

FINANCIAL SUMMARY & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2006



Clockwise from left: Teens walking through a bluff prairie at the Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, Girl removing buckthorn at the Grey Cloud Dunes Scientific and Natural Area, Girl planting a tree at the Brooklyn Park River Park Maintenance Event, Boy hauling buckthorn at the Bucks and Buckthorn Spring Event, Volunteers removing buckthorn at the Bucks and Buckthorn Spring Event; all photos from 2006 events.



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Thank You for Helping to Restore Our Natural Heritage

Dear Friends:

Did you know that oak savannas once covered approximately two million acres of our Twin Cities region? Today, fewer than 3,800 acres of high quality oak savanna remain. Without human assistance, a significant part of our region's natural heritage may soon be lost.

I am pleased to report that Great River Greening is meeting the challenge. In 2006 we began *The Million Acorn Campaign*, a five-year initiative to plant one million acorns and implement one hundred restoration projects in partnership with numerous local and state conservation groups together with over five thousand volunteers. During 2006 twenty-two oak restoration projects were started, including oak savanna reconstruction at Pilot Knob in Mendota Heights, one of Minnesota's most culturally and historically significant natural sites.

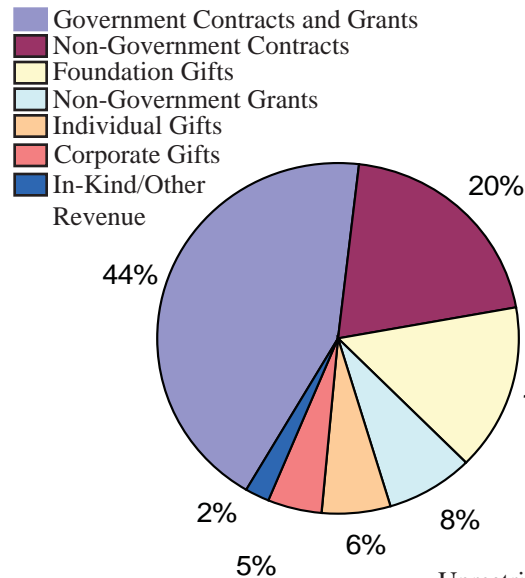
At Great River Greening, one of our goals is to inspire young people to take action to protect, conserve, and restore the natural landscape that is their heritage. A major gift from the Allianz Foundation for North America empowers youth to take leadership in *The Million Acorn Campaign*, and they are doing so with the development of several self-directed projects. These include the three-year *Million Acorn Challenge*, during which young people throughout the metro region will collect and plant a million acorns.

The on-the-ground work of hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers participating in *The Million Acorn Campaign*, *St. Croix Healthy Waters Initiative*, and other restoration and water quality projects would not be possible without the continuing financial and personal support of you, our donors and partners. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the over 1,700 volunteers who participated in our 2006 restoration events, thank you!

Dick Nowlin
Board Chair

Financial Position - All Funds

Total Assets	\$502,810
Total Liabilities	\$ 45,217
Total Net Assets	\$457,593



Statement of Activities

Expenses

Program Services	\$669,448
Management & General	\$127,139
Fundraising	\$ 84,907

TOTAL EXPENSES \$881,494

Unrestricted Funding

Government Contracts & Grants	\$390,351
Non-Government Contracts	\$183,116
Foundation Gifts	\$136,400
Non-Government Grants	\$ 68,903
Individual Gifts	\$ 55,250
Corporate Gifts	\$ 42,551
In-Kind/Other Revenue	\$ 20,536

TOTAL REVENUE \$897,107

Unrestricted Change in Net Assets	\$ 15,613
Temporarily Restricted Change in Net Assets	\$174,956
Total Change in Net Assets for year	\$190,569

Note: All amounts are audited results for the year ending December 31, 2006

Comments

2006 found Greening with a growing array of funding sources supporting restoration work. It is exciting to see funding from so many sources, indicating that our work is truly community-based. Furthermore, the breadth of funding sources gives us stability and confidence going forward.

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2006 Accomplishments

Volunteer Involvement

1. Engaged 1,728 volunteers in planting and restoration events including 682 youth (40%).
2. Engaged 212 volunteer supervisors (nearly three times the number of 2005), trained by Greening to take leadership at events and neighborhood projects.
3. Volunteers removed 118 acres of invasive species, planted 8,080 trees and shrubs, installed 22,318 forbs and grasses, and collected 50 lbs. of prairie seed.
4. 17,168 volunteers have planted 50,966 trees and shrubs since Greening began in 1995.
5. Diversity of volunteers: 38% African American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American.
6. In partnership with Department of Natural Resources Scientific and Natural Areas, completed service learning program for underserved youth.

Partnerships and Initiatives

1. Million Acorn Campaign: development of 22 projects, including oak savanna reconstruction at Pilot Knob, Mendota Heights, one of the most historically significant locales in the state as the site of the 1851 treaty signing. A major gift from the Allianz Foundation for North America will help empower youth to take leadership in the campaign.
2. Healthy Waters Initiative: new stream-bank restoration techniques in Carnelian Creek watershed, the awarding of over \$400,000 for best management practices in the St. Croix Basin at large, and completion of the first case study of sustainable landscape design for affordable housing, funded by the Home Depot and Xcel Energy Foundations.
3. Metro Conservation Corridors (MeCC): over ten projects, including a 275-person volunteer event at Indian Mounds Park, Saint Paul, restoring five acres of oak savanna with buckthorn removal and native planting; a 35-acre fall burn at Pioneer Park, Blaine, as part of the on-going wetland restoration with six state-listed species; and 28 acres of Saint Paul's Crosby Park floodplain/terrace forest restoration, which included an Admission Possible event engaging 373 talented, motivated, and economically disadvantaged high school seniors.

Management Plans and Publications

1. *Arcola Mills Natural Resource Plan and Management Brief*, historic retreat and natural area
2. *Engaging Young Hunters in Restoration: An Introduction for Large Landowners*
3. *Conserving Your Blufflands: A Management Guide for St. Croix River Property Owners* (sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources)
4. Prairie stewardship plans for two private landowners whose property hosts high quality prairie remnants
5. *Plymouth Land Cover Inventory and Mapping*, which led to the definition of natural resource greenway corridors
6. *Andover High School Restoration Plan*, wetland on Coon Creek, a model of an educational landscape
7. *Cargill Salt Resource Management Plan*, located in the wildlife corridor of the Minnesota River

Ecological Designs

1. Victoria Park Phase I, landscape plan for new residential development along the Mississippi River corridor
2. Midtown Greenway Entrance and Swale, native planting in old industrial corridor
3. Maple Hills Pond, a model of higher standards for retention ponds
4. Rita Johnson Landscape Concept, wetland restoration in conjunction with conservation development
5. Barker Residence, residential design example, based on plant community concept
6. West Side Bluffs Cave Design, revegetation of bluff following cave closure
7. Dale Street Entry Design, formal native garden for business center
8. St. Croix Slope Stabilization, erosion control design along the St. Croix River
9. Cherokee Park Rain Garden, demonstration rain garden in Cherokee Park, St. Paul
10. Sam Morgan Trail Design, interpretive garden plan along the Sam Morgan Trail
11. Green Institute Entry, entry planting utilizing native plants



The mission of Great River Greening is to lead and support community-based restoration of natural areas.

Greening involves on-the-ground volunteers on a larger scale than any other local organization.

Greening staff also provide natural resource management planning and ecological landscape design services to support our non-profit mission.



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Clockwise from top: Girls eager to plant at Cargill Salt Facilities, Girl planting at West Side Bluffs, Mother and son planting a bur oak at Cargill Salt Facilities; all photos from 2006 events.

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