

# 2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

Whiskey Harbor on Lake Huron, taken at the Kernan Memorial Nature Sanctuary in Huron County. *Photo by Jason Steel*





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*Established in 1952, the Michigan Nature Association is a non-profit conservation organization committed to the protection and maintenance of special natural areas throughout the state. Through land acquisition and stewardship, MNA works to protect the rare and endangered plants and animals that reside in these areas, and promotes a program of natural history and conservation education. For nearly 60 years, MNA has worked to acquire and protect more than 170 nature sanctuaries from the northern tip of the U.P. to the Indiana/Ohio border.*

▲ A view of Memorial Falls taken at the Twin Waterfalls Nature Sanctuary in Munising and the grand prize winner of the MNA Photo Contest. Photo by Neal Weaver

# MEETING THE CHALLENGE



**STEVE KELLEY**  
President



**GARRET JOHNSON**  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Sixty years ago, a group of spirited individuals who cared deeply about the natural heritage of our state set out to make a difference. And what a difference they made.

From that bold beginning, the organization they founded grew to include like-minded citizens from across the state. The Michigan Nature Association's members, donors and volunteers have built a remarkable network of more than 170 nature sanctuaries across the state - the largest statewide network of natural areas established and maintained by a non-profit conservation organization in Michigan. From the northernmost tip of the Upper Peninsula to the southern border of Michigan, you are never far from finding beauty and tranquility in nature.

We encourage you to take a few moments to reflect on all that your support has made possible. 2011 has been an exciting year for MNA; highlights include:

- Completing the largest single land protection project in MNA history, the 600-acre Kenneth R. Luneack Nature Sanctuary in the northern Lower Peninsula in collaboration with the J.A. Woollam Foundation and The Nature Conservancy.
- Strengthening our stewardship program, including holding 105 volunteer workdays around the state, conducting prescribed burns at ten sanctuaries and completing seven visitor accommodation projects.
- Expanding our commitment to community-based conservation, including establishing a full-time position in the Upper Peninsula focused on organizing local stewardship efforts.

Much work remains to be done, and we have ambitious plans for 2012. But with the generous support of our members, donors and volunteers, we are confident we can meet the challenge and continue MNA's proud tradition of protecting Michigan's natural treasures.

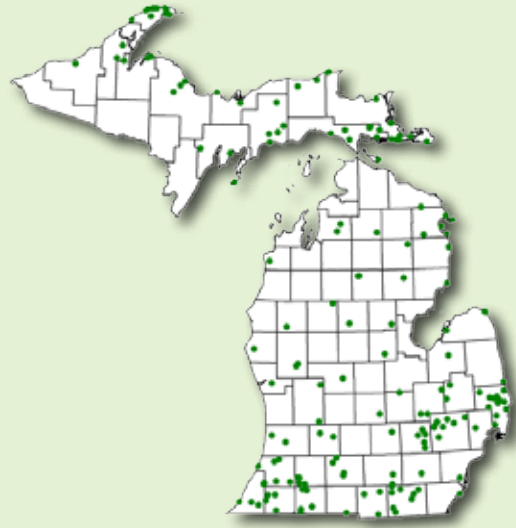
Thank you again for your continued support.

*Steve* *Garret*



*MNA is...* **VISION**

# From Bold Beginnings



▲ MNA's network of more than 170 nature sanctuaries and plant preserves across the state of Michigan.

◀ A white pine at the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary in Keweenaw County.  
*Photo by Marilyn Keigley*

Under the visionary leadership of Bertha Daubendiek, what started six decades ago as a small bird study group became a statewide land conservation organization. From that bold beginning, MNA's members, donors and volunteers built a remarkable statewide network of more than 170 nature sanctuaries across Michigan.

Perhaps no other place symbolizes the spirit of Bertha Daubendiek better than the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary on the Keweenaw Peninsula. The sanctuary encompasses 508 acres and includes one of the largest stands of old-growth white pine remaining in Michigan. Some trees are 400 to 600 years old, have trunks that measure three-to-five feet in diameter, and achieve heights of 120 feet.

Earlier this year Dave Schneider, city editor of the Marquette *Mining Journal*, visited Estivant Pines. In a column he wrote about the time he spent there, he said, "Although [Bertha] Daubendiek passed away in 2005 at the age of 89, I think she would take great pleasure in knowing the organization she worked so hard to create continues to flourish and carry on her vision."

## 60 YEARS OF CONSERVATION



**1960s**

The organization acquires its first ten properties, including the first Upper Peninsula property



**1980s**

Twin Waterfalls in Munising becomes the 100th property protected by MNA



**2000s**

MNA joins the Michigan Karst Conservancy as co-owner of the Mystery Valley Nature Sanctuary



**1952**

What started in 1951 as a bird watching group signs Articles of Incorporation



**1970s**

MNA joins the Save the Pines campaign, and acquires one of its first crown jewels: the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary



**1990s**

MNA creates nearly 40 new nature sanctuaries, including many that will become the most frequently visited



**2011**

MNA now protects more than 10,000 acres of land across the state



*MNA is...* **LEGACY**



▲ Bender Creek flows through the Genevieve Casey Nature Sanctuary, part of the 2011 addition to the sanctuary. *Photo by Brad Hyde*

◀ Whiskey Harbor at the Kernan Memorial Nature Sanctuary in Huron County. *Photo by Jason Steel*

# Saving Our Natural Treasures

Michigan is blessed with extraordinary natural beauty. Surrounded by such beauty, it is easy to overlook what is being lost as landscapes around us change and habitat is fragmented. MNA is dedicated to permanently protecting land that provides critical habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species and natural communities.

Thousands of plants, animals and natural communities are native to Michigan, including some found nowhere else in the world. The vision of MNA's founders still guides the organization today: protecting our state's special natural areas for future generations.

MNA focuses on protecting the rare, threatened and endangered species and natural communities that play such a vital role in Michigan's rich natural heritage. Today, MNA's network of nature sanctuaries

encompasses more than 10,000 acres of some of the finest forests, prairies, wetlands and other native habitats found in Michigan.

There are numerous organizations working to protect land in Michigan. However, MNA distinguishes itself as the state's first non-profit dedicated to land protection. MNA has protected vulnerable lands in 58 of Michigan's 83 counties, and remains the only statewide land protection organization devoted solely to Michigan.

## 2011 LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS

### KENNETH R. LUNEACK NATURE SANCTUARY

Oscoda County

Donation of an easement on 600 acres by the Kenneth R. Luneack Living Trust, in collaboration with the J.A. Woollam Foundation and The Nature Conservancy

### GENEVIEVE CASEY NATURE SANCTUARY ADDITION

Oceana County

Purchase of 30 acres adjacent to MNA's existing sanctuary, for improved protection and buffering of freshwater habitat (shown in photo above)

### EDNA S. NEWMAN TRUST PROPERTY DONATION

St. Clair County

Donation of 87.5 acres, along with additional funding for stewardship activities, donated by the Edna S. Newman Trust

### CARL E. McALVAY MEMORIAL PLANT PRESERVE ADDITION

Alcona County

Donation by the J.A. Woollam Foundation of an additional 3.5 acres to a plant preserve protecting mixed conifer forest

### FIVE LAKES MUSKEGON NATURE SANCTUARY LAND TRADE

Muskegon County

Land trade with the Eagle Group, that improves the long-term ecological integrity of the sanctuary and protects more rare coastal plain marsh



*MNA is...* **HERITAGE**



### FOREST RESTORATION

At the Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary, MNA is working with support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to replant 14,000 trees on what used to be southern mesic forest with oak and hickory trees, in the hope that shade trees will restore the forest system.

The majestic southern mesic forest, including American beech and maple trees, is native to the area but has been degraded over time by decades of logging and agriculture.

▲ Stewardship coordinator Andrew Bacon gives a presentation on work being done at the Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary. *Photo by Matt Hund*

◀ The Pine River at Brennan Memorial Nature Sanctuary in St. Clair County. *Photo by Jason Steel*

# Being Good Stewards of the Land

At MNA, sound stewardship is one of our most important tasks. Our decades of experience with rare habitats and endangered plants and animals gives us the necessary expertise to ensure their protection, so that future generations can experience first-hand our state's rich natural heritage.

MNA's network of sanctuaries encompasses more than 10,000 acres of forests, prairies, wetlands and other native habitats across the state. Today, our sanctuaries protect a majority of Michigan's rare, threatened and endangered species.

Because there are MNA sanctuaries in 58 of Michigan's 83 counties, MNA mobilizes a statewide network of hundreds of volunteers to help us monitor and responsibly manage the land we protect. All MNA sanctuaries are

monitored to avoid misuse, abuse, destruction of resources and/or conflicts with neighbors. Monitoring reports are prepared by stewards for each sanctuary annually.

To better understand our stewardship responsibilities, MNA staff and volunteers are currently cooperating with a number of researchers from universities and government agencies on endangered species surveys, invasive species monitoring and other ecological research projects.

## A YEAR IN NUMBERS

**105** Volunteer workdays organized at nature sanctuaries across the state

**14** Nature sanctuaries with grant-funded projects completed in 2011

**3,067** Hours worked by MNA volunteers in 2011, including volunteer workdays

**54** Sanctuaries with ongoing invasive species control projects and initiatives

**29** Hikes and field trips led by MNA at nature sanctuaries across the state

**7** Large-scale accessibility projects completed at nature sanctuaries

**10** Sanctuaries with successful prescribed burns of prairie and/or fen habitat

**13** Ecological research projects conducted by partners at nature sanctuaries

**40** Management plans finalized to better protect nature sanctuaries

**8** Youth stewardship projects completed, including Eagle Scouts



*MNA is...* **COMMUNITY**



### FINDING WIN-WIN SOLUTIONS

From the first time John Workman met with MNA, he has been a supporter of land protection. John and the company he co-founded, the Eagle Group, have engaged in numerous projects with MNA, including a land trade in 2011 to protect rare coastal plain marsh in Muskegon County.



As part of a \$10 million deal that created more than 150 jobs in the Muskegon area, MNA received a parcel of land that not only protects rare habitat, but also creates better access to the existing sanctuary.

▲ The Five Lakes Muskegon Nature Sanctuary in the western Lower Peninsula is home to one of Michigan's rarest natural communities, coastal plain marsh. *Photo from the MNA Archives*

◀ Autumn at the Lefglen Nature Sanctuary in Jackson County. *Photo by John Bagley*

## Engaging Local Partners

A sense of community brings people together for a common cause, and enables individuals to have a greater impact. Community is at the heart of what MNA does, and how MNA operates. By working together to protect threatened landscapes, everybody wins, especially future generations.

By engaging the community and local partners, MNA is able to accomplish otherwise unattainable goals. One such example is our partnership with Diamond Die and Mold Co. in Clinton Township. JoAnn Hinds, owner of Diamond Die, has been an MNA member and donor and has supported numerous MNA projects over the years.

As a business leader, she knows the importance of maintaining a sense of community, both for her business and her workforce. That is why she encourages her employees to attend volunteer workdays, even going so far as to give them paid time off in exchange for helping MNA at the Wilcox Warnes Nature Sanctuary in Macomb County.

On the Keweenaw Peninsula where MNA has worked for decades, MNA has 18 nature sanctuaries in Keweenaw and Houghton Counties. Local communities see them as assets, as well as important natural areas. Picturesque properties like Estivant Pines and MNA sanctuaries on Brockway Mountain attract tourists and welcome attention.

To help spur interest, MNA published *Walking Paths and Protected Areas of the Keweenaw*, a popular guidebook to the region's protected lands and the hikes that will take you there. And earlier this year, MNA was pleased to donate funds to support Eagle Harbor Township's exciting effort to conserve more land on Brockway Mountain.

*"It is through cooperation with private, governmental and conservation organizations that we can all reach our goals."*

~ Edward A. Kisiel, Eagle Harbor Township Supervisor (Keweenaw County)



*MNA is...* **YOU**



▲ Pat Andring, a member and volunteer, enjoys a picnic at the Barvicks Sand Dunes Nature Sanctuary in southwest Michigan. *Photo by Matt Hund*

◀ A blue-eyed Mary, photographed at the Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary in southwestern Michigan. *Photo by Barbara Burke*

▼ A collection of photos from our 2011 volunteer days, including work days to manage invasive species, improve trails, survey species, and restore natural processes such as burn regime. *Photos by stewardship staff*

# People Making a Difference

MNA relies on people from across the state to accomplish our goals, and your support leaves a lasting legacy on Michigan's landscape. Support through the years has also helped MNA become an enduring institution, one that will remain effective for many years to come.

In the fall, MNA supporters came together to celebrate the accomplishments and commitment of those who have made MNA what it is today, and to recognize those who are making outstanding contributions to our future success.

Many shared inspiring stories about early involvement with MNA. Like Ted Soldan, who told the audience about how he and his wife, Alice, have been members of MNA

since 1989 and have dedicated their time and efforts to protecting the magnificent species and land at Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary in Keweenaw County. And Dave Wanty, who gets in his car and drives for more than an hour each way in order to help MNA with legal files and preparing for accreditation.

These are just a few of the hundreds of extraordinary people who give so generously to make the organization what it is today.

## 2011 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Tom Miller  
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Dave Wanty

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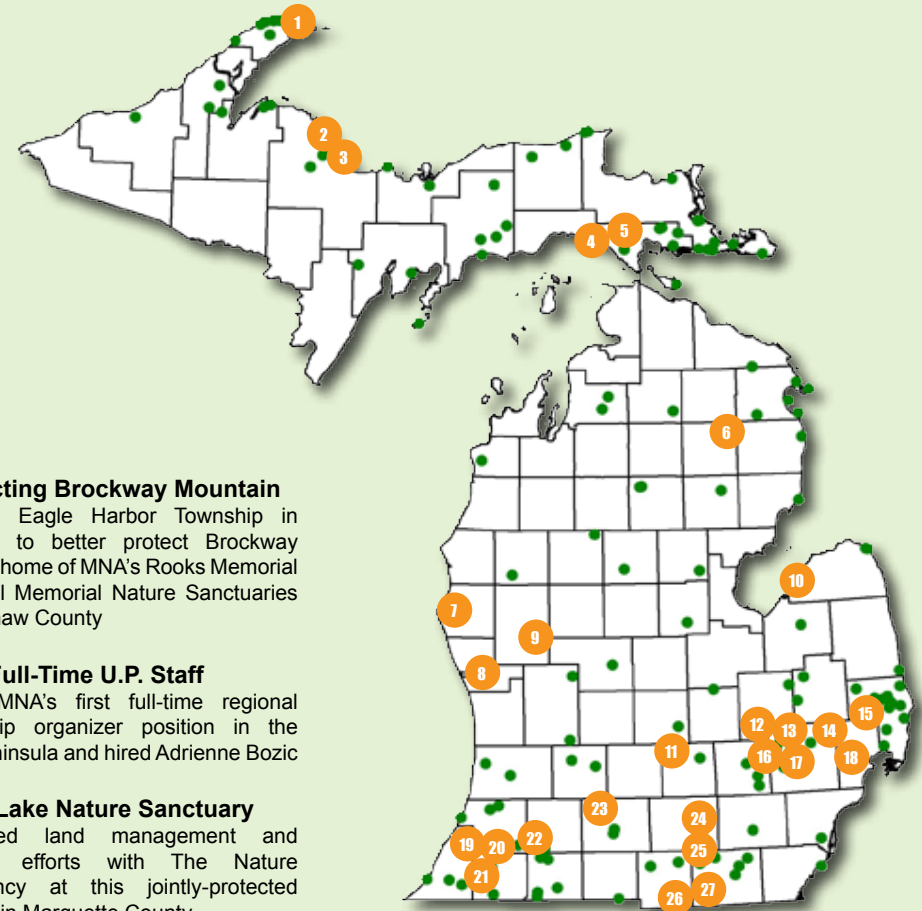


# GETTING REAL RESULTS

We would like to thank the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the J.A. Woollam Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, the Consumers Energy Foundation, the Leuthold Foundation, REI, Inc., and our other partners for their assistance in 2011.



▲ A snowy scene from the Green River Nature Sanctuary. *Photo by John Porter*



## 1. Protecting Brockway Mountain

Supported Eagle Harbor Township in its efforts to better protect Brockway Mountain, home of MNA's Rooks Memorial and Klipfel Memorial Nature Sanctuaries in Keweenaw County

## 2. First Full-Time U.P. Staff

Created MNA's first full-time regional stewardship organizer position in the Upper Peninsula and hired Adrienne Bozic

## 3. Echo Lake Nature Sanctuary

Coordinated land management and protection efforts with The Nature Conservancy at this jointly-protected sanctuary in Marquette County

## 4. Monkeyflower Research

Secured funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an endangered species survey at the Epoufette Bay Nature Sanctuary in Mackinac County

## 5. Invasive Species Control

Amazing volunteers removed invasive species at sanctuaries across the state, including at the Fred Dye Nature Sanctuary in Mackinac County

## 6. Kenneth R. Luneack Nature Sanctuary

Created a 600-acre sanctuary with the Kenneth R. Luneack Living Trust, The Nature Conservancy and the J.A. Woollam Foundation

## 7. Sanctuary Expansion

Purchased an additional 30 acres of land to better protect sensitive habitat and species at the Genevieve Casey Nature Sanctuary in Oceana County

### 8. Coastal Plain Marsh Protected

Traded land with the Eagle Group to better protect rare coastal plain marsh habitat at MNA's Five Lakes Muskegon N.S.

### 9. Prescribed Burns

Conducted controlled burns at ten sanctuaries across Michigan, including Newaygo Prairie, to simulate a natural fire regime and assist native vegetation

### 10. Saginaw Wetlands N.S.

Completed a LIP grant project to conduct a prescribed burn and control invasives in Huron County

### 11. Accreditation Technician

Established a full-time position to coordinate efforts of MNA staff and volunteers toward achieving our goal of accreditation

### 12. Youth Stewardship

Coordinated eight youth stewardship projects, including three Eagle Scout projects at the Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary in Genesee County

### 13. Burr Plant Preserve

Conducted a prescribed burn to fight invasives at the Clifford R. and Calla C. Burr Memorial in Oakland County

### 14. Phragmites Control

Completed a project to control invasive phragmites at Lakeville Swamp in Oakland County with funding from a LIP grant

### 15. New Sanctuary in St. Clair Co.

Acquired 87.5 acres of land along with additional funding to establish and manage stewardship activities at a brand new nature sanctuary in St. Clair County, donated by the Edna S. Newnan Trust

### 16. Big Valley N.S.

Completed a LIP grant project to conduct a prescribed burn and control invasive species like autumn olive at the sanctuary in Oakland County

### 17. Black Swallowwort Control

Participated in the black swallowwort control collaborative involving sanctuaries in southeastern Michigan including the Big Valley Nature Sanctuary in Oakland County

### 18. Improved Access

Completed seven large-scale accessibility projects across Michigan, including a new parking area, trailhead and updated trails at the Wilcox Warnes Nature Sanctuary in Macomb County; financially supported by a grant from REI

### 19. Butternut Creek N.S.

Completed a LIP grant project to conduct a prescribed burn and control woody growth in Van Buren County

### 20. Reed Canary Grass Control

Managed glossy buckthorn and reed canary grass at the Hamilton township Coastal Plain marsh in Van Buren County with funding from an MDNR LIP grant

### 21. Dowagiac Woods N.S.

Secured funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to plant 14,000 trees as part of a reforestation project in Cass County

### 22. Glossy Buckthorn Removal

Completed projects to control invasive glossy buckthorn at the Palmer Memorial and Wilkie Memorial Plant Preserve in Kalamazoo County

### 23. Prescribed Burns

Conducted controlled burns at ten sanctuaries across Michigan, including at the Betty and Ralph Campbell Memorial Plant Preserve at Helmer Brook, to simulate a natural fire regime that would have occurred historically

### 24. Lefglen N.S.

Secured funding from a WHIP grant to conduct a prescribed burn and control woody encroachment at the sanctuary in Jackson County

### 25. Prairie Fen Restoration

Continued the restoration of the prairie fen at Goose Creek in Lenawee County that was previously overgrown with invasive species like glossy buckthorn

### 26. Deer Browse Survey

Conducted a research project looking at browse pressure by white-tailed deer at eight sanctuaries in lower Michigan including the Sarah Jane's Nature Sanctuary in Hillsdale County, taking steps that will lead to a management plan

### 27. Powell Memorial N.S.

Secured funding from a WHIP grant to generate and implement a future plan to control invasive species at the sanctuary in Lenawee County



▲ A member of the MNA burn crew lighting a prescribed burn of a nature sanctuary. *Photo from the MNA Archives*

▼ Ted Soldan working on an accessibility project at the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary in Keweenaw County. *Photo from the MNA Archives*



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# THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

MNA receives generous support from thousands of individuals across Michigan, and some from across the country. Every gift to MNA makes a difference. We thank each and every one of our supporters for their dedication to saving Michigan's natural treasures for future generations.

*MNA is very appreciative of the contributions of each and every member, donor and volunteer. We made every attempt to be accurate in our list, which includes donations made between March 1, 2010 and October 31, 2011; any name not included was done so unintentionally and we apologize for the omission.*



▲ A showy orchis at a nature sanctuary in southwestern Michigan. *Photo by Aaron Strouse*

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Marilyn Keigley  
Hal and Jeanette Keim  
Barbara Kelley  
Bob and Judy Kelly  
Bertha Kelsey

## LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY



**Mason Schafer** was one of MNA's most tireless contributors and volunteers. He personally purchased and then donated hundreds of acres to MNA, helping to establish nature sanctuaries around the state. Mason also left a significant bequest to MNA by transferring funds from his Individual Retirement Account to MNA.

In honor of Mason and his family, MNA recently renamed our largest sanctuary the Schafer Family Nature Sanctuary at Roach Point.

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## TWO EXTRAORDINARY BEQUESTS



**Hildegard Wintergerst**, a long-time member passed away due to cancer late last year at age 86, leaving MNA an extraordinary bequest of more than half a million dollars. Although she is no longer with us, Hildegard will be remembered by her friends at MNA, and her special gift will continue to benefit Michigan's natural areas for many years to come.

**Joseph K. Ritter III** was a resident of Cassopolis who became involved with MNA when Dowagiac Woods was being saved in the early 1980s. Joe remained a life-long member and a Guardian of the Future (the MNA planned giving program), leaving MNA a bequest of half a million dollars. We are proud to announce the naming of our 2008 addition to the Dowagiac Woods in his honor.

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## A DONATION OF LAND



**Edna Newnan**  
*Past President*

MNA completed several land projects during the previous year. We would like to thank all of those who donated land, especially the following:

- Ken Luneack and the Kenneth R. Luneack Living Trust
- Hal Newnan and the Edna S. Newnan Trust
- Lyle A. Rizor Living Trust Melvin C. Schafer
- John B. and Mary Jane Weiss
- John Woollam and the J.A. Woollam Foundation

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

This summary represents MNA revenue and expenses for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2010 and ending February 28, 2011. Based on an audit prepared by the independent certified public accounting firm of Layton & Richardson, PC. Copies of the audit and the 990 Report to the Internal Revenue Service for 2010 are available upon request.

	UNRESTRICTED	BOARD DESIGNATED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED LAND	TOTAL
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Dues/Contributions	274,646	348,661	98,061	107,852	1,407,000	2,236,200
Investment Income	130,636	0	0	0	0	130,636
Investment Gains	73,676	323,175	396,883	0	0	793,734
Grants Received	0	0	94,312	0	0	94,312
Grants Utilized	92,214	0	(92,214)	0	0	0
Publications/Other	33,602	0	0	0	0	33,602
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>604,774</b>	<b>671,836</b>	<b>497,042</b>	<b>107,852</b>	<b>1,407,000</b>	<b>3,288,504</b>
<b>EXPENSES*</b>						
Stewardship	253,786	0	0	0	0	253,786
Education	27,720	0	0	0	0	27,720
Land Protection	82,173	0	0	0	0	82,173
Membership	108,066	0	0	0	0	108,066
Fundraising	69,081	0	0	0	0	69,081
Administration	61,901	0	0	0	0	61,901
Transfers and other	464	10,000	40,000	(39,464)	(1,000)	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>603,191</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>(39,464)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>612,727</b>
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>661,836</b>	<b>457,042</b>	<b>147,316</b>	<b>1,408,000</b>	<b>2,675,777</b>
Net Assets 2/28/10	303,949	1,499,326	369,304	1,893,357	8,599,441	12,665,377
Net Assets 2/28/11	305,532	2,161,162	826,346	2,040,673	10,007,441	15,341,154

\* A negative expense, denoted by parentheses, represents an increase in the fund.

# ABOUT US

## MISSION

The purpose of the Michigan Nature Association is to acquire, protect and maintain natural areas that contain examples of Michigan endangered and threatened flora, fauna and other components of the natural environment, including habitat for fish, wildlife and plants of the state of Michigan and to carry on a program of natural history study and conservation education.



▲ Ferns at the Timberland Swamp Nature Sanctuary. Photo by John Heck

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You can find an MNA sanctuary near you by visiting our website. Most MNA sanctuaries are open to the public, however, please remember that all MNA sanctuaries are private property and are owned and managed by MNA for the protection of plants and wildlife in their natural environment.

## **ALCONA COUNTY**

McAlvay Memorial

## **ALGER COUNTY**

Handford Memorial  
Twin Waterfalls

## **ALLEGAN COUNTY**

Allegan Valley  
Wade Memorial

## **ALPENA COUNTY**

Colby  
Peter Memorial  
Gull Island  
Grass Island  
Bird Island

## **ANTRIM COUNTY**

Cedar River  
Green River

## **BARAGA COUNTY**

Baraga Old Growth  
Lightfoot Bay

## **BARRY COUNTY**

Thornapple River  
Thornapple Lake

## **BENZIE COUNTY**

Hart

## **BERRIEN COUNTY**

Four Macomb County Ladies  
Pepperidge Dunes  
Trillium Ravine  
Beck Memorial  
Butternut Creek

## **BRANCH COUNTY**

Kope Kon

## **CALHOUN COUNTY**

Campbell Memorial  
Pennfield Bog  
Fish Lake Bog  
Flowering Dogwood

## **CASS COUNTY**

Riley-Shurte Woods  
Dowagiac Woods  
Radebaugh Memorial  
Wilding

## **CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

Pat Grogan  
Munuscong Bay  
Lake Superior  
Lake Huron Sand Dunes  
Zeerip Memorial

Soo Muskeg  
Schafer Family at Roach Point  
Carlton Lake Wetlands  
Harvey's Rocks  
Sand Ridge

## **CLARE COUNTY**

Alta Warren Parsons Memorial

## **CLINTON COUNTY**

A Looking Glass Sanctuary

## **DELTA COUNTY**

Martin Bay  
Three Wilderness Islands  
Bertha K. Daubendiek Memorial

## **GENESEE COUNTY**

Dauner Martin  
White Cedar Swamps  
Save It Creek

## **GLADWIN COUNTY**

Briggs Cox Memorial

## **HILLSDALE COUNTY**

Sarah Jane's  
Hobert Memorial  
Sand Creek Prairie

## **HOUGHTON COUNTY**

Robert Thorson Brown  
Rockafellow Memorial  
River Bend

## **HURON COUNTY**

Sonnenberg Memorial  
Saginaw Wetlands  
Kernan Memorial

## **INGHAM COUNTY**

Red Cedar River

## **IOSCO COUNTY**

Frinks Pond

## **JACKSON COUNTY**

Columbia  
Lefglen

## **KALAMAZOO COUNTY**

Wilkie Memorial  
Flowerfield Creek  
Barton Lake  
Palmer Memorial

## **KENT COUNTY**

Cooper Creek  
Coldwater River

## **KEWEENAW COUNTY**

Dean Webster Memorial  
Estivant Pines  
Upson Lake  
Keweenaw Shores I  
Keweenaw Shores II  
Klipfel Mem. at Brockway Mntn.  
Rooks Mem. at Garden Brook  
Hylton Memorial  
Gunn Memorial  
Grinnell Memorial at Bare Bluff  
Eagle Harbor Red Pine Dunes  
Cy Clark Memorial  
Black Creek  
Redwyn's Dunes  
Gratiot Lake Overlook

## **LAKE COUNTY**

Pere Marquette

## **LAPEER COUNTY**

Petite Wetland  
Zucker Memorial

## **LENAWEE COUNTY**

Martin Beland Miller  
Robert Powell Memorial  
Willow Lake Prairie Slough  
Goose Creek Grasslands  
River Raisin  
Broehl Memorial 1  
Broehl Memorial 2

## **LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

Bullard Lake Fen  
Lyle and Mary Rizer  
Hudspeth Memorial  
Huron River  
H.E. Hardy Memorial

## **LUCE COUNTY**

Two Hearted River  
Swamp Lakes Moose Refuge

## **MACKINAC COUNTY**

Stratton Memorial  
Beaver Dam  
Fred Dye  
Scherer  
Epoufette Bay  
Struble Memorial  
Beavertail Point

Michigan Meridian  
Hiawatha

## **MACOMB COUNTY**

Wilcox Warnes

## **MARQUETTE COUNTY**

Braastad  
Echo Lake  
Myrtle Justeson Memorial

## **MIDLAND COUNTY**

Bullock Creek

## **MONROE COUNTY**

Swan Creek

## **MONTCALM COUNTY**

Krum Memorial

## **MUSKEGON COUNTY**

Five Lakes Muskegon

## **NEWAYGO COUNTY**

Karner Blue  
Newaygo Prairie

## **OAKLAND COUNTY**

Lambs Fairbanks Nature Haven  
Lakeville Swamp  
Timberland Swamp  
Burr Memorial  
Yntema Wildlife Oasis  
Rose Center Wetlands  
Brandon Township  
Morgan Porritt  
Big Valley

## **OCEANA COUNTY**

Genevieve Casey

## **OGEMAW COUNTY**

Lost Lake

## **ONTONAGON COUNTY**

Theodore Hunt Memorial

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Osceola Woods

## **OSCODA COUNTY**

Kenneth R. Luneack

## **OTSEGO COUNTY**

Frost Pocket

## **PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY**

Mystery Valley Karst Preserve

## **ROSCOMMON COUNTY**

Leatherleaf Jack Pine Bog  
Jackson Memorial

## **SANILAC COUNTY**

Birch Creek

## **SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY**

Fox River  
Huntington Memorial  
Walker Memorial  
Cedar Lake  
Manistique Dune and Swale

## **SHIAWASSEE COUNTY**

Shiawassee River

## **ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

Leonatti Memorial  
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Bertha A. Daubendiek Memorial  
Trillium Trail  
Galbraith

Ray Memorial

McGaw Memorial

Jasper Woods Memorial

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Alice W. Moore Woods

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Prairie Banks

White Pigeon River

Sauk Indian Trail

Chen Memorial

Prairie Ronde Savanna

## **TUSCOLA COUNTY**

Wood Duck Domain

## **VAN BUREN COUNTY**

Black River

Hultmark Memorial

Barvicks Sand Dunes

Bankson Lake Bog

Hamilton Twp. Coastal Plain Marsh

## **WASHTENAW COUNTY**

Joan Rodman Memorial N.S.

## **WAYNE COUNTY**

Evans Memorial N.S.



A photo of a hatchling on a nest taken at Jasper Woods Nature Sanctuary. *Photo by Jason Steel*



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