FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 30, 2024 and 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Legacy Land Conservancy

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Legacy Land Conservancy, (the "Conservancy") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Legacy Land Conservancy as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Conservancy and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Conservancy's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Conservancy's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Conservancy's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

To the Board of Directors Legacy Land Conservancy

Report on Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental information on page 30 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements attements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

Certified Public Accountants Traverse City, Michigan

December 18, 2024

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Years Ended June 30,

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents (Note C) Investments (Note D) Pledges receivable (Note E) Grants and contracts receivable (Note F) Prepaid expenses Other current assets	\$ 9,875 203,508 33,840 424,169 20,704 4,154	\$ 120,247 104,755 22,730 32,525 32,191 <u>64,164</u>
Total current assets	696,250	376,612
Fixed Assets, net (Note H)	17,486	5,400
Land Under Protection Preserves - with donor restrictions (Note I) Land held for resale (Note I) Development rights (Note J) Land options Total land under protection	5,142,418 260,000 104 <u>1,000</u> 5,403,522	4,597,418 260,000 99 <u>1,500</u> 4,859,017
Other Assets		4,000,017
Pledges receivable, net, non-current (Note E) Board designated investments (Note D) Restricted investments for endowments (Note D) Operating lease right of use asset	1,870,204 1,553,314 106,470	16,600 1,944,257 1,415,375
Total other assets	3,529,988	3,376,232
Total assets	\$ 9,647,246	\$ 8,617,261
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses Operating lease liability (Note Q)	\$ 4,204 138,928 38,636	\$
Total current liabilities	181,768	121,864
Long-term operating lease liability (Note Q)	68,381	
Total liabilities	250,149	121,864
NET ASSETS Without donor restrictions		73,146
Undesignated Land held for resale Board designated (Note K) With donor restrictions Subject to purpose and time restrictions (Note L)	260,000 1,867,624 598,594	260,000 1,944,257 224,803
Subject to restrictions in perpetuity (Note L)	<u>6,670,879</u>	5,993,191
Total net assets	9,397,097	8,495,397
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 9,647,246</u>	<u>\$ 8,617,261</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor	With Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Contributions and pledges of financial assets	\$ 300,059	\$ 389,911	\$ 689,970
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	47,915	-	47,915
Gifts of land or development rights	-	600,003	600,003
Public grants	53,898	477,709	531,607
Contract income	133,330	-	133,330
Investment returns, net (Note D)	137,337	175,987	313,324
Special events, net of expenses of \$1,264	1,171	-	1,171
Other revenue	1,335	-	1,335
Net assets released due to satisfaction of program			
restrictions	592,131	<u>(592,131</u>)	
Total revenue and support	1,267,176	1,051,479	2,318,655
EXPENSES			
Program services	1,071,240	-	1,071,240
Management and general	211,352	-	211,352
Fundraising	134,363		134,363
Total expenses	1,416,955		1,416,955
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(149,779)	1,051,479	901,700
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	2,277,403	6,217,994	8,495,397
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 2,127,624</u>	<u>\$ 7,269,473</u>	<u>\$ 9,397,097</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor <u>Restriction</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	<u></u>	<u>Kestrictions</u>	<u> </u>
Contributions and pledges of financial assets	\$ 358,040	\$ 230,751	\$ 588,791
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	28,644	,	58,340
Gifts of land or development rights	-	- 224,005	224,005
Public grants	53,084	545,268	598,352
Contract income	98,938		98,938
Investment returns, net (Note D)	91,172	130,871	222,043
Special events, net of expenses of \$4,612	4,988		4,988
Other revenue	60,000) –	60,000
Net assets released due to satisfaction of program			
restrictions	1,471,120	<u>(1,471,126</u>)	
Total revenue and support	2,165,992	. (310,535)	1,855,457
EXPENSES			
Program services	1,833,822		1,833,822
Management and general	227,273		227,273
Fundraising	95,369		95,369
Total expenses	2,156,464	<u> </u>	2,156,464
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	9,528	3 (310,535)	(301,007)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	2,267,875	6,528,529	8,796,404
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 2,277,403</u>	<u>\$ 6,217,994</u>	<u>\$ 8,495,397</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Conservation easement valuation expense	\$ 194,998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,998
Land project expense	91,246	÷ _	-	91,246
Maintenance	2,989			2,989
Total land expenses	289,233	-	-	289,233
Salaries	516,358	140,155	81,142	737,655
Payroll taxes and benefits	90,872	24,462	26,162	141,496
Consulting and contracted services	3,205	1,073	622	4,900
Travel	10,150	2,755	1,596	14,501
Audit	11,032	2,994	1,734	15,760
Bank charges	2,095	569	329	2,993
Fees and dues	9,840	2,671	1,545	14,056
Copying and printing	10,957	2,974	1,721	15,652
Insurance	15,086	4,095	2,370	21,551
Depreciation	3,343	-	-	3,343
Supplies and materials	15,241	4,136	2,395	21,772
Postage and mailing	4,114	1,117	648	5,879
Rent and occupancy	36,314	9,857	5,706	51,877
Software and IT	32,385	8,791	5,089	46,265
Meals and entertainment	2,133	579	336	3,048
Telephone	2,771	752	436	3,959
Media and marketing	6,236	1,692	980	8,908
Amortization	9,875	2,680	1,552	14,107
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,071,240</u>	<u>\$ 211,352</u>	<u>\$ 134,363</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,955</u>

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Conservation easement valuation expense	\$ 1,000,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,997
Land project expense	175,035	-	-	175,035
Maintenance	30,012			30,012
Total land expenses	1,206,044	-	-	1,206,044
Salaries	385,481	146,777	61,591	593,849
Payroll taxes and benefits	97,652	28,541	11,977	138,170
Consulting and contracted services	8,197	2,975	1,248	12,420
Travel	7,275	2,640	1,108	11,023
Audit	10,296	10,296 3,736 1,568	1,568	15,600
Bank charges	1,760	639	268	2,667
Fees and dues	11,266	4,089	1,716	17,071
Copying and printing	9,680	3,513	1,474	14,667
Insurance	11,574	4,200	1,762	17,536
Depreciation	1,800	-	-	1,800
Supplies and materials	9,114	3,307	1,388	13,809
Postage and mailing	2,746	996	418	4,160
Rent and occupancy	35,721	12,963	5,439	54,123
Software and IT	19,037	6,908	2,899	28,844
Miscellaneous	1,596	579	243	2,418
Telephone	2,260	939	394	3,593
Media and marketing	12,323	4,471	1,876	18,670
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,833,822</u>	<u>\$ 227,273</u>	<u>\$ 95,369</u>	<u>\$ 2,156,464</u>

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended June 30,

		2024		2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	001 700	\$	(201,007)
Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net	Э	901,700	Э	(301,007)
cash provided (used) by operating activities				
Depreciation		3,343		1,800
Amortization		14,107		1,000
Development rights extinguished		194,998		1,000,997
Net realized (gain) loss on investments		(11,831)		47,785
Net unrealized (gain) on investments		(184,439)		(188,581)
Donated preserves		(545,000)		(100,501)
Donated development rights		(55,003)		(224,005)
Endowment contributions		(29,263)		(119,355)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities which provided (used) cash		(()
Prepaid expenses		71,497		(66,385)
Pledges receivable		5,490		21,821
Grants receivable		(391,644)		(13,743)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		21,267		69,382
Net cash from operating activities		(4,778)		228,709
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition of investments		(391,867)		(119,512)
Proceeds from sale of investments		425,499		585,488
Exercise (acquisitions) of option to purchase land		500		(800)
Acquisition of conservation easements		(140,000)		(777,000)
Purchases of property and equipment		(15,429)		-
Net cash from investing activities		(121,297)		(311,824)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Endowment contributions		29,263		119,355
Operating lease payments		(13,560)		-
Net cash from financing activities		15,703		119,355
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(110,372)		36,240
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		120,247		84,007
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	9,875	\$	120,247

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Legacy Land Conservancy (the "Conservancy") is a not-for-profit corporation, founded in 1971, operating in Washtenaw, Jackson, Lenawee, and surrounding counties in southeastern Michigan. The Conservancy's mission is to safeguard southern Michigan's land and water to support diverse, resilient, and thriving communities - *forever*. The Conservancy accomplishes its mission through three primary activities of acquiring protective interests in conservation land through purchase and donation; advocating for the protection of open spaces; and caring for the land it owns and monitoring land under conservation agreements. The major funding for the Conservancy is derived from donations, grants, contract income, and fundraising events.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and otherwise in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to not-for-profit organizations in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Financial Statement Presentation

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions: Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions: Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Conservancy considers all cash and other highly liquid investments not held in trust with maturity dates of less than three months to be cash equivalents, for the purposes of the statements of financial position classification and statements of cash flows. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value as a result of the short maturities of those financial instruments.

Contracts Receivable

Contracts receivable consists of amounts due for easement monitoring services. Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from balances outstanding at year-end. Delinquent receivables, if any, are written off directly to expense.

Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value in the statements of financial position. Fair value of marketable equity and debt securities is based on quoted market prices as of the date of the statements of financial position. Contributed securities are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and generally sold shortly thereafter. Changes in fair value of investments are recorded in the accompanying statement of activities as investment gains and losses. Realized gains and losses are determined based on specific cost identification.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost if purchased, or if donated, at fair value at the time of receipt. Major improvements and renewals are capitalized, if over \$5,000, while ordinary maintenance and repairs are expensed. Management annually reviews these assets to determine whether carrying values have been impaired. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range from 3 to 5 years.

Preserves

The property of the Conservancy consists of parcels of land in southeastern Michigan received at various times from various donors. The Conservancy owns all residual rights associated with these properties. Such property is recorded as revenue and other assets at the time the property is received. The basis of the donation is the fair value of the property as of the date donated as determined by the most recent appraisal prepared by an independent qualified appraiser.

Conservation Easements and Allowance for Development Rights Extinguished

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a qualified conservation organization (i.e., the Conservancy) that permanently limits a property's use in order to protect its conservation values. Conservation easements, either purchased or donated, are initially valued at their appraised value. Once the development rights for a specific conservation easement are extinguished, generally immediately after acquisition, a valuation allowance is established to reduce the value of the conservation easement to \$1. This value reflects the lack of marketability related to the easements. The reduction in value due to extinguishment of development rights is reflected as a program expense in the statement of activities and conservation easement valuation expense on the statement of functional expenses.

Compensated Absences

Vested and accumulated vacation leave is reported as an expense and a liability when the obligation becomes determinable.

Revenue Recognition

The Conservancy derives its revenues primarily from contributions, bequests and public grants. Contributions, bequests and public grants received are recorded as increases in net assets. All donorrestricted contributions and public grants are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributed Nonfinancial Assets

A portion of the Conservancy's activities is conducted by volunteers without compensation and by professional and business organizations at significantly reduced charges. Support for services contributed is only recognized to the extent such contributions (1) require specialized skills (and are provided by individuals possessing those skills) and are typically purchased if not provided by donation or (2) create or enhance the non-financial assets of the Conservancy. Contributed services recognized comprise professional services from attorneys advising the Conservancy on various land acquisition and easement stewardship legal matters. Contributed services are valued and are reported at the estimated fair value as revenue and expense in the financial statements based on current rates for similar legal services. These contributed nonfinancial assets did not have donor-imposed restrictions.

Functional Expenses

The Conservancy accumulates and records operating expenses according to the nature of the expense that was incurred. These functional expenses are allocated and reported on the statement of activities as program services, management and general, and fundraising. The allocation to these functional categories is based on management's records of time allocated by staff.

Leases

The Conservancy determines whether an arrangement is a lease at contract inception by establishing if the contract conveys the right to control the use (right-of-use) of identified property, plant, or equipment for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Financing leases transfer ownership of the right-of-use asset whereas operating leases do not.

The Conservancy uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments, when the implicit rate is not readily determinable. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease. These options are included in the lease term when it is reasonably certain that the Conservancy will exercise that option.

Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Conservancy has elected to exclude short-term leases of 12 months or less on the statement of financial position.

Income Taxes

No provision for Federal and State income taxes has been made since the Conservancy is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Conservancy files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction and these returns are generally no longer subject to examination by tax authorities for years before 2021. The Conservancy has not had any business income unrelated to its exempt purpose and, therefore, has not filed income tax returns in any jurisdiction.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events and transaction for potential recognition or disclosure through December 18, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following at June 30:

	 2024	 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,875	\$ 120,247
Investments	203,508	104,755
Pledges receivable	33,840	22,730
Public grants receivable	424,169	32,525
Other current assets	 4,154	 64,164
Total current assets available for operations	\$ 675,546	\$ 344,421

The Conservancy has available board designated investments of \$1,870,204 and \$1,944,257 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, that may be liquidated with board approval. Additionally, the Conservancy has available access to endowments as permitted by the endowment spending policies, as detailed further in Note N.

NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents are summarized as follows for the years ended June 30:

	2024			2023
Petty cash	\$	295	\$	221
Demand (checking) accounts		9,580		120,026
Total	\$	9,875	\$	120,247

As of June 30, 2024, \$0 of the Conservancy's bank balance of \$21,550 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

NOTE D - INVESTMENTS

The investments of the Conservancy consisted of the following at June 30:

			2024		
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	Cast	Г	air Market	1.	preciation
	 Cost		Value	<u>(De</u>	preciation)
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Agency					
Investment	\$ 24,956	\$	24,956	\$	-
Cash equivalent *	44,925		44,925		-
Demand notes	1,347,839		1,402,172		54,333
Mutual funds - equity funds	1,082,971		1,405,337		322,366
Mutual funds - bond funds	 818,986		749,636		(69,350)
Total investments	\$ 3,319,677	<u>\$</u>	3,627,026	\$	307,349
Financial Statement Presentation					
Investments		\$	203,508		
Board designated investments			1,870,204		
Restricted investments for endowment			1,553,314		
		\$	3,627,026		

			2023		
	 Cost	F	air Market Value	Ap	amulative preciation preciation)
Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Agency Investment Cash equivalent * Demand notes Mutual funds - equity funds Mutual funds - bond funds	\$ 19,701 49,231 1,298,092 1,134,246 814,280	\$	19,701 49,231 1,347,839 1,308,860 738,756	\$	49,747 174,614 (75,524)
Total investments	\$ 3,315,550	\$	3,464,387	\$	148,837
Financial Statement Presentation Investments Board designated investments Restricted investments for endowment		\$ <u>\$</u>	104,755 1,944,257 1,415,375 3,464,387		

* Cash equivalent is held in trust, as such, it is included in investments in accordance with the Conservancy's policy.

Investment gains and losses consisted of the following at June 30:

	 2024	 2023
Realized gains (losses)	\$ 11,831	\$ (47,785)
Unrealized gains (losses)	184,439	188,581
Interest and dividends	129,877	93,847
Investment fees	 (12,823)	 (12,600)
Investment gains and losses, net	\$ 313,324	\$ 222,043

Concentration of Credit Risk - Investments

The Conservancy has investments in multiple brokerage accounts. One of the Conservancy's brokerage accounts has insurance of up to \$500,000 provided by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. The balance of the Conservancy's investments were uninsured at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE E - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

The Conservancy receives general Legacy pledges for various projects which totaled \$37,600 and \$43,700 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectfully. The Conservancy established an allowance for uncollectible amounts of 10% of the general pledges receivable balance. These amounts were \$3,760 and \$4,370 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectfully.

During 2024, the Conservancy received substantially all scheduled payments on a timely basis. In addition, the pledges receivable at June 30, 2024 are expected to be collected during 2025 and have been classified as current.

Pledges receivable are presented in the statements of financial position as follows as of June 30:

		2024		2023
Current pledges receivable Non-current pledges receivable	\$	\$ 33,840 \$		22,730 16,600
	<u>\$</u>	33,840	\$	39,330

NOTE F - PUBLIC GRANTS RECEIVABLE

The Conservancy records grants as revenue during the period that the funds were earned, that is, when all eligibility requirements have been met. The grants receivable as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$424,169 and \$32,525, respectively. The grants receivable represent grant dollars earned but not received as of the financial position date. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided as management believes all grants are collectible.

NOTE G - BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST

The Conservancy is the beneficiary of the Dorothy & Karl Schnearle Fund for Future Farmers and Farmland, a perpetual trust held and administered by the Community Foundation. The endowment permits the Foundation to substitute another beneficiary in place of the Conservancy in the event the Conservancy ceases to exist, or for other various reasons in accordance with the Foundation's bylaws. The Conservancy has withdrawn the spendable balance during the fiscal year. As a result, no amount of the remaining balance is spendable, or recorded on the financial statements, at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2024. The balance of the Trust is \$72,408 and \$66,677 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE H - FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets comprised the following at June 30:

	2024	2023
Vehicles Computers	\$ 27,00 	
Total	42,42	9 27,000
Less accumulated depreciation	(24,94	<u>3) (21,600)</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>\$ 17,48</u>	<u>6 \$ 5,400</u>

Total depreciation expense was \$3,343 and \$1,800 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE I - LAND

Preserves

Preserves of the Conservancy consist of parcels of land in southeastern Michigan received at various times from various donors. Such properties are recorded at fair values as of the date donated, as determined by an independent appraisal. The balance of these accounts is comprised of the following as of June 30:

Description	Acres	2024	2023
With donor restriction:			
Creekshead Preserve (fee simple)	27	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
Beckwith Conservancy (fee simple)	31	61,000	61,000
Sharon Hills Preserve (fee simple)	68	308,150	308,150
Woodland Preserve (fee simple)	14	235,000	235,000
Coudron Preserve (fee simple)	44	576,000	576,000
Reichert Preserve (fee simple)	92	477,500	477,500
Lapham Family Reichert Addition (fee simple)	17	51,915	51,915
Heotaky Beckwith Addition (fee simple)	2	18,000	18,000
Johnson Preserve (fee simple)	49	2,379,853	2,379,853
Shatter Preserve (fee simple)	25	375,000	375,000
Iron Creek Preserve (fee simple)	79	545,000	
Total with donor restriction	448	<u>\$ 5,142,418</u>	<u>\$ 4,597,418</u>

Land Held for Resale

Land held for resale includes projects where the final disposition of the property is not completed. The land may be intended for sale with a conservation easement.

Land held for resale consisted of:

	Beginning	Purchase/	Transfers/	End
	of Year	Donation	Sales	of Year
Rinehart Property	<u>\$ 260,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 260,000</u>

The Rinehart Property consists of 20 acres subject to a life estate.

NOTE J - DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Development rights typically are donated through the gift of a conservation easement. The donation of a perpetual conservation easement which preserves the conservation values of a property deemed to be in the public benefit, such as agricultural land, scenic views, wetlands, forests and unique wildlife habitats, is recognized in the Federal Tax Code and may result in substantial income and estate tax benefits to the donor/landowner.

In situations where charitable tax benefits do not provide sufficient incentives, development rights are purchased rather than donated. This is often the case with farmland preservation programs. The amount paid to and/or donated by the landowner is determined by a "before and after" appraisal of the fair market value of the subject land. Other costs, such as appraisals, surveys, title work and personnel expenditures for securing the easement, are expensed.

When the Conservancy receives a conservation easement, it takes on the permanent responsibility and legal right to enforce the terms of the easement. The Conservancy monitors easements by inspecting the land regularly (yearly in most cases) and maintaining communications with the landowner about future plans in order to avoid conflict with the easement. If a future owner or someone else violates the easement, for example by erecting a building that the easement does not allow, the Conservancy will take action to have the violation corrected, including going to court if necessary. These permanent responsibilities are a long-term cost to the Conservancy.

From its inception, the Conservancy has secured (by purchase and donation) 104 easements:

 Secu During the Y June 30	Year Ended	Total Secured Through June 30, 2024			
 umber of asements	Acres Protected	Number of Easements	Acres Protected		
5	83	104	4,662		

The total value of development rights acquired during the year is estimated to be \$195,003 of which \$194,998 has been extinguished and reported as an expense.

NOTE K - BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

The Board has designated \$1,867,624 and \$1,944,257 from the Emerald Arc Campaign for unrestricted capacity building reserves at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE L - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following amounts at June 30:

		2024	 2023
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose and/or the passage of time:			
Pledges receivable	\$	33,840	\$ 39,330
Foundation contributions		127,276	22,737
Stewardship funds		38,620	71,587
Land acquisition funds		370,297	64,188
Regional funds		3,604	7,260
Agency endowment funds		24,956	 19,701
Cubicat to day on matricelians in a superstrict		598,593	 224,803
Subject to donor restrictions in perpetuity: Conservation easements, net of extinguished development rights		104	99
Preserved land		5,142,418	4,597,418
Endowment funds		1,528,358	1,395,674
		1,020,000	 1,575,071
		<u>6,670,880</u>	 <u>5,993,191</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,269,473</u>	\$ <u>6,217,994</u>

NOTE M - CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS

Conservancy received the following nonfinancial asset donations for the year ended June 30:

		2024			
	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor Restrictions			
Legal services Other services Supplies Training costs Fee simple land Development rights	\$ 33,409 525 1,981 12,000	\$ - - - 545,000 55,003	\$ 33,409 525 1,981 12,000 545,000 55,003		
Total contributions of nonfinancial assets	<u>\$ 47,915</u>	<u>\$ 600,003</u> 2023	<u>\$ 647,918</u>		
	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor Restrictions	Total		
Legal services Other services Supplies Development rights	\$ 27,057 787 800	\$ 29,446 	\$ 56,503 787 1,050 224,005		
Total contributions of nonfinancial assets	<u>\$ 28,644</u>	<u>\$ 253,701</u>	<u>\$ 282,345</u>		

NOTE N - ENDOWMENT FUNDS

FASB ASC Topic 958-205 provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to the enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 ("UPMIFA"). FASB Topic 958-205 also improves disclosures about an organization's endowment funds (both donor-restricted and board-designated endowment funds) whether or not the organization is subject to UPMIFA.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Conservancy has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Conservancy classifies as donor restricted net assets: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the endowment and (b) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund;
- The purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund;
- General economic conditions;
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation;
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;
- Other resources of the Conservancy; and
- The investment policies of the Conservancy.

Investment Approach

The ultimate responsibility for the management of the funds rests with its Board of Trustees. Long term reserve funds and endowment funds are pooled together in the care of and managed by Bank of Ann Arbor Trust division in accordance with approved allocation targets and ranges as follows:

Asset Class	Target	Range
Equities	65%	15-80%
Fixed Income	25%	0-50%
Cash	10%	0-35%

Spending Policy

Endowment Fund: Distributions may be taken annually to fund land and easement stewardship.

Forever Fund: Distributions may be taken annually to fund land and easement stewardship and other expenses related to ensuring the integrity of conservation easements and lands owned by the Conservancy.

Standard Distribution: Standard distributions shall be made annually, and limited to 4% of the rolling average of the value of the funds over the past 20 quarters.

Extraordinary Distributions: Generally, principal will remain in the fund and will not be liquidated, except as described above. However, from time-to-time extraordinary expenses associated with the legal costs of defending or enforcing an easement, or legal costs required to maintain the Conservancy's continued use and operation of its fee preserves, may be incurred. At such times, by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees, the principal of that portion associated with the Forever Fund may be taken as a distribution. Such distributions must be accompanied by a plan to replenish the funds.

Standard distributions shall not be made if the combined value of the Endowment and Forever Funds is less than \$300,000.

Changes in Endowment net assets are as follows as of June 30:

	2024				
	With Donor Restrictions				
	Time <u>Perpetual Restricted Total</u>				
Net assets, beginning of year Investment return:	\$ 1,395,674 \$ 19,701 \$ 1,415,375				
Investment income (loss)	35,130 730 35,860				
Net appreciation (depreciation)	148,266 2,322 150,588				
Contributions	26,000 3,263 29,263				
Distributions/expenses	<u>(76,712)</u> <u>(1,060)</u> <u>(77,772)</u>				
Total donor restricted endowment	<u>\$ 1,528,358</u> <u>\$ 24,956</u> <u>\$ 1,553,314</u>				
	2023				
	With Donor Restrictions				
	Time				
	Perpetual Restricted Total				
Net assets, beginning of year Investment return:	\$ 1,206,445 \$ 15,836 \$ 1,222,281				
Investment income (loss)	25,988 1,510 27,498				
Net appreciation (depreciation)	103,373 - 103,373				
Contributions	117,000 2,511 119,511				
Distributions/expenses					
Distributions/expenses	<u>(57,132)</u> <u>(156)</u> <u>(57,288)</u>				

NOTE O - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification 820.10, *Fair Value Measurements*, provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Conservancy has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024.

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Agency Investment: Valued at fair value by the Community Foundation for the Conservancy's portion of the Community Foundation's pooled investment.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Conservancy at year-end.

Demand notes: Valued at carrying value which approximates fair value.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Conservancy believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

		2024				
		Level 1	 Level 2	 Level 3		Total
Ann Arbor Area Community						
Foundation Agency Investment	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 24,956	\$	24,956
Cash equivalent		44,925	-	-		44,925
Demand notes		-	1,402,172	-		1,402,172
Equity - mutual funds						
Moderate		144,354	-	-		144,354
Large cap		770,464	-	-		770,464
Mid cap		84,509	-	-		84,509
Small cap		40,468	-	-		40,468
Large cap - international		179,393	-	-		179,393
Large cap - global		186,149	-	-		186,149
Fixed income - bond mutual funds						
Taxable bond funds		749,636	 	 		749,636
	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,199,898</u>	\$ 1,402,172	\$ 24,956	\$	3,627,026
		2023				
		Level 1	 Level 2	 Level 3		Total
Ann Arbor Area Community						
Foundation Agency Investment	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 19,701	\$	19,701
Cash equivalent		49,231	-	-		49,231
Demand notes		-	1,347,839	-		1,347,839
Equity - mutual funds						
Moderate		141,986	-	-		141,986
Large cap		671,823	-	-		671,823
Mid cap		88,571	-	-		88,571
Small cap		44,156	-	-		44,156
Large cap - international		180,926	-	-		180,926
Large cap - global		181,398	-	-		181,398
Fixed income - bond mutual funds						
Taxable bond funds		738,756	 	 	_	738,756
	<u>\$</u> 2	2,096,847	\$ 1,347,839	\$ 19,701	<u>\$</u>	3,464,387

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Conservancy's assets at fair value as of June 30:

The changes in Level 3 investments are as follows:

Balance at July 1, 2022 Deposit and earnings, net of grants paid out	\$ 15,836 3,865
Balance at June 30, 2023 Deposit and earnings, net of grants paid out	 19,701 5,255
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 24,956

NOTE P - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Conservancy maintains a Savings Incentive Match Plan ("SIMPLE") IRA retirement plan. All fulltime employees are eligible to participate. To the extent an employee participates by deferring a portion of their compensation into the plan, the Conservancy will match the employee's contribution, up to a maximum of 3% of the employee's compensation. During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the retirement expense incurred by the Conservancy was \$17,260 and \$16,656, respectively.

NOTE Q - OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY

On March 1, 2024, the Conservancy entered into a 36-month operating lease agreement for its office space with an original expiration date of February 28, 2027, which contains the right to renew for an additional 36 months. In addition, if the Conservancy is donated office space or a building, the Conservancy has the right to terminate the lease at the end of six months.

The lease agreement includes a fixed rental fee during the lease term with annual increases of 4% over the previous yearly rate, or current CPI, whichever is greater throughout the rental period and any option period. Lease payments range from \$3,390 to \$3,665 over the term of the lease.

The lease does not include a stated interest rate and, therefore, the Conservancy's periodic incremental borrowing rate was used to determine the present value of lease payments.

Quantitative information concerning the Conservancy's operating lease consisted of the following as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024:

\$ 13,560
\$ 12,667
2.67
5.00 %
\$ 119.685

Years Ending	Operating
<u>June 30,</u>	Lease
2025 2026 2027	\$ 41,221 42,864 30,393
Total lease payments	114,478
Less: present value discount	(7,461)
Present value of operating lease liability	107,017
Less: current portion	(38,636)
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 68,381</u>

Maturities of the operating lease liability is as follows:

NOTE R - SHORT-TERM LEASES

The Conservancy had an operating lease for office space for July 18, 2017 through September 30, 2020. The lease requires the Conservancy to pay utilities and janitorial services. The landlord is obligated for insurance covering the building. The lease has been informally extended on a month-to-month basis through February 29, 2024. Rent expense was \$30,401 and \$45,600 on the office space for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE S - SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities

During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Conservancy acquired development rights on five and six parcels of land, respectively, below fair market value as determined by a State certified appraiser. The Conservancy recorded the development rights of \$55,003 and \$224,005, respectively, at the fair market value as of the date acquired. In addition, fee simple land was donated to the Conservancy with the fair market value of \$545,000 during the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE T - BUSINESS COMBINATION

On September 27, 2022, the Conservancy entered into a transfer agreement with a volunteer land trust for \$1 and started the process of assuming conservation easements and other assets from that volunteer land trust. The Conservancy has determined that although the assumption will be achieved through different phases, these transactions are considered a business combination. Once all conservation easements have been transferred to the Conservancy, the volunteer land trust will transfer its remaining cash assets to the Conservancy and will dissolve.

There were three and five conservation easements, respectively, transferred during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, each valued at \$1. This was recorded as an increase in conservation easements in the statements of financial position and an increase in gifts of land or development rights without donor restrictions in the statement of activities. The acquisition-related costs were \$8,213 and \$42,513 recognized in land project expenses and \$25,410 and \$14,732 in payroll and other expenses for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The volunteer land trust transferred \$15,000 during the year ended June 30, 2024 to help offset the costs of the transfers.

NOTE U - CONTINGENCY

During December 2022, the Conservancy successfully settled a lawsuit where it was the plaintiff defending a conservation easement violation. In May 2023, the settlement agreement was signed and the Conservancy received the \$60,000 check in July 2023. The Conservancy recorded \$30,555 in legal fee expense in the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related liability in accrued expenses in the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 for the amount due back to the insurance company for attorney's fees. The Conservancy also recorded \$29,445 in repairs and maintenance expense in the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related liability in accrued expenses in the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 for the expected remediation of the conservation easement violations.

In addition, the Conservancy recorded the \$60,000 recovery of these expenses as the recovery was deemed probable as of June 30, 2023. The recovery of \$30,555 legal fee expense and \$29,445 in repairs and maintenance was recorded in miscellaneous income with the corresponding receivable recorded in other current assets.

As of June 30, 2024, \$23,970 is remaining in accrued expenses for the remediation of the violations.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF NET ASSETS WITH AND WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions
Board designated - unrestricted Pledges receivable	\$ 1,867,624	\$ - 33,840
Knight Technology Grant Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation MNA Technology Grant LTA 2024 Impact Grant LTA NRCS Summit Stipend United Way - Buy, Protect, Sell TNC Feasibility Grant Toyota Grant Forests to MI Faucets NFWF - Kolon-Baki Soil Health Rewards		$19,305 \\ 1,369 \\ 1,878 \\ 2,500 \\ 1,000 \\ 11,592 \\ 40,977 \\ 27,500 \\ 8,577 \\ 8,269 \\ 4,309$
Stewardship Funds: Creekshead Preserve Iron Creek Preserve Reichert Preserve Lackey Stewardship Fund Lackey Accessibility Project	- - - -	2,022 238 28,543 16 7,801
Acquisition Funds: Public Recreation/Waterloo Fund Carls Foundation Grant Herrick Foundation Grant Sullivan Easement	- - -	19,507 292,975 47,815 10,000
Regional Funds: Dexter Pittsfield	-	2,158 1,446
Endowment Funds: Forever Fund Preserve Stewardship Endowment Endowment Fund Reichert Preserve Endowment Schnearle Agency Funds	- - - -	1,334,441 12,655 83,989 97,273 24,956
Land: Land in fee simple Land held for resale	260,000	5,142,418
Conservation Easements		104
Totals	\$ 2,127,624	<u>\$ 7,269,473</u>