

2019 CONSERVATION REPORT

In 2019 the Prairie Club continued its financial support of conservation and land protection organizations operating in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. In 2019 . . .

Chikaming Open Lands (COL), located in Berrien County, MI, added three properties totaling 67 acres to its inventory of preserved forests, prairies, wetlands, and other open spaces. COL now manages 18 nature preserves comprising 660 acres.

Nippersink Watershed Association (MWA) continued to work with state and local organizations in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. To date, NWA has implemented 3.3 million dollars in water quality projects within the Nippersink Creek watershed. Additionally, individual members of NWA in 2019 volunteered over 1,000 hours of labor removing invasive plant and trees from the watershed.

Finally, in 2019 the Prairie Club Board honored its pledge of \$10,000 to the **Cherry Beach Project**. The still in process acquisition of this property will double the linear footage of public beach in Chikaming Township, MI.

I am extremely proud of Prairie Club's support of Chikaming Open Lands, the Nippersink Watershed Association, and the Cherry Beach Project.

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