle
 Lindsey Oien
 Mary Cain
 Judy Brennen

Executive Director

Project Manager

Species at Risk Field Technician

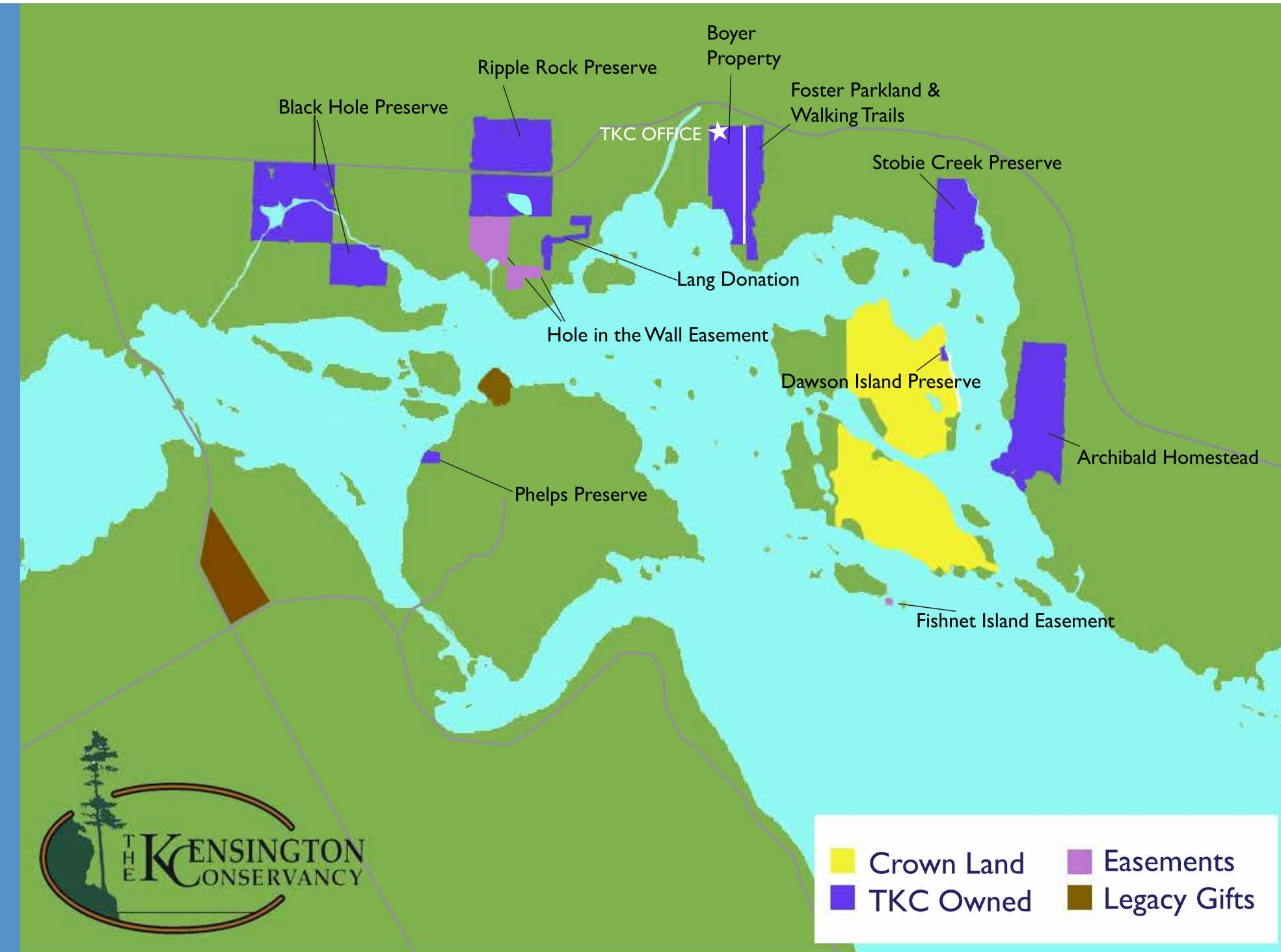
Environmental Education Coordinator

Membership Coordinator

Bookkeeper

Board of Advisors

Holmes Morrison
 Pat Palaszewski
 Adele Simmons
 Georgia Welles



 Crown Land	 Easements
 TKC Owned	 Legacy Gifts

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

OSPREY (>\$10,000.00)

Bent, Pam Estate
Boden, Linda
Lagerholm, E. Trust
Lumpkin Family Foundation
Phelps, Mason
Simmons, Liesel & Ian
Welles, Peter
Welles, Maud & Jeff

LOON (\$5,000.00-\$9,999)

Chamberlin, Ann
Dann, Marion (Taddy) Yiyu Foundation
Welles, Emilie

BEAR (2,500-\$4,999)

Douglass Foundation
Haight, Tina & Terry
Hofmann, David
Hollingsworth, Laurie & John
Welles, Alex & Andrew

DEER (\$1,000-\$2,499)

Donnelley Foundation (Barbi & Tom)
Ferguson, Harwood
Freeman/ Ellis, Marion & Corson
Gawthrop Family
Marsters, Courtney & Steve
Morrison, Antoinette & Holmes
O'Connell, Libby & Matt
Sipe, Debbie & Richard
Welles, Hope & Deke

OTTER (\$500-\$999)

Boggs, Paula & Travis
Bowen, Calvine & Charles
Cook, Pie & Bryan
Fort, Debby
Foster/Miller, Peggy & Glenn

Grannis, Pat & Uri
Hall, Janet
Jernagan, Hopie & Luke
Jewett/Kauffman, Ellen & Richard
Navarro, Donna
Schrank, Nancy & Doug
Sipe, Alison & Chris
Swindells, Anne
Taylor, Fred
Wulsin, Drausin

MALLARD (< \$500)

Allen, Nancy & Jerry
Babitt, John
Babitt, William
Barnes, Kim & Shirley
Barzyk, Patricia & Richard
Beach, Andrea & Jeff
Bell/Buxton, Cici & Jim
Bell/Wetterworth, Alex & Ron
Bennett, Marcia & Ted
Bertrand, Joe
Bloomer, Kimmy
Bondar, Aldona & Arthur
Bouffard, Diane & Michel
Brennen, Judy & Jm
Brown, Mary
Buchen, Ellen Smith
Buchen, Shelley
Caldwell, Helene & Errol
Carper, Barbara & Nicholas
Celio, Bess & Candelario
Clark, Jennifer
Clement, Cecilia
Cohen, Joyce & Robert
Cook, Beth & Graham
Cook, Joan
Cross, Lucia & David
Czerkis/Olson, Kathy & Marilyn
Dalton, Martha & Tom

Davie, Samantha & Barrett
Detert, Thomas
Doering, Sarah & Fred
Dorscht, Ron
Dunlop, Sarah & Luke
Dunnan, Calvine & Doug
Elliott, Tanna & Lynn
Ellis/Bruckmann, Laurie & Bruce
Elting, Maria & Tor
Emiry, Jackie & David
Evans, Marshall
Faganely, Lori & Robert
Feder, Judson
Fisher, Aaron
Foster, Paula & Andy
Foster, Peter
Foster, Sandra
Gill, James
Gjos, Marie & Gary
Gjos, Steve
Good, Nigel
Grannis, Jane & Terry Wetmore
Gupta, Margaret
Haight, Kendall & Ben
Harry, Shirley
Hergott, Lynne & Paul
Hershey, Harriett & John
Hill, Alice & Jim
Hines, Lucy & Paul
Hodgkins, Debbie & Tom
Hodgkins, Bondy & Tom
Hoyt, Freddie
Hussey, Cathy & Stephen
Irwin, Marg & Ronald
Jackson, Molly & Stuart
Jenkins, Mark
Johnson, Tom
Kettles, Michele
King, Elma & Joseph
King, Hailey

King, Joseph F
King, Joseph Scott
Kingery, Elizabeth & Bill
Kite, Emily & Matthew
Kite, Suzanne & Tiger
Ladell, Mary Therese & Thomas
Lang/Lesage, Susan & Patrick
Lang-Weir, Andrew
MacDonald, Kim & Hugh
MacDonald/Kirby, Linda & Eric
MacDougall/Murray, Charlotte & Hugh
Marquardt, Martica
Martin, Linda
McGorman, Don
McKay, Diena & Lawrence
Meyer, Carey
Meyer, Connie & Alden
Miller/Evans, Marjorie & Trey
Montgomery, Rowena
Mossing, Marty
Moule, Dave
Oatis, Paul
Oatis, Kate
Oatis, Carol
Oatis, John
Oatis-Virtue, Judy
Oatis-Warzon, Ginny
O'Connell/Robertson, Lucy & Michael
Palmer, Chuck
Palmer, Sally & Martin
Pauli, Kathryn
Peabody/Isaaks, Carey & Ed
Phelps, Peggy
Pook, Debra & Ron
Rilett, John
Robertson, Linda & John
Ruckman/Ellis, Libby & Stuart
Scallan, Pam & Drew
Schendel, Sally & Logan
Schneider, Mary & Steve

Shewfelt, Gerry & Milton
Simmons/Balz, Erica & John
Sipe, CG
Smith, Judy
St. John, Jane & Ray
Stewart, Jonathan
Strothman, Dana & John
Swift, Keith & Marty
Sylvester, Katherine & Edmund Q
Sylvester, Elizabeth
Taylor, Tina
Tebbetts, Chartis & Edwin
Township of St. Joseph
Tisdall, Gayle & Robert
Vail, Gail & Stephen
VanHouten, Carol & Donald
Vincenzo, Sarah & John
Waddell, Sophia & Matt
Warren, Anita
Warren, Richard
Watson, Anne & Charles
Watson, Joyce
Welles, Damaris
Welles, Gerry
Wheeler, Joan & Wells
White, Jamie
Wick, Susan & Tom
Wilson, Peggy
Woods, Sally
Wulsin, Jane & John
Wulsin, Victoria & Lawson
Zahn, Nora & Gregory

MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES

Welles, Hope and Deke
Welles, Maud & Jeff
Welles, Georgia



“ It can be understood only through one of those typical visits to Desbarats camp that starts out as weekend and stretches out to a blissful fortnight or more. To those who have participated in the delightful experience of fully enjoying the Desbarats country, - its refreshing water, - its warm and penetrating sunshine and its sudden lashing storms,- its brilliant northern lights, - its rugged islands, - and above all its free and friendly spirit. ”

~ HERMAN DUNLAP SMITH



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