

# Financial Highlights 2019–2020

## The Value Proposition

### Funding Our Water, Wildlife & Way of Life — How Much Is It Worth?

The cost of managing, maintaining and improving these properties is a primary component of the Conservation District’s annual operating budget and includes experienced and knowledgeable personnel who are responsible for the stewardship and day-to-day management of these natural and built environmental assets. Conservation Stewardship is an all-hands-on deck endeavor and comes at a bargain price.

For every dollar a resident pays in property taxes, approximately \$0.02 is paid to the McHenry County Conservation District. Less than \$0.01 goes for the purpose of operating and managing public lands that constitute the natural heritage of McHenry County. Slightly over \$0.01 goes to service the Conservation District’s debt approved by the voters for the preservation of public open space, protection of wildlife habitat and public access improvements.

McHenry County Conservation District has been extremely effective

in managing investments made by our residents through property taxes, user fees and individual donations of time, talent and resources. 82.9% of the Conservation District’s operating revenue comes from property taxes and the remainder from user fees, licenses, grants, donations and sponsorships.

### Investing in a Healthy Future for McHenry County

There is immense value in preserving the natural treasures of McHenry County while they remain. Wide open spaces contribute greatly to our quality of life, not only by contributing to our overall health (physical, mental, and spiritual as places to rest, play, reflect and explore) but by their intrinsic value as well.

Looking ahead, the Conservation District will remain steadfast in its mission to provide a myriad of ecosystem services, education programs and recreational activities that will promote the health,

**TOTAL SITE USE VISITORS**  
... over one million!

# 1,068,072

# Services	# Served
193 School Programs	= 9,612
256 Education Programs	= 5,384
122 Wildlife Programs	= 2,973
609 Camp Sites Reserved	= 7,630
172 Special Use Permits Issued	= 4,788
112 Picnic Shelters Reserved	= 4,040

happiness and heritage of our human and non-human constituents. We make a difference for current and future generations by pledging to stand up for our water, wildlife and way of life in McHenry County. Together, we can continue to make McHenry County vibrant, resilient and sustainable.

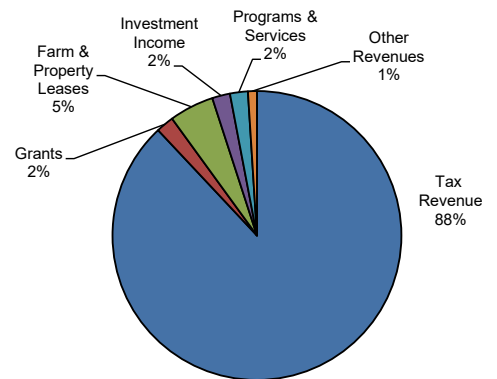
## Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

All Funds—Summarized, Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2020\*

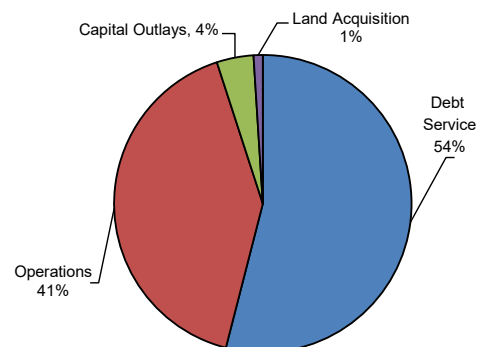
	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Tax Revenue	20,166,244
Grants	446,717
Farm & Property Leases	1,129,065
Investment Income	478,965
Programs & Services	438,984
Other Revenues	302,492
Total Revenues	\$22,962,467
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Debt Service	12,098,500
Operations	9,323,552
Capital Outlays:	
Land Acquisition	223,488
Sites & Trails	624,513
Other	226,687
Total Expenditures	\$22,496,740
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>	
Sale of Capital Assets	23,725
Total Other Sources	\$23,725
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$489,452</b>

\* All financial information is unaudited.

**FY 19/20 Revenues**



**FY 19/20 Expenditures**



## 2019–2020 Special Event Sponsors

### 3rd Annual



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### 3rd Bi-Annual



**Silver Sponsor:**  
Community Foundation for McHenry County



**Bronze Sponsors**  
Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center  
McHenry County Economic Development Corporation

### District Volunteers

Donated **8,406** hours FY19–20  
— representing a value of \$213,765\*

#### 2019 Seed Collection Results:

39 Volunteers • 410 Volunteer Hours  
• 111 Native Species Collected •  
1,686 lbs of Seed Collected (post processing) =  
**\$101,208 Total Market Seed Value,  
and Savings to the Conservation District!**

\*based on the national average of \$25.43 per volunteer hour.

### Donations

<b>McHenry County Conservation Foundation</b> . . . . .	<b>\$61,294.61</b>
<i>Lake Elizabeth; Alden Sedge Meadow Seed Purchase; Glacial Park Stewardship; Big Woods</i>	
<b>General Donations</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4,185.75</b>
Meghan Burks . . . . . \$400.00	Eagle Scout Troop 455 . . . \$330.89
<b>Wildlife Resource Center</b> . . . . .	<b>\$575</b>
Bull Valley Garden Club	Johnsburg Public Library
Michael & Karen Cooper	Adem & Kelly Kulauzovic
Bridget Friske	Melanie Langes
Karen Golembiewski	Sabina Tanda
Hilltop PTO	Nadine Nevn
<b>Education Dept.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$535</b>
Cary Library	MCCF
Eagles of Illinois Program	Sun City

### Grants

IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity— <i>LVC Entrance Drive</i> . . . . .	\$241,651.81
IL Clean Energy Community Foundation— <i>Wetlands Parcel Purchase</i> . . . . .	\$187,272.00
IL Clean Energy Community Foundation— <i>Alden Gap Marsh</i> . . .	\$17,370.69
Liberty Prairie Foundation— <i>Food: Land: Opportunity Grant</i> . . . .	\$9,986.79
IL Dept. of Natural Resources— <i>Snowmobile Grant</i> . . . . .	\$6,469.16

### BIG WOODS Donations

Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Rotary Club  
Michael Babcan - Cherokee Nation Tribe  
Elaine Baron  
Claire Brundage  
Peter Brunette  
Meghan Burks  
Sharon Davis  
Angela Guthrie  
Shannon Guzick  
Gary Kanner  
Ryan Ludwikowski  
David and Beth Macaulay  
Larry Martin  
McHenry County Conservation Foundation  
David Miller  
Nick Porcaro  
Jonathan Silverman  
Alexandra Wiczorek  
Debbie Williams

**To Honor the Memory of  
Scott Pannier**  
Mona Kahney  
Verna Springs/David Regier  
Shannon Green & Scott Johnson  
Peter Brunette

**To Honor the Memory of  
Kent Krautstrunk**  
Susan Farrell  
Beverly Hoehne

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Susan Farrell**

**To Honor the Memory of  
Petranna and Herbert Moreland**  
Michelle Armstrong & Victoria Moreland

**In Memory of  
Thornton Douglass**

**Birthday Tree for  
Devan Verma**  
Paul and Sharon Dehaan

**To Honor the Memory of  
Edward Gorka**  
Karlith Gorka

**In memory of  
Carol A. Schachter**  
Karlith Gorka

**To Honor the Memory of  
Barbara Schneider**  
Charlotte and John McCarthy  
Cheryl Lawrence  
Rosemary Fermo

