



List of Current Funds

The Wisconsin Conservation Endowment is made up of **94 endowment funds**, with total assets of more than **\$7 million**. The Foundation also holds **6 spend down** funds that provide outright support to conservation projects in Wisconsin.

Agency Funds:

An Agency Fund is created by a qualified tax-exempt organization to support the organization's operations and programs.

1. **Bayfield Regional Conservancy Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created to support the Bayfield Regional Conservancy's easement stewardship program (2011).
2. **Botanical Club of Wisconsin Fund** – An agency fund created by the Botanical Club of Wisconsin to benefit charitable, scientific, or educational purposes of the Club, including but not limited to: scholarships/grants/awards to university students; scientific, conservation, or restoration projects; and workshops (2011).
3. **Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station Fund** – An agency fund created to support raptor research at Cedar Grove Ornithological Research Station and secondary purpose of supporting bird and raptor conservation in Wisconsin (2008).
4. **Cedarburg Bog Stewardship Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of the Cedarburg Bog to support the efforts of their organization, which is dedicated to preserving and nurturing the area known as Cedarburg Bog (2013).
5. **Dane County Conservation League Fund** – An agency fund created by the Dane County Conservation League to support the efforts of their organization (2007).
6. **Dane County Conservation League Prairie Chicken Fund** – An agency fund created by the Dane County Conservation League that supports conservation efforts of the prairie chicken in central Wisconsin (2007).
7. **Devil's Lake State Park Endowment** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Devil's Lake State Park to support the Friend's group work at Devil's Lake State Park (2010).

8. **Frank Hornberg Chapter -Trout Unlimited Fund** – An agency fund created by the Frank Hornberg Chapter of Trout Unlimited to support their work to enhance, restore and maintain the cold water resource and trout habitat (2011).
9. **Friends of Dodge County Parks Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Dodge County Parks to protect and enhance the quality of life in Dodge County by preserving, protecting and promoting natural resources, parks, trails and other County recreational resources (2010).
10. **Friends of Havenwoods State Forest Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Havenwoods to support the efforts of their organization, which is dedicated to developing and preserving Havenwoods State Forest (2012).
11. **Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center to support the organization’s mission of assisting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with interpretive, scientific, historical, educational, and related visitor services at Horicon Marsh and International Education Center (2010).
12. **Friends of Kohler-Andrae Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Kohler-Andrae State Park to support the Friend’s group’s work at Kohler-Andrae State Park (2010).
13. **Friends of Pike Lake Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Pike Lake to support the efforts of the Friends of Pike Lake and the Pike Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest (2010).
14. **Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks to support their mission and operations (2008).
15. **Friends of Wyalusing State Park Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Friends of Wyalusing State Park to support the natural resources and educational, interpretive and recreational needs of Wyalusing State Park (2009).
16. **Golden Sands RC&D ‘Conservation That Works!’ Fund** – A funded created by the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council to support the charitable, scientific or educational purposes of Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council (2018).
17. **Governor Dodge State Park Endowment Fund** – A fund created by the Friends group to support the recreational, educational and environmental stewardship needs at Governor Dodge State Park (2009).

18. **Important Bird Areas Fund** – A fund created by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology in support of Important Bird Areas statewide (2007).
19. **Kettle Moraine Natural History Association Endowment Fund** – A fund created by the Kettle Moraine Natural History Association to support management of the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest (2011).
20. **The Madison Audubon Sanctuaries Fund** – A fund created by Madison Audubon Society to restore and manage Madison Audubon’s protected lands in south-central Wisconsin (2016).
21. **Ozaukee Washington Land Trust Stewardship Fund** – An agency fund created by the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust to support the mission of the organization (2007).
22. **River Alliance Steady Currents Fund** – An agency fund created by the River Alliance of Wisconsin to support the mission of the organization (2008).
23. **Sam Robbins Shorebird Endowment Fund** – An agency fund created by the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology in support of the charitable, scientific or educational purposes of organization (2013).
24. **Southern Wisconsin Chapter, Trout Unlimited Coldwater Conservation Fund** – An agency fund created by the Southern Wisconsin Chapter, Trout Unlimited to support the conservation, protection, and restoration of trout and/or salmon fisheries and their watersheds (2018).
25. **Western Great Lakes Bird & Bat Observatory Fund** – An agency fund created by the Western Great Lakes Bird & Bat Observatory in support of the charitable, scientific or educational purposes of the organization (2016).

Designated Funds:

Designated Funds are created by individual(s) or an organization to support a specific conservation purpose designated by the donor.

1. **Anonymous Fund** – An estate fund created by anonymous donors to support natural resources and wildlife conservation in Wisconsin (2015).
2. **Brule River & Forest Conservation Fund** – A designated fund created by the Friends of Brule River & Forest to support State Natural Areas within the Brule River State Forest (2010).
3. **Camp Rita Doris Conservation Fund** – A fund created in memory of Rita Kremer & Frank & Mercedes Tenorio by their family to support conservation efforts in the Northern Forests in Vilas County, with a focus on loon, eagle, and osprey conservation efforts (2007).
4. **Charles A. & Ida C. Sanders Northwoods Memorial Fund** – A fund created by Luida Sanders in memory of her parents, to support the Northwoods Land Trust (2010).
5. **Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund** – A fund to support habitat improvement, maintenance and restoration on state-owned and managed lands: State Natural Areas, State Wildlife Areas, State Fishing Areas and State Parks (2013).
6. **Cherokee Marsh Conservation Fund** – A designated fund created by the Friends of Cherokee Marsh for the management, protection, conservation, restoration and appreciation of Cherokee Marsh and watershed (2013).
7. **Chuck & Linda Pils Fund** – An estate endowment created by Chuck and Linda Pils to support the conservation of American martens, badgers, bats, reptiles, amphibians, and mussels.
8. **Connie & Peter Roop Fund** – A fund created by Peter and Constance Roop to support the conservation of the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica, in addition to supporting the Foundation's Field Trip program and the conservation of prairie and wetland areas in Wisconsin (2012).
9. **Daniel F. Brown & G. Donald Barnes Flambeau River State Forest Fund** – A fund created by Jacob Barnes in honor of his father, G. Donald, and close friend, Daniel, with the purpose of supporting the beautification, protection, enhancement and management the Flambeau River State Forest (2008).
10. **David and Joyce Weizenicker Endowment Fund for State Parks** – A fund created by former State Park Director David Weizenicker and his wife Joyce to support projects that facilitate accessibility for senior citizens at Wisconsin State Parks (2010).
11. **DNR Chiwaukee Prairie Endowment Fund** – A fund created by the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy to support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources management of lands within the boundaries of Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area (2015).

12. **DNR Quincy Bluff and Wetlands Fund** – A fund created by the Wisconsin Chapter of The Nature Conservancy to support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources management of lands within the boundaries of the Quincy Bluff and Wetlands State Natural Area (2013).
13. **Evergreen Fund** – the Foundation’s endowment fund, used at the discretion of the NRF board of directors. (2016).
14. **Fair Meadows State Natural Area Fund** – A fund created by Gary & Penny Shackelford to support Fair Meadows State Natural Area and natural areas in the Southeast Glacial Plains Region of Wisconsin (2008).
15. **Field Trips Forever Fund** – A fund created by Sandra Raby to support the Foundation’s Field Trip program, to educate the people of Wisconsin about the importance of conserving and protecting wildlife and land for future generations (2016).
16. **Gathering Waters Conservancy Fund** – an estate endowment created by Dr. Jim Bennett to support the operations and programs of Gathering Waters.
17. **George & Linda Albright Family Fund** – an estate endowment created by George and Linda Albright created to support the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and its C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant Program.
18. **Helen G. Ritter State Natural Areas Fund**—A fund created by the estate of Helen Ritter for the management, protection and restoration of four Wisconsin State Natural Areas: Parfrey’s Glen, Caroline Lake, Cassville Bluffs and Pewit’s Nest (2014).
19. **Jefferson County Parks Endowment** – A fund created by a regional company and individual donors to support maintenance of parks in Jefferson County (2011).
20. **Jonathan Pell Ela Fund for Baileys Harbor Boreal Forest State Natural Area** - A fund created by Patricia Stocking to support natural area management and restoration of the Jonathan P. Ela Unit, Baileys Harbor Boreal Forest & Wetland State Natural Area, with a secondary purpose of maintaining the signage and the monument recognizing Jonathan Ela’s commitment to the conservation of Wisconsin’s natural heritage for future generations (2017).
21. **Koshkonong Corners SNA Fund** – A fund created by John Van Altena and Connie Brouillette to support Koshkonong Corners State Natural Area, and lands containing prairie white-fringed orchid (2007).
22. **Lorin & Maureen Hamel Family Fund** – an estate endowment created by Lorin and Maureen Hamel to support the acquisition, development, and improvement of public lands for non-

motorized use in Wisconsin, including canoe landings, trails, and campsites.

23. **Louis' Bluff Endowment Fund** – A fund created by Frank and Mariana Weinholt to protect and manage Louis' Bluff, a privately owned property in Juneau County under permanent conservation easement, with a secondary purpose of supporting State Natural Areas along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (2015).
24. **Lower Chippewa River Basin Conservation Fund** – A fund created by the Dunn County Fish & Game Association to support the Lower Chippewa River Basin (2010).
25. **Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund** – A fund created by Paul Brandt to support the management of wildlife habitat on public lands along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (2006).
26. **Marilyn Deutsch Hampton Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund** – an estate endowment created by Marilyn Deutsch Hampton to support the Raptor Education Group Inc.'s wildlife rehabilitation efforts.
27. **Patricia & Lyman Anderson Family Farm Endowment** – A fund created by Patricia Anderson to support the development and management of a Dane County Park on the Anderson farm (2009).
28. **Reynold Zeller Fund** – A fund created by the estate of Reynold Zeller and memorial gifts from friends and family to support State Natural Areas and other public lands in Green County (2005).
29. **Robert & Nancy Rudd Conservation Fund** – A fund created by Robert and Nancy Rudd to provide financial support for conservation, natural resources management, and land acquisition needs in Green County (2016).
30. **Robert H. Halpin Family Endowment Fund** – A fund created by Robert H. and Cathy Halpin to support the natural resources and educational, interpretive and recreational needs of Hartman Creek State Park (2011).
31. **Steven W. Miller Legacy Fund** – A fund created in memory of Steven W. Miller to support public properties in Wisconsin that Steve Miller helped purchase, develop, restore, and manage in his lifetime as a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources employee (2016).
32. **Tomahawk Public Library Natural Resources Education Fund** – A fund established by David and Joyce Weizenicker for the purpose of supporting the natural resources education mission of the Tomahawk Public Library (2013).
33. **Trees for the Future in Jefferson County Parks Fund** – A fund created by John and Ann Molinaro for the purpose of supporting tree planting in the Jefferson County Parks System

(2011).

34. **Trewartha Bobolink Hill Farm Fund** – A fund created by Mary Trewartha to primarily support the care, management, and restoration of the Trewartha Bobolink Hill Farm and secondarily to support the Prairie Enthusiast’s Mounds View Grassland Preserve in Iowa County, Wisconsin. (2016)
35. **Upper Sugar River Watershed Fund** – A fund created by Bill and Lisa Keen to support the work and mission of the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association (2008).
36. **West Dane Conservancy Fund** – a fund created by Kristine Euclide and Douglas Steege to protect and manage private property in western Dane County under permanent conservation easement (2012).
37. **Western Coulee Region State Natural Areas Management Endowment Fund** – A fund created by anonymous donors to support on-the-ground management activities of State Natural Areas in the Western Coulee Region of Wisconsin (2016).
38. **West Wisconsin Land Trust Love Lake & Sigurd Olson Memorial Forest Endowment Fund** – A fund that supports payment of property taxes and management of lands held by the West Wisconsin Land Trust in the Sigurd Olson Memorial Forest (2014).
39. **Willow Valley Conservation Fund** – an estate endowment created by Philip and Dale Grimm to support the management of the Grimm family property, on which there exists a conservation easement.
40. **Wisconsin Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Fund** – A fund created by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin to provide critical financial support to partner organizations that conduct projects focused on conservation, education, research, and monitoring to ensure that these Wisconsin wildlife species and their habitat are protected now and for future generations (2017).
41. **Wisconsin Bird Conservation and Research Fund** – An estate endowment created by Martha Kronholm to preserve bird habitat in central and northern Wisconsin for species at risk, and to support research of declining bird species in central and northern Wisconsin (2017).

Donor Advised Funds:

Donor Advised Funds are created by donors who want to advise the Foundation on which conservation projects should be supported through the fund on an annual basis.

1. **Doratheia Buckeridge Drotning and Margery J. Drotning Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by Margery J. Buckeridge in memory of her sister, to support the whooping crane reintroduction program (2005).
2. **Hughes Jeffords Chippewa Flowage Conservation Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by Chris and Patricia Jeffords for the purpose of preserving, protecting and enhancing the Chippewa Flowage (2007).
3. **James J. Schwabe Fund** – A fund created by Beverly Schwabe in memory of her husband to support State Natural Areas protection and management (2005).
4. **John & Marlen Kaiser Conservation Fund** - A donor-advised fund created by John & Marlen Kaiser to support the conservation efforts of the Foundation (2012).
5. **LaBarbera-Vaughn Outdoor Heritage Education Fund**- A donor-advised fund created by Mark and Coni LaBarbera to increase the public’s understanding, appreciation and sense of stewardship for natural resources, America's outdoor heritage, and professional resource management including related activities like fishing, hunting and other outdoor sports in Wisconsin (2015).
6. **Norma & Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by Neal & Carla Butenhoff in memory of her parents to support non-motorized trails on public lands (2005).
7. **Paul & Alice Olson Memorial Fund** – A fund created by Thomas Olson, James Olson, Pauline Langsdorf, and Karen Sullivan in memory of their parents to support conservation education in Dane County, and prairie chicken conservation (2009).
8. **Peggie Post Mallery Wisconsin Conservation Fund** – A fund created in honor of Peggie Mallery, a former Natural Resources Foundation board member, in support of the conservation of public lands, waters, and wildlife in Wisconsin (2017).
9. **Robert M. Jostes Wisconsin State Natural Areas Conservation Fund** – A fund created by Robert Jostes to support State Natural Areas (2005).
10. **Sally R. Luthin Memorial Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by the Luthin family in memory of Sally Luthin to support general conservation work (2006).
11. **Teachers’ Outdoor Environmental Education Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by Pete Ostlind in memory of his wife, Sue Spaeth, to support outdoor environmental education projects with K-12 public school children in Wisconsin (2009).

12. **The Wisconsin Bird Fund** - A Legacy Fund of the Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, a donor-advised fund created to provide funding for education, habitat restoration and research programs and projects that protect and conserve birds that breed, migrate, or winter in Wisconsin (2015).
13. **Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by an anonymous donor to support the management and protection of the Turtle Flambeau Scenic Waters Area (2006).
14. **Wisconsin Bat Conservation Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by David Redell and Lisa Wilson to support bat conservation (2009).
15. **Wisconsin Environmental Education Fund** – A donor-advised fund created by the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation to support the strategic advancement of environmental education priorities throughout the state of Wisconsin (2017).
16. **Wisconsin Rare Plant Preservation Fund** – A donor-advised fund established by Dr. Jim Bennett to support the restoration, monitoring, inventorying and preservation of rare plant species (2009).
17. **Wisconsin Water Protection Fund** – A donor-advised fund established by James & Mary Hlaban to support organizations working to protect water in Wisconsin (2017).

Field of Interest Funds:

Field of Interest Funds are created by individual(s) or an organization to support the Foundation's priority conservation programs including state natural area management, wildlife conservation or conservation education.

1. **C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund** – A fund created by the Natural Resources Foundation to provide small, match grants for grassroots conservation efforts (1989).
2. **Catherine Genovese Natural Areas Fund** – A fund created in honor of Catherine Genovese by an anonymous couple in support of general conservation needs (2008).
3. **Dale Druckrey Conservation Fund** – A fund created for the purpose of supporting the mission and programs of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin (2011).
4. **Hussin Family Natural Areas Fund** – A fund created by Gerry and Barbara Hussin to support the management, protection, restoration and appreciation of State Natural Areas (2007).
5. **Jane and Jack Edson Family Conservation Fund** – A fund created by Jane Edson for general conservation purposes as identified by the Foundation (2010).
6. **Jim & Sharel Hubing Conservation Fund** – A fund created by Jim & Sharel Hubing to support the mission and programs of the Natural Resources Foundation (2010).
7. **Heilman Family State Natural Areas Fund** – an estate endowment created by Pamela and Craig Heilman to restore, protect, and manage the State Natural Areas of Wisconsin.
8. **Mary & John Koepp Education Fund** – an estate endowment created by Mary and John Koepp to support conservation education programs including Wisconsin Master Naturalist, Citizen Based Monitoring, and Natural Resources Foundation field trips.
9. **Nina Binkley Endowment Fund for Wisconsin State Parks & Natural Areas** – A fund created by Lee Binkley in memory of his wife to support Wisconsin State Parks and the management, protection, restoration, and appreciation of State Natural Areas throughout Wisconsin (2013).
10. **Richard & Mary Kathryn Ring Conservation Fund** – A fund created by Mary Kathryn Ring to support general conservation needs in Wisconsin (2010).
11. **SanDretto Family Natural Areas Fund** – A fund created by Michael & Erica SanDretto to support State Natural Areas in the Great Lakes Coastal, Northern Forests, and Western Coulee regions of Wisconsin (2010).

Spend Down Funds:

A spend down fund is a non-endowed fund created to provide outright support to conservation projects in Wisconsin.

1. **Adam Birding Conservancy Fund** – A spend down fund created to support the conservation land within the Adam Birding Conservancy that supports healthy wildlife and plant communities, and provides enjoyment and education of people of all ages and interests with a special focus on collaboration with students from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and youth from the Walworth and Jefferson County areas (2017).
2. **Dale Druckrey Spend Down Fund** – A fund created by Dale Druckrey to support conservation organizations in Wisconsin (2008).
3. **Harold Ramon Cram, Jr. Bluebird Restoration Fund** – A spend down fund created by Beverly Cram and Cathy Cram to support the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (2016).
4. **Patty Anderson Working Fund** – A spend down fund created by Patricia Anderson to support the development and implementation of a master plan for the original Anderson farm acquired by Dane County, located in the town of Oregon (2006).
5. **Paul & Alice Olson Legacy Fund** – A spend down fund created by Pauline Langsdorf, James Olson, Thomas Olson, and Karen Sullivan to support conservation education in and near Dane County and prairie chicken conservation (2018).
6. **Western Coulee Region SNA Management Fund** – A spend down fund created by anonymous donors to support on-the-ground management activities at a variety of biologically-important lands, with a primary focus on state natural areas in Crawford, Vernon, La Crosse, Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson counties (2007).