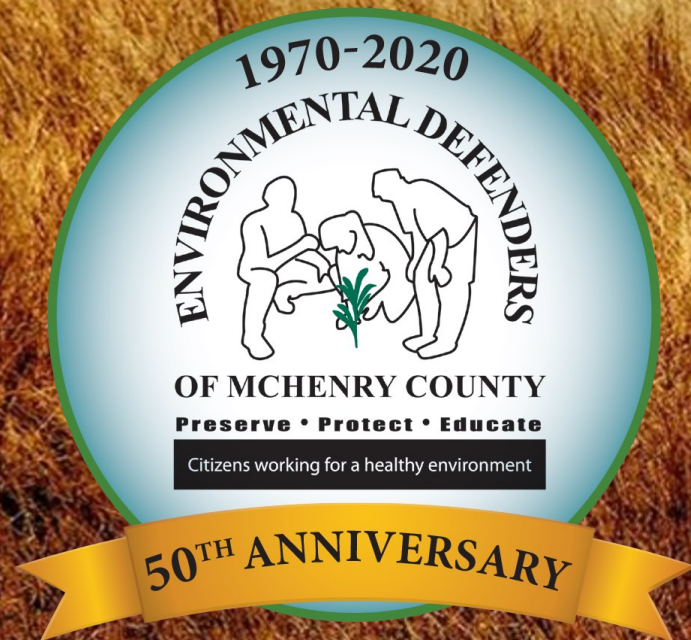


ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Make no mistake, it is determined people filled with passion and intellect that bring value to a community. Not wealth, not prestige, nor position can create the riches of home. It is people who create value. And this organization you belong to, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, in existence for five decades, has had its hand in defining that rich value. We celebrate the unique natural wonders of McHenry County and play its important note here on earth.

As you know, the Defenders made its mark in the beginning by fighting against transportation plans, mining pits and waste dumps that would be destructive to wetlands and natural resources. Another priority was managing waste by establishing recycling centers before curbside recycling was a thing. Out of necessity because McHenry County was becoming one of the fastest growing counties in Illinois, the Defenders' activities turned towards outreach challenging rezoning proposals to protect open space and groundwater, advocating and educating to raise caution about developing in sensitive areas.

At the half century mark, we are still doing those very same things only we have adapted to the changes the years have brought. In the early years, the organization was totally supported by fundraising and for some time by recycling proceeds. Today we are building economic resources alongside our fundraising by pursuing grants, analyzing our investments and managing two used bookstores. This will help us gain a stronger ability to communicate with the public the importance of being involved in environmental issues and taking action by encouraging individuals to belong to environmental groups that advocate for big policy change. Bill McKibben says this is the single most important action an individual can take to fight climate change. We have plans to increase our staff beyond an Executive Director so that we can implement programs to educate our youth and citizens, and to market our organization effectively through social media. We want to grow in outreach to collaborate with other environmental organizations to multiply our influence and bring people in to enjoy the beauty of our land and waters. We want our citizens and public officials to understand and appreciate why our county is worthy of preservation and protection now and for the future. An emphasis on building our Action Teams will help with this goal as well.

Because of the steady progress we have made over the previous decade to secure our organization financially, we have been able to grow our business memberships, collaborate with local municipal agencies and organizations to improve

roadside native habitats, continue Styrofoam recycling, participate in watershed plans and install EV charging stations. A major goal within our current Strategic Plan is to reach beyond our membership with our message and begin to grow in diversity. This year, the Defenders introduced other prominent conservation groups in the county to Hispanic Connections Woodstock and together they organized a "Conservacion Conversacion" at this year's Mexican Independence Day. One of the special projects the organizations put together was a Bilingual Conservation Bus Tour that visited four distinct conservation areas.

Our work continues with the support of the various granting agencies and the people who contribute to those and work on their behalf. We have a beautiful place for all living things thanks to our founders and all of our members who have served and contributed over the decades. Here's to the next fifty years.

Lori McConville, President





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Thank you to the foundations that have supported us throughout 2019!

We are grateful!

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1776restaurant.com

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Adele Petersen, Broker Associate, B&W — 815-355-5729

www.adelepetersen.bairdwarner.com

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www.adbag.com

Assisting Hands — 815-701-0091

www.assistinghands.com/woodstock

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Thebackdrop106.com

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815pallets@sbcglobal.net

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www.castingwhimsy.com

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www.certasun.com

Conscious Cup Coffee Roasters — 815-356-0115

www.consciouscup.com

Copy Express, Inc. — 815-338-7161

www.copyexpressyes.com

Crystal Lake Park District — 815-459-0680

www.crystallakeparks.org

Current Automotive — 630-615-5710

www.currentautomotive.com

Dave's Bait & Tackle — 815-861-1533

davekranz@sbcglobal.net

Duke's Alehouse & Kitchen — 815-356-9980

Thedukeabides.com

Falcon Green Recycling, Inc — 815-334-8689

FalconGreenResources.com

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Gypsyglenk9kastle.com

Habitat For Humanity McHenry Cty — 815-331-8153

Chicagolandhabitat.org

Hastings Asphalt Services, Inc. — 815-648-9099

Hastingsasphaltservices.com

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www.hyperstitch.com

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www.lehmanmenis.com

Magitek Energy Solutions, Inc. — 847-409-1927

www.magitekenergy.com

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www.marvinstoystore.com

McHenry County College — 815-479-7765

www.mcc.edu

McHenry County Dept of Health — 815-334-4585

www.mcdh.info

McHenry Co. Dept. of Water Resources — 815-334-4213

waterres@co.mchenry.il.us

Natural Communities Native Plants — 331-248-1016

www.naturalcommunities.net

Oakford Physical Therapy — 815-334-8850

www.oakfordphysicaltherapy.co

Organic Rootz— 224-209-8648

www.organicrootzshop.com

Pioneer Tree Farm — 815-385-8512

www.pioneertreefarm.com

Prairieland Disposal — 847-381-9300

www.prairielanddisposal.com

RCW Tax Services — 815-893-0736

www.rcwtax.com

Red Buffalo Nursery — 815-678-4848

www.redbuffalonursery.com

Reprographics — 815-477-1018

www.reprographics.org

Riverbottom Ice Cream Co — 224-678-9438

www.riverbottomicecream.com

Savior World — 847-728-8811

www.saviorworld.com

Seven Point — 312-593-8448

www.sevenpoint.org

Silver Prairie Natural Soap Company — 630-207-9968

www.silverprairiefarm.com

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www.soilandspadecompany.com

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www.soulfulprairies.com



TGEP (The Green Electric Product) — 630-847-1421

www.tgeponline.com

Terra Vitae Farms — 815-245-0490

www.terravitae farms.com

U of I Extension Master Gardeners — 815-338-3737

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The UPS Store of Crystal Lake

www.theupsstore.com/1947.htm

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Wells Fargo Advisors — 815-338-2550

wellsfargo advisors.com

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Woodstock Chamber of Commerce

www.woodstockilchamber.com

NEW IN 2019

In 2019, The Environmental Defenders launched new t-shirt designs highlighting native species of plants and animals in our area...something we work to preserve and protect! The shirts (and much more) are available online through Hyperstitch (a local company in Marengo and Defenders' business member). Just go to: <https://www.hyperstitch.com/category/clubs/environmental-defenders-of-mchenry-county/> and if you check delivery to our office, you'll save on postage! Orders can then be picked up at your convenience at 110 S. Johnson Street, Suite 106, Woodstock. In addition, some shirts are available at our books stores, The Green Spot and The Green Read. Help support us through wearing these great shirts, in unisex style and women's cut (sizing up is helpful for the latter as they run small.) When you wear Defenders' shirts and other merchandise you show support for our organization and help get the word out about who we are and what we do! All of our Defenders' items make great gifts! Thank you!!





Our book (and more) stores!

HOURS:

MON-SAT – 10AM TO 5PM; SUN – 11AM TO 3PM
61 N. WILLIAMS STREET CRYSTAL LAKE

The Green Read 2019 Highlights:

The Green Read saw tremendous changes and growth over the course of 2019! At the beginning of the year, the store was only open 4 days a week. In March we added Mondays and Tuesdays, and in June expanded our hours to include Sundays as well. Over 30 volunteers and board members are now helping at the store – a huge thank you to everyone! We couldn't do it without you!

In addition to expanding our hours, we expanded the footprint of our sales floor as well. After emptying and shelving all the boxes of our starting stock of books, what had been a storage room was transformed into our non-fiction room. With the help of many volunteers and even some of the Green Readers book club members, we were able to move books from the front of the store to the new bookcases in the back room. This allowed more room for our fiction, mystery, and children's sections, our three best-selling genres. A huge thank you to all who helped with this Herculean effort, and also to Chicago Logistics Service for the donation of the wonderfully comfortable furniture that has helped our store become the welcoming place it is.

The Green Read hosted numerous special events in 2019 ranging from an author talk and book signing by Dr. Z, to Zentangle classes led by volunteer Mary Perrin, to a children's art class by board member Sue Jensen, to story times by volunteers Janey Walters and Mary Erlenborn, and many more. The Green Readers book club was started in April, and two outside book clubs now call The Green Read home for their meetings.

We participated in many events sponsored by the Downtown Crystal Lake Association including Ladies Nights Out, Sidewalk Sales, Easter Bunny and Santa



Claus visits, and the Johnny Appleseed Festival. The store has started hosting ongoing events as well, such as a Bookstore Scavenger Hunt, elf on the shelf, and drop-in children's crafts.

We have worked hard to make the store a cozy, comfortable, inviting space for our patrons, and the feedback we've gotten has been overwhelmingly positive. If you haven't been to the store lately, stop by and say Hi! Put together a piece or two of the puzzle that is always set up on one of our tables, and let the kids decorate a coloring page or get some Skittles or gumballs from our vintage machine. Have a cup of coffee, cocoa, or cider for a donation (\$1 if you bring your own mug or \$3 to buy and fill one of ours).

Environmental Defenders t-shirts are now available, as well as Silver Prairie soaps and shampoos. New Cobble Hill puzzles proved a popular item at Christmas and the puzzle designs change through the year. Other new products will be offered for sale in The Green Read in the coming year.

Thanks again to all who have contributed to the success of The Green Read over the past year! We couldn't do it without your support!



HOURS: TUES-FRI- 11AM TO 4PM; SAT - 11AM TO 3PM 110 S. JOHNSON STREET, SUITE 104 WOODSTOCK

The Green Spot 2019 Highlights:

The Environmental Defender's Green Spot Used Bookstore has been in business for over 9 years. Run entirely by volunteers and using donated books, the Green Spot has achieved local success. In addition to keeping books out of landfills and encouraging reuse, the store generates steady income.

In 2019 the Green Spot generated \$15,000 in sales, which resulted in net income of \$7,000 after deduction for rent and utilities. It takes a lot of hours, work and dedication to sort, price, shelve and sell all those books. Thank you to all the Green Spot volunteers, book donors and customers.



Latino-Hispanic Outreach Program

2019 Highlights:

Throughout 2019 the Environmental Defenders' executive director participated in monthly meetings of the Hispanic Connections Woodstock group, founded three years ago by Juanita Vega, now a member of The Environmental Defenders' Board of Directors. The group is the organizer of such events as Salsa Night and Mexican Independence Day and supports a newly formed group of conservation organizations called "Conversación de Conservación" by helping to spread the word about our collective desire to reach out to the Latino and Hispanic communities in our county. In doing so, we are working toward a more inclusive organization that, as it always has been, is open to any and everyone for the sake of environmental stewardship that we all rely upon to live healthy lives. In 2019, the group of four organizations co-sponsored a conservation corner at Mexican Independence Day, which was awarded "event of the year 2019" by the Chamber of Commerce, and organized a bi-lingual bus tour for the Latino community in McHenry County, which toured four different natural areas. Our partners in this endeavor are The Land Conservancy, The McHenry County Conservation District and Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge.





Education Action Team —

Co-chairs, Dave Roggenbuck & Kim Compton

2019 Highlights:

- ◇ Increased the number of documentary films shown at MCC and co-sponsored by the Sustainability Center of MCC to quarterly events
- ◇ Had a table at all of the following events in order to increase awareness and to offer educational activities: Earth Day, Mexican Independence Day, the McHenry County Fair, and MCC's Green Living Expo
- ◇ Organized and updated the Speakers' Bureau offerings and speakers' list and actively searched for audiences. Increased number of talks overall.
- ◇ Contacted all schools in the area to ascertain how many had environmental clubs, made a list of all potential contacts in schools without clubs, and began plans for a resource manual for schools to create new clubs
- ◇ Developed ideas for how to bring new audiences to the Earth Day event 2020



Transportation Action Team — *Chair, Gary Kanner*

2019 Highlights:

Electric vehicle charging station capabilities in our towns was high on the agenda for the Transportation Action Team in 2019. The City of Woodstock confirmed that it would accept one EV station and likewise the County would as well. One station will be located near the Woodstock Square and the other at the county courthouse. In addition, research was conducted by the Team's subject matter expert surrounding the feasibility of stations in Crystal Lake. Enforcing EV parking space usage in some areas was looked into.

- ◇ Organized 3rd annual members Bike Ride, incorporating visit to Defenders business member' Riverbottom Ice Cream Co for the second year.
- ◇ Organized second Bike INSTEAD Week with rewards for different categories, sponsored by local bike shops
- ◇ Road salting advocacy through learning more about Scott Kuykandahl paper
- ◇ Connected with Visit McHenry to provide support for the introduction of Zagster bike share program.
- ◇ Continued getting updates from our liaison from MCDOT on bike and pedestrian trails and learned how we can help advocate for improved awareness. On the local level, in Algonquin, it was learned how to make an impact on this issue and in particular one path was discussed with Village Trustee.
- ◇ Connected Cycling Savvy with District 300 to introduce a cycling education program into their physical education curriculum.



Waste Reduction Action Team —

Co-chairs, Cecilia Carman & Michelle Muryn

2019 Highlights:

In 2019, we applauded the City of Woodstock's decision to pass a fee on single-use plastic and paper bags in the city. The Defenders' original BYOBag Committee, founded in 2013, worked hard to educate and advocate for decisions such as this and is encouraging other towns to follow suit. Our single-use plastic reduction work saw this as a great success!

2019 also brought a lot of changes to the Action Team itself. We modified the scope of our work from single-use plastics, such as plastic straws and bags, to a broader spectrum of waste that we see in our communities, such as food waste. We have also changed the name from Single Use Plastic Reduction Committee (which evolved from BYOBag Committee) to Waste Reduction Action Team. With this new chapter, we welcomed two new co-chairs: Cecilia Carman and Michelle Muryn. Team meeting times have been modified as well, as we now meet once a month, typically on the third Thursday.

With an enlarged scope we have also adopted new goals for the team looking into 2020. Our team is focused on diverting and reducing food waste, restaurant waste, and incorporating interactive activities and forums for members. The Plastic Straw Reduction campaign continues and 2019 saw many more restaurants moving toward reduction of plastics, one straw at a time.



Water & Natural Resource Protection Action Team — *Chair, Cindy Skrukrud*

2019 Highlights:

- ◇ Held Planting Natives on Solar Farms Workshop at McHenry County College for solar developers and native landscapers
- ◇ Served as host organization for the Silver and Sleepy Hollow Creeks Watershed Coalition
- ◇ Began as host organization for Boone/Dutch Creek watersheds to implement the watershed plan
- ◇ Continued to hold monthly Sterne's Fen habitat restoration workdays
- ◇ Completed Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) Stewardship Challenge grant in support of restoration work at Sterne's Fen in the amount of \$34,000, including raising \$7000 in matching funds, completing 400 hours of volunteer stewardship and 100 hour of social media outreach on the project
- ◇ Hired professionals to control cattails and phragmites at Sterne's Fen
- ◇ Removed trash and invasive species at the roadside prairies we tend to improve these sites for pollinator habitat
- ◇ Adopted a portion of the MCCD Ridgefield Trace Trail next to Woodstock Triangle roadside prairie
- ◇ Held workdays at our Dean Street site removing invasive brush
- ◇ Received milkweed seedlings from Monarch Watch, which we planted at O'Brien Prairie
- ◇ Secured Community Foundation of McHenry County grant for planting of four miles of roadside prairie by McHenry Township Road District and worked with them on pre-planting plant and insect surveys
- ◇ Working with Friends of Hackmatack NWR, we continued to tend pollinator garden and stream buffer along Silver Creek at the fairgrounds
- ◇ Hosted two summer interns, Isabel Dunn and Jacob Karkowski, who continued the monitoring of chloride levels in the seeps in the Boone Creek watershed and organized years of data and worked on restoration and plans for our roadside prairies
- ◇ Conducted educational activities and distributed information about water resources protection at our Earth Day Celebration, the County Fair, the Hackmatack Monarch Coalition Fest, Green Living Expo and It's Our River Day
- ◇ Conducted a Boone Creek cleanup with Fox Waterway Agency and a Crystal Creek cleanup with Village of Algonquin at It's Our River Day
- ◇ Organized McHenry County Watershed Roundtable get-togethers and hosted walk at Sterne's Fen
- ◇ Served as fiscal agent and distributed information about protecting our water at the third annual McHenry County Water Forum
- ◇ Participated in McHenry County Water Resources Action Plan update sessions



Recycling Action Team — Chair, Barb Day

2019 Highlights

In 2019 the Recycling Action Team participated in four recycling drives with the McHenry County Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health: one at Harvard's City Hall, one at the County Government Center in Woodstock, one at Grafton Township, and one at McHenry County College. The County collected electronics and we collected Styrofoam, CFL tubes and bulbs, and textiles. We held a drive in Crystal Lake at the Earth Day celebration where we took electronics in addition to the other items. We held nine drives at the McHenry Township offices and one at Richmond Township. This would not have been possible without the help of all of our volunteers who logged a total of 313 hours! We collected 58,093 pounds of electronics; 5,237 fluorescent tubes and bulbs! We would be nowhere without our volunteers.

We were kept busy emptying the Styrofoam from the drop-off sites at the Public Works Department in Algonquin, the Algonquin Township Highway Department and the Public Works Department in Woodstock. Our volunteers logged 1,040 hours bagging Styrofoam at each site and driving it to the trailer Dart Corporation provides for this collection at Chicago Logistic Services in Elgin. Dart took away 18 trailers (each trailer carrying 1,800 pounds) for a grand total of 32,400 pounds of Styrofoam diverted from a landfill! Thanks to U-Haul in Crystal Lake and in Woodstock for providing reduced truck rental rates to carry the Styrofoam to the Dart trailer; and thank you Dart Corporation



Membership Action Team — *Chair, Cynthia Kanner*

2019 Highlights:

Our major highlight of the year in 2019 was the achievement of a five-year goal of attracting 500 new members (100 annually) by the time our 50th anniversary rolled around. We did it! Our membership level is steady at about 625 households and businesses, and it is because of this challenge and all those who renew their membership on time, that we were able to meet our goal. Other noteworthy achievements for our membership efforts include having new Membership Action Team Members who bring diversity in ethnicity and age with new Latino and young professional Team volunteers.

Other highlights of 2019 include:

- ◇ Organized and held training workshops for our Environmental Ambassador grass roots advocacy program
- ◇ Held Business Member outings to Silver Prairie Natural Soap Company, River-bottom Ice Cream Co, Soulful Prairies, and Winestock in Woodstock
- ◇ Held “Hiking Harvard” organized by young professional members
- ◇ Young professional members joined others for a gathering and potluck at Soulful Prairies to learn about the new initiative “Eat for Good”
- ◇ Organized a group of coffee tasters to select a Conscious Cup Environmental Defenders’ blend coffee for a fundraiser
- ◇ Organized Volunteer Appreciation event and bird walk at Defenders’ property
- ◇ Tabled at annual Natural Landscaping Seminar at McHenry County College
- ◇ Tabled at a new venue, Mexican Independence Day with newly formed conservation group for outreach to Latino Community called “Conversacion de Conservacion” spearheaded by Defenders
- ◇ Held 49th Annual Dinner Meeting at McHenry Country Club
- ◇ Tabled at annual Garden Fest at McHenry County College
- ◇ Tabled at Earth Day at Prairie View Education Center

- ◇ Tabled at three documentary movies held at MCC under the new title Green Screen Film Series (organized by our Education Action Team.)
- ◇ Tabled at the McHenry County Fair
- ◇ Held Annual Corn Roast for members at Pioneer Tree Farm
- ◇ Tabled at It's Our River Day in Algonquin
- ◇ Tabled at Green Living Expo at MCC
- ◇ Held Open House for members in December at The Green Read
- ◇ Recruited new members at events and occasional recycling drives
- Reached out with membership to Green Drinks participants
- Continued outreach to the Latino community in McHenry County



Fundraising Action Team — *Chair, Anne Basten*

2019 Highlights:

Raised \$23,158 through the following activities:

- ◇ Green Spot Used Book Store
- ◇ Hallway used book sales
- ◇ Annual Meeting raffle and auction
 - Sale of used items online
- ◇ Spring and Summer Use-It-Again Sales Used Book Sale at Algonquin Township
- ◇ Baked Goods sales at Pioneer Tree Farm
- ◇ Pioneer Tree Farm donations for volunteer assistance

Thank you to all of the volunteers who support these fundraising activities by either volunteering to work at them, donating items to sell, or buying the items our volunteers are donating. Without everyone's support, we could not continue to keep the office and Green Spot open and keep our limited staff employed. Please keep your ideas coming and consider volunteering to serve as an organizer of one or more aspect of the fundraising activities – we can always use the new energy!

One of our biggest losses this year was the income from providing over 90 volunteers at the County Fair. This former fundraising effort was a very time-consuming job to organize and to physically make phone calls to try and find volunteers to fill the holes.

Please consider responding quickly to our volunteer need requests online at the "SignUp!" link on the Defenders' website so we can concentrate on fundraising instead of calling volunteers.



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Greg & Patrice Alexander

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Courtney Beth Anderson

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Deborah Ballard

Nancy & John Balough

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Debra Bendis

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McHenry County Department of Health	Jeff & Karla Schumacher	Mary Ahnen
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Tom & Kelly Mitchell	Katie Shelton	Clarence & Pam Arnold
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Natural Communities	Judy & Jack Speer	Jennifer & Michael Balian
Jim & Julie Novak	Lawrence Spaeth	Christine & William Batalden
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Oakford Physical Therapy	Arden Spooner	Gerry & Emily Berendt
Organic Rootz Health Food Shop	Margie Szymanskyj	Jack & Linda Biesterfeld
Gretchen Oster	Sandi Teiken	Kerry & Sherry Blass
Libby Pappalardo	Terra Vitae Farms	Laura Bobowski
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Riverbottom Ice Cream Co	Neil Whitman	William Byczek
Dave Roggenbuck	Dave Witsiepe	Steven Cafcules
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Nancy Glissman

Jerry Glogowski

Lawrence & Barbara Glowacki

Judith Goffo

Nancy & John Gonsiorek

Bob & Karen Graham

Katherine Greenlee

Diane & Jeff Greenman

Mike Gullotto

David Gutowsky & Genna Hibbs

Lisa Haderlein & Tom Cubr

Marisa DeNicolo Hann

Jill Hawk

Natalie & Jason Hayward

John & Jean Headley

Rebecca Hegner

Jeff & Carol Heisler

Jodie Heldt

Jan & Judy Beth Hervert

Linda Hewins

Melissa Hitzke

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Carol Hubner

Timothy Jackson

Gary & Judi Johnson

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Bob & Kelley Kepes

Sharon Khan

Pamela & Daniel King

Chris Kious

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Joe Lewis

Wayne & Nancy Limbaugh

Nancy Loomis

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James & Janice Merrifield

Keith Mierzwa

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Jim & Ardie Nelson	Dennis Sandquist	Carrie Villacres
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Kristina Nemetz	Carolyn Schofield	Gail Wachowski
Stephen Newton	John & Elizabeth Schroeder	Lynn Waishwell
Tom & Jean Nigbor	Nancy Schwab & Landon Petrie	Bruce & Sharon Walter
Jason Nosbaum	Linda Schuberth	Ann Warren
Brian Noshay & Emily Zack	Rosemarie Shemaitis	Thomas & Eva Wedel
Janie Oberheide	Mark & Ann Shuman	Friends of Kelli Wegener
Marie Orwig	Philip & Melody Stanko	Caron & Steve Wenzel
JoAnne & Carl Papp	Cathy Steagall	Sarah Westlund
Connor Patterson	Bill Steinforth	April & Noel Williams
Jerry Paulson	Joseph Sternberg & Elizabeth O'Leary -Sternberg	Lorna Bauer Wolff
Stan & Mary Perrin	Rick Stevens & Rhoda Drije	Mary Wolff & Warren Wahl
Joseph Perilongo	Jim & Diane Strzelinski	Marlo Wurth
Hannah & Jason Pfaff	Marti Swanson	Sally & Jim Yanahan
Tricia Rachford	Mary Ellen & Norio Tanabe	John Zahina-Ramos
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Kathryn Rauch	Jan Thelen	
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PRESERVE

PROTECT

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MISSION In order to protect all living things, the Environmental Defenders is dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the natural environment in McHenry County. As a grassroots organization, we are committed to building sound ecological relationships between people and the natural world that supports all life.

VISION We envision a planet that is healthy for future generations and understand that decisions today affect everyone's tomorrow. We understand and work to educate everyone residing in our county about the local connection to global realities and how global trends affect the well-being of humans and all species, locally. From the threats of global climate change, habitat loss and polluted watersheds to soil health and plastic reduction, it is vital that we advocate for best management practices with regard to decisions that affect our shared environment.

Throughout our 2019 Annual Report, you will see a change in terms from "Committee" to "Action Team." Our work and passion of all of our volunteers through our many projects and groups, is reflected better through these two words...*Action and Team*. Through our Teams, volunteers, members, staff and leadership, work together to make a difference.

ENVIRONMENTAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

In 2019, The Environmental Defenders organized two more Environmental Ambassador Training Workshops, bringing the total workshops offered to our community to four. The purpose of this relatively new program is to engage at the local, grassroots level and encourage our members and volunteers to become regular observers at their town's regular council meetings and to keep a keen eye on meeting agendas and minutes. The goal eventually will be to have two Environmental Ambassadors for each town committed to informing our office about any news from around the county that is deemed to have environmental impact, whether positive or negative. This will help The Environmental Defenders to be apprised and informed about the needs of our community and the health of our environment in all corners of the county while creating lasting change for the positive for all of our communities in a county that numbers over 300,000 population. The program gives us an opportunity to be better connected with our municipalities and with legislative efforts in Springfield that have local effects through connecting members with the opportunity to vote on bills through the Illinois Environmental Council. We look forward to growing and diversifying this program in 2020.



In addition to all the work conducted in 2019 by our hard-working volunteer committees, we also provide education and advocacy regarding policies that protect the environment in McHenry County.

Education and Advocacy 2019 Highlights:

- ◇ Facilitated monthly Green Drinks events
- ◇ Facilitated the McHenry County Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby
- ◇ Participated in weekly phone calls with the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) in order to stay current about legislative issues that may affect McHenry County
- ◇ Shared IEC Action Alerts with our membership to encourage the filing of witness slips to support environmental legislation in the State Legislature
- ◇ Worked with the Bioneers committee, facilitated by the MCC Sustainability Center, to plan for the 2019 Green Living Expo
- ◇ Joined a growing group of community stakeholders advocating for regenerative agriculture, locally sources and healthy food called Eat For Good
- ◇ Advocated for sensible salting solutions in winter and made information available to town leaders throughout McHenry County
- ◇ Participated in the regular meetings of Hispanic Connections in Woodstock. Co-sponsored annual Earth Day celebration
- ◇ Shared environmental information with visitors to the Conservation World Tent at the McHenry County Fair
- ◇ Organized and monitored successful recycling at the McHenry County Fair
- ◇ Participated in meetings organized by The Green Team of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Environmental Defense Fund on climate change
- ◇ Joined the Crystal Creek Watershed Steering Committee to create a watershed protection plan

Professional affiliations.



NOT-FOR-PROFIT RESOURCES INC





Environmental Defenders of McHenry County				
Statement of Financial Position				
Financial Summary for Annual Report				
		2019	2018	
		Unaudited	Audited	
ASSETS				
Cash & Cash Equivalents		175,492	105,448	
Investments		325,364	270,943	
Other Receivables		6,499	4,362	
Prepaid		0	3,238	
Property & Equipment		101,294	101,294	
Other Assets		1,850	1,850	
	Total Assets	610,499	487,135	
LIABILITIES				
Fiscal Agent Payable		1,880	809	
Payroll Tax Liability		1,414	1,281	
Accrued Liabilities		1,405	2,463	
	Total Liabilities	4,699	4,553	
EQUITY				
Unrestricted, Undesignated		605,800	482,582	
Temporary Restricted				
	Total Net Equity	605,800	482,582	
	Total Liabilities and Equity	610,499	487,135	

