Our Vision
Thriving, prosperous communities nourished by vibrant natural areas, working farms, and healthy cities

Our Mission
To provide the people of our region with essential natural assets through land conservation and restoration
This land is full of history. Centuries of geologic transformation. Decades of exploration. Generations of family stories.

This land is full of life. Tiny wildflowers and towering trees. Steelhead and snapping turtles. People of all backgrounds.

This land is full of love. Love of nature. Love of tradition. Love of community.

Today, the future of this land – and the legacy we create for future generations – lies solely in our hands.

As the largest land trust in Ohio and one of the top in the nation, Western Reserve Land Conservancy addresses the root causes of land loss. Our holistic approach blends both conservation and restoration to prevent development of vital natural areas, permanently protect family farms, and help make cities healthier places to live. Our work is essential to the health and prosperity of our region, its people, and the land we all love.

We cannot do this critical work without you.

This year’s annual report highlights our recent efforts to conserve keystone properties, restore critical habitat, preserve family farmland, address blight, and plant life-giving trees. It details our work to connect more people to our cherished local landscapes through new trails, greenways, and parks across the region. It inspires a greater love of the land.

Thank you for your vital support to sustain Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s foundational land conservation and restoration work. Together, we can ensure our region’s most precious places will thrive today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.

Rich Cochran
President & CEO

Mitchell Schneider
Board Chair
Western Reserve Land Conservancy reached several major milestones during the 2018 fiscal year.* Here are some of the highlights:

- We permanently conserved 26 properties totaling 2,009 acres, bringing the total number of acres conserved by the Land Conservancy to a remarkable 52,785 acres.
- We have now preserved land in 24 counties across northern and eastern Ohio.
- Once we conserve a property with a conservation easement, our work has only just begun. We have the legal responsibility to care for land encumbered by conservation easements forever. Our Land Stewardship team visits each one of our 715 preserved properties at least once a year to make sure conserved land remains in its natural condition.
- Trumbull County (10,404 total acres) saw the largest increase in permanently conserved acreage this past fiscal year and continues to lead the region in acreage permanently protected. In our western region, Huron County saw an increase in permanently conserved farmland. In our southern region, we preserved our first property in Holmes County.
- We have now conserved land in 18 major watersheds across northern and eastern Ohio. The Grand River Watershed saw the largest jump in protected land around this state scenic river and its tributaries, adding nearly 450 acres in the watershed.
- By the end of fiscal year 2018, the Land Conservancy had created more than 155 public parks and publicly-owned preserves encompassing 10,000+ acres across the region.
- The Land Conservancy celebrated the establishment of Ohio’s 53rd county land bank, meaning that nearly two-thirds of Ohio’s 88 counties now have a land bank. County land banks are powerful entities that take abandoned, tax delinquent properties and repurpose them for the benefit of local communities.
- At the close of fiscal year 2018, the Land Conservancy had planted more than 5,600 robust trees in the City of Cleveland with the help of 2,200+ community and corporate volunteers as part of the Reforest Our City community reforestation program. Additionally, we distributed 6,500+ tree seedlings at community engagement events.

*July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
Our love of the land is rooted in our connections to nature.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy continues to connect people to nearby nature, most notably through our work to create parks and publicly-owned preserves. This public land conservation work frequently involves the most complex kinds of transactions and regularly relies on critical public funding sources.

“We leverage our expertise in public funding as well as land conservation, real estate, and philanthropic fundraising to make these types of projects happen,” explained Rich Cochran, president and CEO of the Land Conservancy. “One of our most important public funding sources is the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund, a competitive state fund backed by bonds and matched with local funding.”

As the steward of Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Funds that support the acquisition, protection, and enhancement of open space and riparian corridors in 19 local districts across the state, the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) relies upon a host of local partners to provide essential resources on the ground and in the field. OPWC Director Mike Miller said, “We value Western Reserve Land Conservancy as one of these partners and as an entity that shares OPWC’s abiding commitment to ensuring that the public’s investment in conservation yields natural areas that are protected in perpetuity for the benefit of generations to come.”

OPWC Administrator Linda Bailiff added, “Western Reserve Land Conservancy continually provides high quality conservation projects, true forever success stories.”

Bay Point Sandbar, Brecksville Upland Preserve, Ed Curilla Preserve, and the Tinker’s Creek Greenway (shown to the right) are among the wide-ranging projects that the Land Conservancy was able to complete during fiscal year 2018.

In Fiscal Year 2018, Western Reserve Land Conservancy secured nearly $7,800,000 in public funding for land conservation projects. This corresponds to 12 grant commitments from 9 distinct funding sources: 7 state funding sources (including funding from 5 Clean Ohio Districts) and 2 federal sources.
Bay Point Sandbar (above): Known locally as the “Sandbar,” the Ottawa County property consists of a narrow peninsula that extends south from the Marblehead Peninsula into Sandusky Bay. The rarity and quality of Bay Point’s 34-acre freshwater coastal wetland habitat and nearly 2.5 miles of undisturbed Lake Erie shoreline make this coastal ecosystem a nationally significant conservation priority.

Ed Curilla Preserve (below): Thanks to funding from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund as well as generous individual donations, the Land Conservancy was able to add the 15-acre Ed Curilla Preserve to Kelleys Island’s impressive interconnected system of natural areas.

Brecksville Upland Preserve (above): Once under threat of development, Cleveland Metroparks and Western Reserve Land Conservancy partnered to permanently conserve 102 acres in Cuyahoga County. Brecksville Upland Preserve largely consists of mature forest canopy and boasts more than 2,000 linear feet of headwater streams to the Cuyahoga River.

Tinker’s Creek Greenway (below): Portage Park District and Western Reserve Land Conservancy partnered in leveraging grant funds to permanently protect 189 acres of high quality natural areas in the City of Streetsboro, an area under continued development pressure.
The conservation story of Oberlin Great South Woods continues to blossom.

With mature forests, high-quality wetlands, and a sedge meadow, the Oberlin Great South Woods property was deemed a conservation priority by local leaders for more than a decade. In 2015, Western Reserve Land Conservancy acquired the 63-acre property, preventing development of vital natural resources and providing a unique restoration opportunity.

Nearly half of the property had been previously farmed, however the funding used to acquire the property did not permit continued agricultural use. While the former fields were relatively clear of invasive plants, conservation partners began work to restore a native prairie at Oberlin Great South Woods. “Prairie ecosystems provide important habitat for a diversity of wildlife including grassland birds and key pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, and ants,” explained Kate Pilacky, associate field director for the Land Conservancy.

In 2017 and 2018, nearly 600 native wildflower plants, more than 30 native trees, and 5 acres of prairie seed were successfully planted by corporate and community volunteers. Additionally, dozens of Oberlin College students, including students from Environment and Society classes and Work-Study Programs as well as members of the Track and Field team, supported the project.

“From direct service to administrative projects, we’re pleased that Oberlin College students have had the opportunity to support Western Reserve Land Conservancy in a variety of ways over the years, including the annual Day of Service during new student orientation, the Community Service Work-Study Program, and community-based learning courses,” shared Trecia Pottinger, Oberlin College’s director at the Bonner Center for Service and Learning.

Additional prairie restoration work will take place at Oberlin Great South Woods in 2019 according to Pilacky. She said, “This restoration project is truly a labor of love. I’m amazed by the efforts to rebuild this critical habitat and vibrant natural area. It is as important for wildlife as it is for nearby residents and community members.”
The success of Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s Reforest Our City program depends not only on the planting of trees, but long-term stewardship of those trees by dedicated individuals.

To expand critical tree maintenance and stewardship capacity, the Land Conservancy partnered with the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) and Student Conservation Association (SCA) in 2017 and 2018.

With the belief that everyone, regardless of their past, deserves the chance to work toward a stronger future for themselves, their families, and their communities, CEO is the largest reentry employment provider in the country. The organization offers formerly incarcerated individuals coming home from prison the ongoing support necessary to build career capital and financial stability including job-readiness training, immediate paid work experience, and job coaching. To support the Land Conservancy’s Reforest Our City program, CEO provided a local supervisor and a rotating crew of up to seven individuals to plant and maintain trees throughout Cleveland.

“Importantly, our experiences with CEO and SCA crew members were mutually beneficial,” explained Colby Sattler, Land Conservancy urban forestry and natural resources manager. “Individuals learned important tree care and community building skills that they can utilize in future permanent positions. And we were able to collaboratively build upon the strengths of both workforce development organizations to meet our maintenance goals and enhance the Reforest Our City program.”

Nathan Herr, an SCA crew member, concurred, “Planting and stewarding trees has been immensely rewarding. I am honored to be able to make such a positive change in my community and I am inspired to continue to do so in a professional setting.”

SCA provides opportunities for thousands of young people to develop conservation values and explore pathways to green careers, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their sense of responsibility to others and to the world. To support our urban reforestation efforts, SCA recruited four recent college graduates of diverse academic backgrounds to plant and maintain trees throughout Cleveland.

Stewarding a new conservation workforce

Western Reserve Land Conservancy has engaged more than 2,270 individuals in urban reforestation efforts. CEO and SCA crews provided critical maintenance care for more than 5,600 trees.
Farming is deeply rooted in Ohio’s heritage. With some of the most fertile and productive land in the nation, Ohio’s farms produce food for our communities and contribute to the state’s economy.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy works alongside farmers to permanently preserve working farms that support diverse farming operations across the region. In addition to holding donated agricultural easements, the Land Conservancy partners with the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) to purchase agricultural easements from landowners who volunteer to keep their land in agricultural production in perpetuity.

During the 2018 fiscal year, the Land Conservancy and Ohio Department of Agriculture partnered with the Carrington family in Portage County to preserve their 69-acre farm and the Seidel family in Huron County to preserve 158 acres of their farming operation through LAEPP. Walter and Paula Carrington raise hogs and cattle on their property in addition to growing apples, pumpkins, corn, and soybeans. Multiple generations of the Seidel family are actively involved in Seidel Maple Lawn Farm LLC’s diversified farm operation which produces various row crops as well as hogs, beef cattle, and broiler chickens.

“In addition to permanently preserving prime farmland, families like the Carringtons and the Seidels are able to reinvest LAEPP funding back into their farm operation, which not only benefits their families, but also benefits Ohio agriculture,” explained Alex Czayka, senior vice president of conservation transactions for the Land Conservancy. “When we help a farmer invest in their business, we are engaged in both land preservation and economic development.”

We are proud to work with farm families and partners to preserve Ohio’s farmland. It is key to ensuring agriculture’s economic success for future generations.
Supporting farm families and their communities

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Always and Forever

Raising their family in the heart of Cleveland’s Emerald Necklace, Rick and Marilyn Hyde’s love of the great outdoors transformed into a passion for conservation.

“When you raise your kids,” Rick Hyde remarked, “you try to teach them that never and always are words to be used sparingly. But when it comes to conservation, always and forever are words that are really good.”

Upon his first retirement, Rick Hyde reached out to the Chagrin River Land Conservancy to volunteer. Though he offered to dig ditches, the organization had different plans in mind. Rick was asked to join the Board of Trustees, which he enthusiastically agreed to do. Through mergers and expansions, Rick has served on the board of the Land Conservancy since his initial offer to volunteer in the mid-1990s, taking just one year off.

As our longest serving trustee, Rick provides us with extraordinary business acumen, leadership, and service. His wife, Marilyn, always steps up to help us with our outreach efforts – from stuffing envelopes to hosting hikes.

But that’s not all. Around 2000, the Hydes worked with the Land Conservancy to permanently conserve a 94-acre property in Geauga County. The stunning property boasts natural areas comprised of mature woodlands and six natural kettlehole lakes. The Hydes share their “Forever Farm” with all who will take the time to walk or cross-country ski the cherished land.

At the 2018 Stewards Event, Western Reserve Land Conservancy recognized the Hydes with the Art of Caring Award for their outstanding and enduring philanthropic contributions to conserve our region’s greatest natural assets. The Art of Caring Award pays tribute to a White Oak Legacy Society individual or family who exemplifies the art of caring through their leadership, passion, and vision. In order to honor the Hydes, local artist Carol Prior painted a beautiful scene of their conserved property.

“Since my first meeting with Rick and Marilyn, they have proven to be two of the most authentic, generous, humble people I’ve ever known,” noted Rich Cochran, president and CEO of the Land Conservancy. “Their love of the land and passion for our region’s natural areas are genuine and inspiring. Their warm friendship and support of Western Reserve Land Conservancy is truly exceptional.”
This special group of Land Conservancy supporters have made a lasting commitment to land protection through a variety of estate-planning tools, including bequests in a will or trust, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, IRA designations, or gifts of life insurance.

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If interested in joining our White Oak Legacy Society, please contact us at 440.528.4150.
First-generation farmer preserves farmland forever
Seeing farm after farm developed, Erik Kernell had always hoped to find a program that preserved farmland. “I can’t stand seeing houses built on former farms and prime farmland developed,” he emphasized. “They don’t make more land.” In December 2017, Kernell and his father donated conservation easements on two Huron County properties that are planted in a standard rotation of crops including corn, soybeans, and wheat. Both are part of Kernell’s larger 2,000+ acre farm operation. Kernell intends to conserve additional properties with the help of the Land Conservancy.

Land Conservancy preserves historic mill
Thanks to the work of Western Reserve Land Conservancy and its partners, plans are underway to restore, improve, and open to the public one of the nation’s oldest working water-powered mills: Kister Water Mill. The Wayne County mill was built in 1816 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over the past two centuries, it has operated as a woolen mill, sawmill, gristmill, cider press, woodshop, and planing mill. All operations are powered by a waterwheel that measures 18-feet in diameter.

In 2018, the Land Conservancy acquired Kister Water Mill and 15 acres of surrounding natural area, including the mill raceway. After improvements are completed, the mill will be operated as a history and education center.

First property conserved in Holmes County
Almost 50 years to the day Philip and Joyce Balderston purchased their Holmes County property, the couple donated a conservation easement on it, conserving 153 acres of working forest and agricultural land in perpetuity. Today, most of the property is a well-managed stand of hardwood timber with high-grade species and a well-established understory. The Balderstons ran a maple sugaring operation for 47 years and continue to selectively timber the working forest. It was important to the Balderstons to ensure the long-term health of their forest. Philip Balderston explained, “Western Reserve Land Conservancy was our answer. The conservation easement on our property will keep this a working farm forever.”
Community Tree Planting honors Sen. Voinovich
A lifetime resident of North Collinwood, the late Senator George Voinovich loved his Cleveland neighborhood. He traveled the world, but his heart always brought him home to tree-lined Rosecliff Road. Shortly before he passed, Voinovich commented to a neighbor on how sad he was at the loss of so many trees to the emerald ash borer. In May 2018, volunteers, community partners, and family members honored the legacy of the late Senator by planting trees in his cherished neighborhood. Janet Voinovich and her daughter, Betsy, joined neighbors to plant 50 trees on properties throughout the neighborhood with the help of the Land Conservancy, Holden Forests & Gardens, and local Tree Stewards.

Conserving land along the Grand River
Clean water is important to healthy communities and is closely tied to the health of the land. Through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Western Reserve Land Conservancy was able to purchase conservation easements from landowners along the Grand River in an effort to improve water quality. The Land Conservancy exceeded grant requirements permanently conserving approximately 1,200 acres, including an estimated five miles of streams and 400 acres of wetlands in the Grand River Lowlands. Furthermore, the 16 individual landowners who participated in the project contributed more than $975,000 in conservation easement value. For every federal dollar spent, another $1.82 was generated in match.

Report details strong housing market recovery in Cleveland’s first-ring suburbs
In January 2018, the Land Conservancy issued a report, Communities at the Crossroads: A Survey of Five First-Ring Suburbs, examining the housing market challenges and opportunities facing Euclid, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, South Euclid, and Warrensville Heights in the wake of the foreclosure crisis. Though the suburban communities still face some challenges, the results of the suburban property inventory were encouraging; there are few blighted, abandoned properties awaiting demolition in the five suburbs and vacancy rates have been declining. More than 98 percent of the surveyed homes are in excellent or good condition.
At Western Reserve Land Conservancy, it is our privilege to work with landowners across the region to permanently conserve and steward cherished local landscapes. We foster strong and lasting partnerships and friendships with generations of landowners. We feel a true sense of loss when landowners pass away. Through the work that we do to conserve land in perpetuity, it is our commitment to remember, honor, and celebrate the tremendous legacy of those landowners no longer with us. In 2017 and 2018 we said goodbye to many great landowners:

Mary “Jo” Babcock
Tim Brewster
Saundra Dolbeer
Jerome Gratry
Kathy Hacker
Dr. Scott Inkley
Katy Lester
John “Jack” Maylish
Lucia Nash

Perry Nye
Kathy Oney
Don Peters
Arlene Sahr
Brian Sherwin
Jean Hower Taber
Carter Wilmot
Jane Younglas
Tom Younglas

We apologize for any errors or omissions. If a name has been omitted or listed incorrectly, please contact Gina Owen at 440.528.4150.
Out and About

Western Reserve Land Conservancy hosts many events across our region. Here’s a glimpse of events held throughout 2017 and 2018.

The annual Adam’s and Haley’s Run Clean Up took place in April 2018 in Akron. Twenty-five volunteers and community members helped pick up trash, rake trails, and beautify the two urban streams.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy aims to make Arbor Day a Cleveland institution. During our 2018 celebration, more than 75 community and student volunteers gathered at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Academy in Cleveland’s Glenville neighborhood to hear from Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and plant 25 robust trees on the school campus.

In May 2018, more than 75 volunteers hiked local parks and canoed the Grand River through Ashtabula and Lake counties to pick up trash and debris. The annual Grand River Clean Up helps keep the scenic river clean and pristine – be sure to join us for the 20th annual event in May 2019!

More than 60 volunteers helped beautify Cleveland’s Slavic Village neighborhood in honor of Earth Day! Volunteers picked up litter and planted 20 robust trees at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland and along Broadway Avenue.

Additional Arbor Day celebrations included Toast to Trees, a reception at Market Garden Brewery. More than 100 guests came to enjoy More Bark than Bite, a tree-themed beer, made especially for the Land Conservancy. We further engaged our community in Arbor Day by distributing hundreds of tree saplings in partnership with Mitchell’s Ice Cream.

Around 30 people joined the Land Conservancy and Black River Audubon Society in the Oberlin Big Parade in May 2018. The Pollinator Parade celebrated our work to restore 10 acres of prairie habitat at Oberlin Great South Woods. Volunteers distributed more than 150 wildflowers and wildflower seed packets.
We welcomed more than 100 guests to celebrate our past, our present, and our future at Conservation Celebration in June 2018. At the event, we honored Randall and Beth Derror with the Grimm Family Conservation Medal. The Derrors worked with the Land Conservancy to permanently conserve 198 acres of scenic rolling topography in southeastern Richland County near the Mohican River. We also honored Bill Hlavin with the Sugar Maple Award, the Land Conservancy’s highest honor. Bill is an extraordinary leader, long-time trustee, major donor, and a devoted land conservationist.

Each year, Western Reserve Land Conservancy hosts regional celebrations to honor those landowners who have permanently conserved their properties. Above is a photo from our 2018 Eastern Region Celebration held at the beautiful Peter Allen Inn in Trumbull County.

The Land Conservancy continues to host the Ohio Land Bank Conference for land bank officials and community development professionals. More than 300 people attended the 2018 conference in Columbus to discuss re-purposing vacant and abandoned properties and revitalizing neighborhoods across Ohio.

The Land Conservancy’s 2018 Vibrant Places tour series took donors on a guided hike through vernal pools, a beaver wetland, and a blueberry bog at Portage Park District’s 504-acre Morgan Preserve (shown above) as well as a guided tour of the Sharpnacks’ permanently-preserved organic garlic farm in Medina County.

EverGreen EverBlue, the Land Conservancy’s annual gala, is the organization’s most important fundraising event of the year. In 2018, more than 450 supporters shared their love of the land with us in the heart of the Chagrin River Valley! A very special thank you goes to our event chairs, Margaux Murphy and Julie Visconsi.
Creating thriving, prosperous communities for future generations is perhaps the most important thing we can do today. Your support helps us do just that.

At the close of the 2018 fiscal year, Western Reserve Land Conservancy had permanently conserved more than 52,000 acres; preserved 230 farms; created more than 155 public parks and preserves; and planted and distributed more than 12,100 trees through the Reforest Our City program. We cannot do this work without your remarkable support.

Thank you!

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2018 and 2017

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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$25,000+
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