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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...
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2007-08

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Environment and Natural
Resources (SC-ENR)**

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June-2014

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 161

Relating to: naming the state trail system.

By Senators Miller, Kedzie, Erpenbach, Olsen, Wirch, Lehman, Darling, Cowles, Schultz and Plale; cosponsored by Representatives Gunderson, Black, Sheridan, Berceau, Molepske, Pocan, Hahn, Parisi, Turner, Lothian, Mason, Hebl, Mursau, Bies, A. Ott, Townsend and Sinicki.

April 20, 2007

Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

May 1, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (5) Senators Miller, Jauch, Wirch, Kedzie and Schultz.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Mark Miller, Monona — Senator, Wisconsin State Senate
- Neal Kedzie, Elkhorn — Senator, Wisconsin State Senate
- Rick Phelps, Madison — Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- Kathe Crowley Conn, Evansville — Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- Nina Leopold Bradley, Baraboo — Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Buddy Huffaker, Baraboo — Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Sinisa Golub, Croatia — Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Jeff Nania, Portage — Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Peter Biermeier, Madison — Department of Natural Resources

Registrations For

- Luther Olsen, Ripon — Senator, Wisconsin State Senate
- Scott Gunderson, Waterford — Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

May 1, 2007

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Miller, Jauch, Wirch, Kedzie and Schultz.


Absent: (0) None.

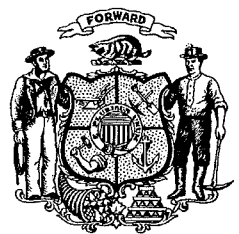
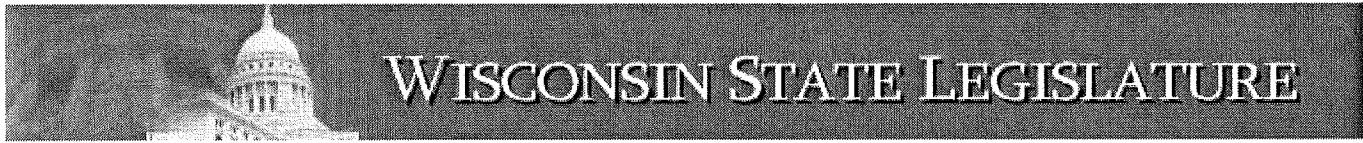
Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Jauch that **Senate Bill 161** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Miller, Jauch, Wirch, Kedzie and Schultz.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0


Elizabeth Bier
Committee Clerk



Vote Record

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Date: 5/1/07

Moved by: Kedzie

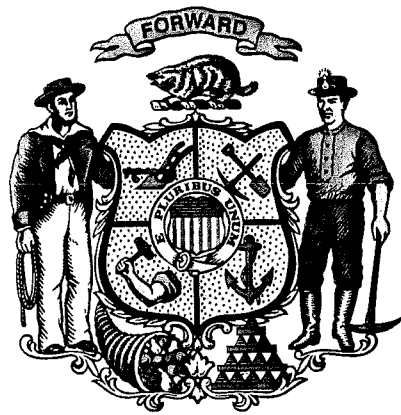
Seconded by: Jaworski

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- Be recommended for:
- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 - Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Senator Mark Miller, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Jauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Dale Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	_____	_____



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Nina Bradley
E12919 Levee Rd.
Baraboo, WI 53913

Dear Mark,

March 24, 2007

This is just a note to tell you how enthusiastic we Leopolds are that you are considering naming the Wisconsin State Trail System after our father, Aldo Leopold. In spite of my bias, the idea seems to fit with Leopold's thinking and philosophy.

Beside that, I am sure my father would be honored and pleased if he could know of this possibility.

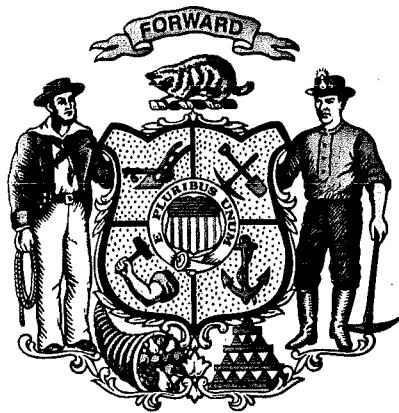
If there is anything I can do to promote this idea, please do get in touch with me.

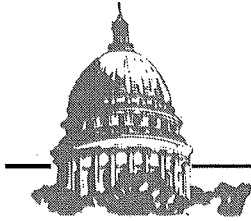
With all best wishes,

Nina

Nina Leopold Bradley

Cc: Kathe Conn





MARK MILLER
WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

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April 23, 2007
For Immediate Release

Contact: Mark Miller
608-266-9170

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS PROPOSE NAMING STATE TRAIL SYSTEM AFTER ALDO LEOPOLD

Senator Miller and Representatives Gunderson Introduce Companion Bills

A bipartisan group of Wisconsin legislators has introduced legislation to name the state trail system the "Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System."

Aldo Leopold is considered the father of American conservation stewardship. He was born in Iowa, and spent much of his adult life in Wisconsin. Leopold moved to Madison in 1924 to work for the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory and began teaching at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1928.

Leopold articulated a "land ethic" for farmers, hunters and private landowners. He helped create a new science integrating biology, zoology, forestry, agriculture, ecology education and communication.

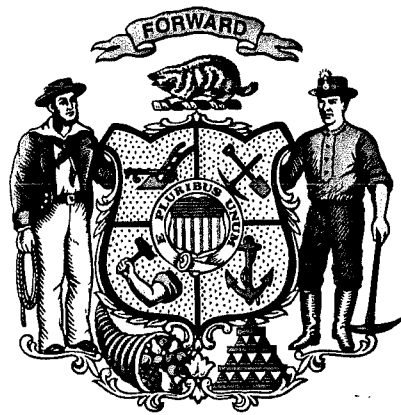
Leopold authored the book, 'A Sand County Almanac', which, according to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, is '*often acclaimed as the century's literary landmark in conservation, melds exceptional poetic prose with keen observations of the natural world.*'

"Aldo Leopold has inspired generations of environmentally conscientious stewards of our natural resources," said Sen. Mark Miller of Monona. "This designation of our state trail system is a fitting tribute to Wisconsin's own father of conservation."

"Wisconsin has long been a leader in conservation efforts, and many of our state's projects and policies can be attributed to the contributions of Aldo Leopold," continued Gunderson of Waterford. "Naming the state trail system after the individual widely considered to be the architect of wildlife ecology provides recognition of Aldo Leopold's instrumental involvement in making Wisconsin a leader in conservation."

The legislation will not alter the current names of the individual state trails within the state system.

Joining Miller and Gunderson as authors of the bills are Sen. Neil Kedzie (R-Elkhorn), Rep. Spencer Black (D-Madison) and 23 other Democratic and Republican legislators.



DATE: April 27, 2007
TO: Amber Smith - AD/5
FROM: Landon T. Williams
SUBJECT: Bill Analysis of SB 161

1. Description of Legislation: The Department, in conjunction with various partners, currently administers a system of 42 linear trails located throughout the state. SB 161 designates the state trail system as the "Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System". This bill only affects linear trails designated as state trails such as the Glacial Drumlin; it does not apply to unit trails located within property boundaries such as Sunset trail at Peninsula State Park.
2. Legislative Action in the Previous Session: Not applicable
3. Policy/Administrative Effect: The policy issue centers around balancing the costs associated with fulfilling the requirements of the law with properly acknowledging the extraordinary contributions Aldo Leopold made to the field of conservation. This bill honors Aldo Leopold and the Department must formulate an implementation plan to honor those contributions. In addition, SB 161 creates a unique policy-related issue for the Department as it establishes a precedent for possible future naming scenarios related to state parks, state natural areas, state forests, etc.
4. Fiscal Effect: The Department is likely to be able to absorb the costs strictly related to fulfilling the requirement of this bill; however, these costs would likely increase dramatically depending upon the level of recognition the Department deems necessary to properly acknowledge the contributions of Aldo Leopold. The costs strictly associated with fulfilling the requirement of the bill total approximately \$2,500 and include: developing a graphic image to commemorate the designation of the state trails system, updating all applicable internet-related marketing and information materials to reflect the designation, updating all applicable printed materials on a replacement basis and issuing multi-media releases.

However, these costs may increase dramatically, should the Department choose to designate each trail with a permanent marker. Of the 42 current state trails, two are designated as National Scenic Trails. Should the Department choose to erect a sign at each end of the 40 remaining state trails to recognize this designation, the total cost associated with purchasing and installing 80 signs is estimated to be \$7,200. These costs are summarized below:

*Sign cost: \$15/sign x 80 signs = \$1,200 (8.5" x 11" aluminum base sign)

*Installation cost: \$75/sign x 80 signs = \$6,000 (staff travel time, on site labor, 4-inch post, fasteners, sack concrete mix and light truck travel charges)

It should be noted that this designation only includes a small, aluminum sign. Should the Department choose to upgrade this signage, the costs could escalate to up to \$500/sign with significantly higher installation costs.

5. Impact on other Bureaus: The Bureaus of Communication and Education, Finance and Facilities and Lands may need to be involved in the implementation of this bill.
6. Information Impact: All written materials related to state trails will likely need to be updated. In addition, website, Department of Tourism information and partner affiliated information will need to be updated.
7. Administrative Rules: It is likely that any administrative code changes could be codified in the next scheduled round of updates.
8. Effective Date: No special consideration is necessary.
9. Land Use Impacts: None anticipated
10. Recommendations: The Department should support SB 161, with the understanding that it will only be able to absorb the costs related to strictly fulfilling the requirement of the bill. While the majority of the potential costs of this bill may be considered one-time, they are not likely to be absorbed within current funding levels should the Department choose to exceed the requirement of the bill.

Analysis Prepared By: Landon T. Williams
Phone Number: (608) 266-7616

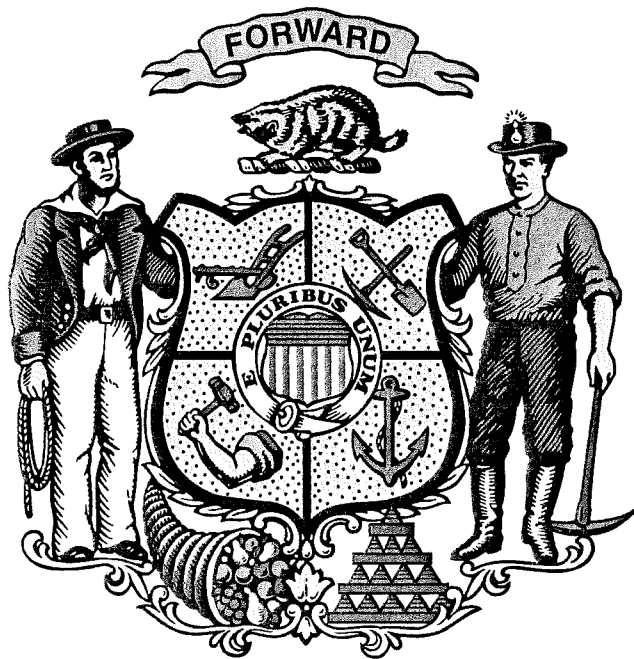
Return the bill analysis to Amber Smith within *seven days* with the approval signatures of: ✓

APPROVED:

Bureau Director

Administrator
Division of Land

Joe Polasek, Director
Bureau of Management and Budget





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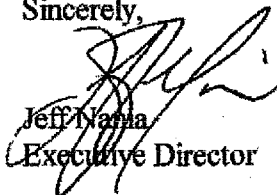
Senate Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association and our 7000 members statewide I wish to strongly support SB 161 that allows for naming the state trail system the "Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System."

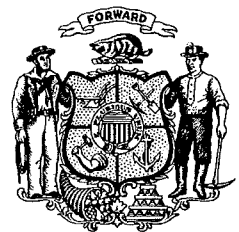
Leopold in his writings maintained that people could not and would not protect our natural resources unless they appreciated them, they could not learn to appreciate them unless they could touch them. It is fitting that his name be attached to the trail system that allows anyone who wishes the opportunity to interact first hand with our Wisconsin outdoors.

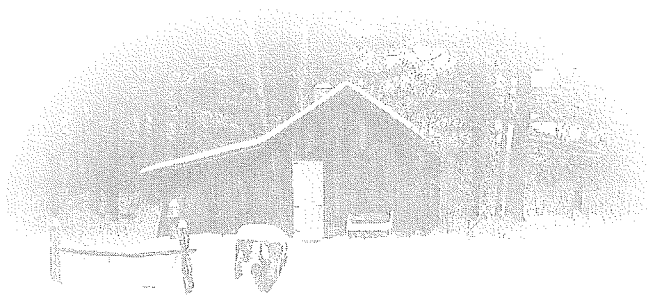
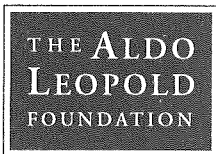
Sincerely,


Jeff Nana
Executive Director



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





*Fostering the
Land Ethic
through the legacy
of Aldo Leopold*

May 1, 2007

TO: Senate Natural Resources Committee
RE: SB 161; Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System

"We can be ethical only in relation to something we can see, feel, understand, love, or otherwise have faith in."

Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

Senate Bill 161 and its proposal to designate a system of trails in honor of Aldo Leopold is a fitting honor for the individual that played an instrumental role in establishing our modern wilderness, wildlife, and ecological restoration movements.

Aldo Leopold understood how important it is for people to engage the natural world in order to connect with, understand it, and ultimately accept their responsibility to ensure healthy land and healthy people.

Wisconsin's rich conservation heritage is something every citizen of the state should understand and appreciate. Leopold and his idea of a conservation ethic connects this important part of our history with the complex ecological issues facing society today.

We are fortunate each year to interact with thousands of people that travel both within and to the state to be informed and inspired by Aldo Leopold's legacy. Further building our state's economic and social identity with the timeless ideas presented in *A Sand County Almanac* should allow for the hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, and other interests to come together to solve our larger issues.

The Aldo Leopold Foundation looks forward to collaborating with the State of Wisconsin and other partners to ensure that all of our natural resources are properly stewarded and this important heritage is passed on to future generations.

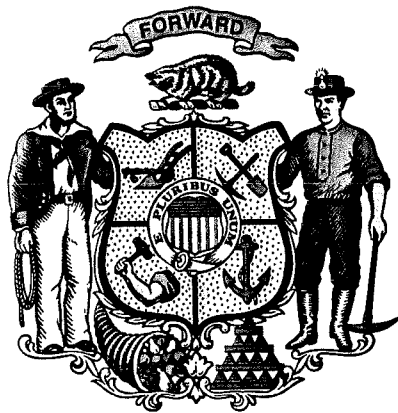
We are pleased to express our support for SB 161.

Sincerely,

Nina Leopold Bradley
Founder

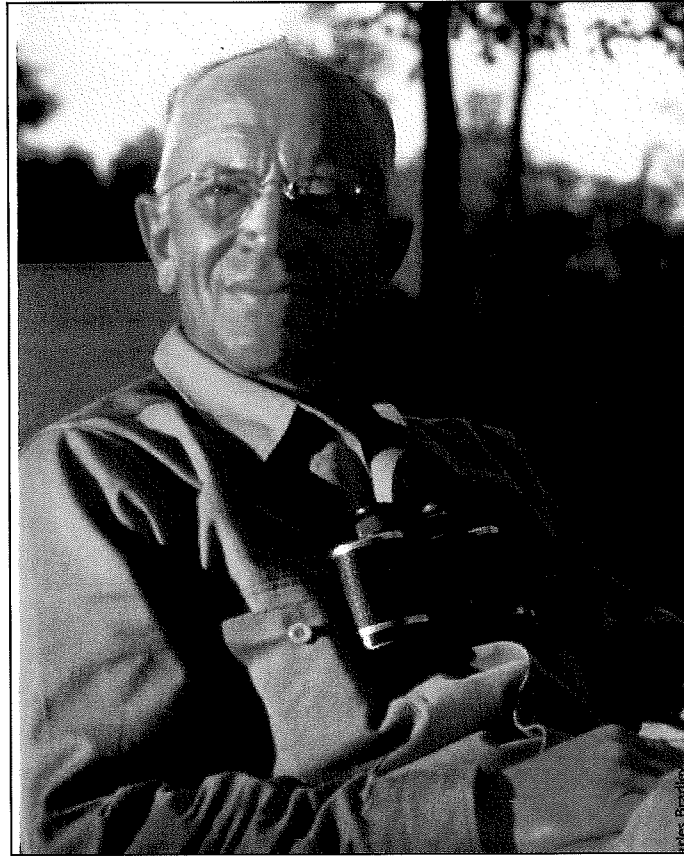
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A PROPOSAL TO NAME THE STATE TRAIL SYSTEM AFTER

ALDO LEOPOLD
A True Wisconsin Legend



The naming of the **Aldo Leopold Legacy State Trail System** to recognize our State's leadership in environmental stewardship and to honor the father of American stewardship and Wisconsin legend, Aldo Leopold, is an idea that capitalizes on our State's great past and has the power to create an identity that brings people together for the future. It is a concept that will help guide us, our children and future generations in the appreciation of the Wisconsin landscape and in how we think about and use the natural world.

Aldo Leopold (1887-1948) is internationally acknowledged as the father of the modern American environmental movement and was known for his practical and effective work in articulating a "land ethic" with farmers, hunters, and private landowners.

We know it is important for a community to establish compelling icons, symbols and images -- those that can call up our historical legacies, as well as define the future of our State. **In today's world, these symbols are effectively made by heroes and role models who inspire and instill pride in our community.** The name of Frank Lloyd Wright and the genius of his architecture, as captured in Taliesin and Monona Terrace, are now an important part of our State's legacy. And yet of all the great citizens to weave an influence into the fabric our community, none offers a greater legacy to our citizens and has impacted the way we view our world than Aldo Leopold.

Monuments to Leopold appear elsewhere throughout the United States. Visitors from all over the world routinely come to Wisconsin to learn from and touch part of Leopold's legend, yet his landmark work here in Wisconsin remains unmarked.

Unlike Wright, there is no building appropriate to communicate the genius of Leopold's Land Ethic. We do, however, have the ideal physical incarnation of his values in **one of our nation's finest Parks and interlocking State Trail systems** -- trails that lace urban and rural worlds, that invite citizens, their children, and their children's children to walk among the compelling images of nature; that help them define a healthy and harmonious sense of place; and that provide a nurturing setting to learn the necessary and very human-scale lessons of life.

Aldo Leopold wrote, *"There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot."* Wisconsin's trails and natural resources are a source of untold pleasure for those who cannot live without wild things and an opportunity for others to discover those pleasures.

This famous Wisconsinite, through his teachings, writings, and hard work in the field, built coalitions and worked to save and rehabilitate the natural resources that we now enjoy. How fitting it would be to **name the State Trail system after Leopold**, thereby creating a visible, state-wide identity with this remarkable man and **ensuring that every Wisconsin resident know about and take pride in the genius that this great State nourished.**

Leopold's Role in Wisconsin - Leopold made his most important contributions to the world from his home in Wisconsin. Attracted initially by a position with the US Forest Products Laboratory, he was soon drawn by the power of the "Wisconsin Idea", becoming a Professor of Game Management at the UW-Madison and, with his research and experiences in the land of Wisconsin, eventually founded the first academic discipline and department of Wildlife Ecology in the country. It was from Wisconsin that he first articulated his groundbreaking "Land Ethic" which proposed the concept that man live in harmony with the land.

While establishing his home base in Madison, Leopold and his work touched nearly every region in the State. From his landmark wildlife game surveys throughout the State in the 1920's, to his experiments in ecological restoration at his "Shack" in Baraboo, to his groundbreaking erosion control demonstrations of the 1930's in Coon Valley, Leopold learned from and used the Wisconsin landscape to teach others about sustainable practices and to promote living in harmony with the land.

How fitting that the State of Wisconsin lay claim to this genius and preserve its legend for generations to come through the naming of the Aldo Leopold Legacy State Trail System.



The Aldo Leopold Legacy State Trail System

Why Aldo Leopold?

- Considered the father of American conservation stewardship.
- Created the first university department of Game Management.
- Well known for his practical and effective work in articulating a “land ethic” with farmers, hunters, and private landowners.
- Of all the great citizens to weave an influence into the fabric our community, none offers a greater legacy to our citizens and has impacted the way we view our world than Aldo Leopold.
- Monuments to Leopold appear elsewhere throughout the United States. Visitors from all over the world routinely come to Wisconsin to learn from and touch part of Leopold’s legend, yet his landmark work here in Wisconsin remains unmarked.

Leopold’s Role in Wisconsin –

- Leopold made his most important contributions to the world from his home in Wisconsin:
 - While serving in the forestry industry at US Forest Products Laboratory
 - In academia as the nation’s first Professor of Game Management at the UW-Madison;
 - Conducting landmark wildlife game surveys throughout the State in the 1920’s;
 - Through groundbreaking erosion control demonstrations of the 1930’s in Coon Valley; restoration experiments at Faville Reserve, and legendary conservation work at the “Shack” in Baraboo.
- It was from Wisconsin that he first articulated his groundbreaking “Land Ethic” which proposed the concept that man live in harmony with the land.



Why Name the Trail System?

It is important for a community to establish compelling icons, symbols and images -- those that can call up our historical legacies, as well as define the future of our State. In today's world, these symbols are effectively made by heroes and role models who inspire and instill pride in our community.

- We have one of the nation's finest Parks and Interlocking State Trail Systems; yet no overriding identity for it.
- Creates an association and brand image for the State that is recognized world wide.
- Even though John Muir spent his formative years in Wisconsin, California was quick to lay claim to him. The States of Iowa (Leopold's birthplace) and New Mexico (site of Leopold's early career) are poised to recognize their claim to his legend.
- The naming of the **Aldo Leopold Legacy State Trail System** recognizes our State's leadership role in conservation stewardship.

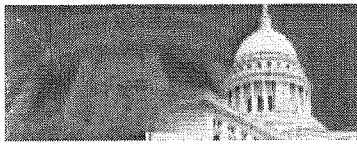
Supporting Initiatives:

- Wisconsin Department of Tourism considers the concept a pillar in the branding process for the State.
- The Leopold Foundation is constructing a LEED certified facility, the Leopold Legacy Center, in Sauk County that will attract public and policy makers from across the nation and internationally.
- The Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Dane County is recognized as one of the leading nature centers in the region and has been emulated throughout the country.
- Leopold's children, including Nina Leopold Bradley (Sauk Co.), Estella Leopold, and A. Carl Leopold, strongly endorse the concept.

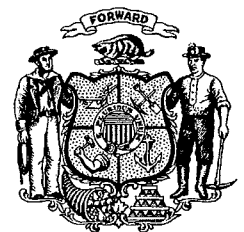
What is Required:

- Requires no initial support to implement.
- Requires pronouncement by the Governor and possibly support by the DNR board.

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Who was Aldo Leopold?

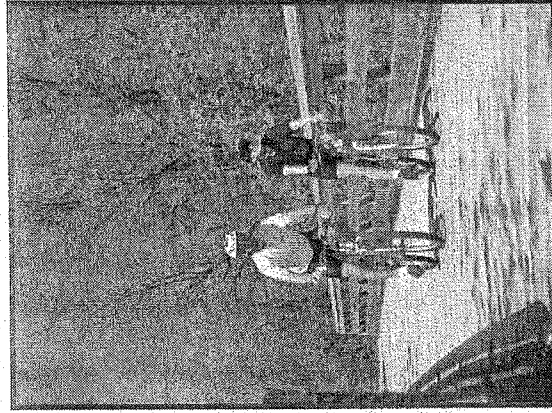
Aldo Leopold was born in Burlington, Iowa in 1887, the eldest of four children. He received a Master of Forestry from Yale University in 1909. After earning his degree he went on to serve for 19 years in the U.S. Forest Service. Leopold worked in the southwest (New Mexico and Arizona) until he was transferred in 1924 to the Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1928 he quit the Forest Service to do independent contract work which primarily consisted of doing wildlife game surveys throughout the country. In 1933 he was appointed Professor of Game Management in the Agricultural Economics Department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Leopold taught at the University of Wisconsin until his death in 1948.

Aldo Leopold is best known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac* (1949), a volume of nature sketches and philosophical essays recognized as one of the enduring expressions of an ecological attitude toward people and the land. The notion of a land ethic was rooted in Leopold's perception of the environment, and that perception was deepened and clarified throughout his life. He was an internationally respected scientist and conservationist instrumental in formulating policy, promoting wilderness, and building ecological foundations for two Twentieth Century professions - forestry and wildlife ecology.

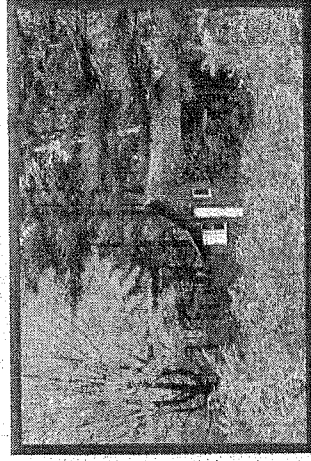
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For More Information

For more information about the Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System concept, please contact Brigit Brown at (608) 266-2183 or Brigit.Brown@dnr.state.wi.us.

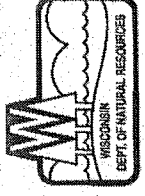


Leopold Legacy Trail Designation



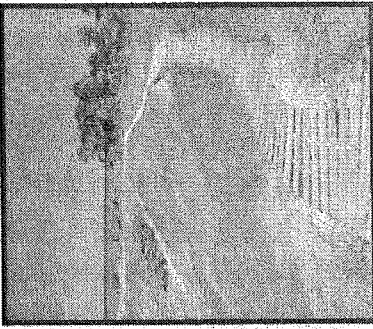
We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

-Aldo Leopold



Purpose

The Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System concept began as a way to nationally market Wisconsin's trail system and garner support for acquisition, operation, and stable funding sources. Wisconsin has a rich history of natural resource stewardship, as shown through the passionate work of dedicated conservationists such



as Aldo Leopold and as demonstrated by the vast system of trails, parks and forests throughout our state. The designation of an Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail solidifies Wisconsin's commitment to preserving its natural resources for the benefit of all to enjoy.

This concept entails honoring specific trails throughout the state as an Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail. Member trails will be selected based on qualities that exemplify Wisconsin's natural beauty and land legacy. Selection criteria may include aesthetics, significant geologic/natural features, cultural and/or historic importance, and environmental education and interpretation.

The goal of this process is to develop a system of trails that epitomize Wisconsin's conservation legacy, commitment to natural resource stewardship, and natural beauty.

The Leopold family and the Aldo Leopold Foundation are offering exclusive use of the Aldo Leopold name for association with the Wisconsin Trail System.

Recommendation

- Designate specific trails as an Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail. Trails will be selected based on aesthetics, geological features, cultural and historic significance, and contribution to environmental education and interpretation.
- This designation will not replace the names of local trails, but will give the overall system a clear identity, creating a national, historic presence for Wisconsin.
- The Wisconsin State Trail Council (STC) shall be given the authority to approve nominations from the general public, public agencies, and private entities for official designation.
- The STC will oversee the Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail program because of its role as a statewide trail interest group.

Rationale

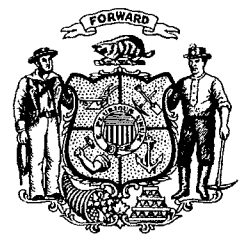
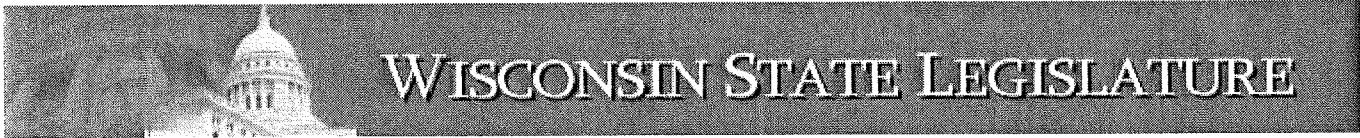
- Leopold has broad appeal thanks to his practical work with farmers, hunters and private landowners, from his wildlife game surveys throughout the State of Wisconsin in the 1920s to his groundbreaking erosion control demonstrations of the 1930s in Coon Valley.
- Aldo Leopold's name carries weight in Washington DC and will strengthen Wisconsin's efforts to garner federal funds.
- Wisconsin has the finest trail system in the United States. Branding it brings coherence to all of Wisconsin's individual trail efforts.

Cost of Branding

- There is no cost associated with utilizing the Leopold name. Once declared, the claim is established.
- On a timeline under our control, we can roll out an interpretive program, educating visitors on key aspects of Wisconsin's native landscapes and agricultural wealth. There will be a cost to adding these interpretive features.
- Other costs will include signage, which may become costly in the short run. Trails given this special designation will be expected to post signs to identify it as an Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail.
- The cost of not claiming the Leopold name is that we aren't the only state that can lay legitimate claim to this great naturalist's legacy (Leopold was born in Iowa and spent his seminal years in the Southwest).

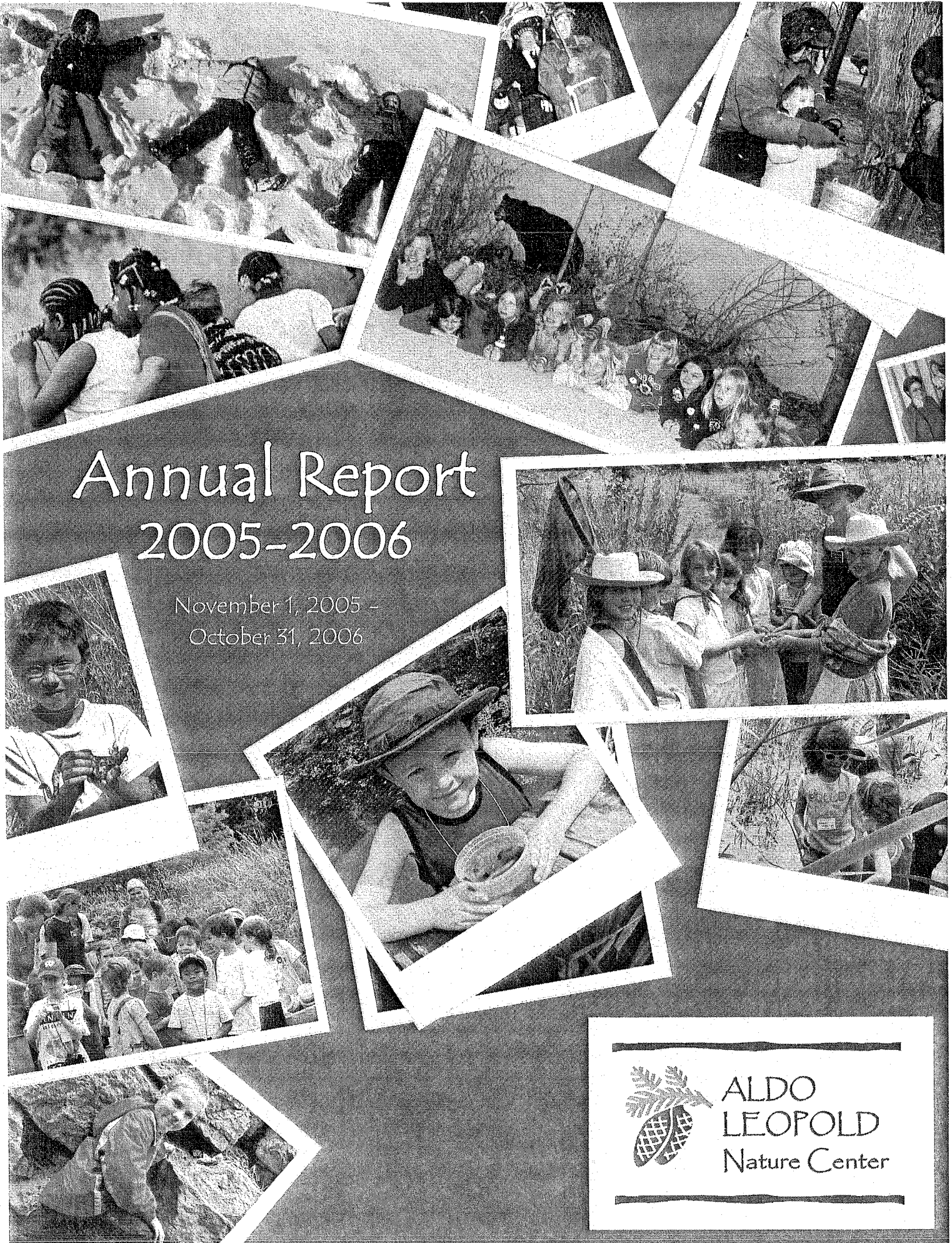
Marketing and Economic Development

- Tourism continues to claim a growing share of the state's economy. Leopold's Shack, near Baraboo, is a powerful icon to many who visit here. Leopold wrote "A Sand County Almanac" here in Wisconsin, at the Shack — this alone distinguishes us from all other claimants.
- We claimed the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright and it benefited our state in many ways, not least economic. Aldo Leopold's name is of no less importance and value. Naming our trail system for Leopold gives us instant branding and leadership in the very competitive world of tourism.



Annual Report 2005-2006

November 1, 2005 -
October 31, 2006



ALDO
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Nature Center



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Time for Pioneering at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center.

WHERE LEARNING IS NATURAL!

"There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot."

Aldo Leopold

MISSION AND HISTORY

ALNC's mission is to provide innovative hands-on environmental education programs for children and their family and teachers that "...teach the student to see the land, to understand what he sees, and enjoy what he understands" in the spirit of famed Wisconsin conservationist Aldo Leopold.

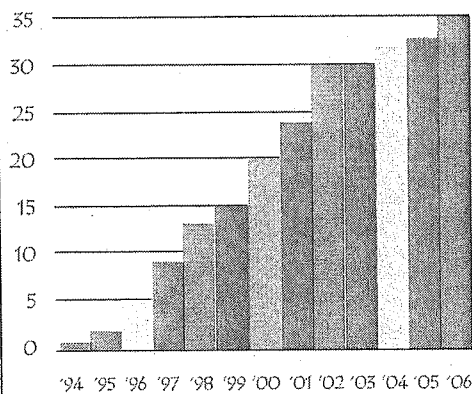
Back in 1994, the Aldo Leopold Nature Center was little more than a dream. Founded by committed community leaders, ALNC has now become a regional model of excellence for environmental education.

During its first year, ALNC offered field trips that served 7,000 students. Today, ALNC reaches over 26,000 individuals annually at two locations - Monona and Black Earth - with year-round opportunities to participate in environmental education programs, healthy physical activities and intellectual stimulation in safe, nurturing and convenient locations. Here, students can experience nature first-hand -- romping in the woods, climbing up the hills, and running through the prairie. Through these experiences, not only do students become familiar with nature, they also develop self-confidence and an appreciation for outdoor activities.

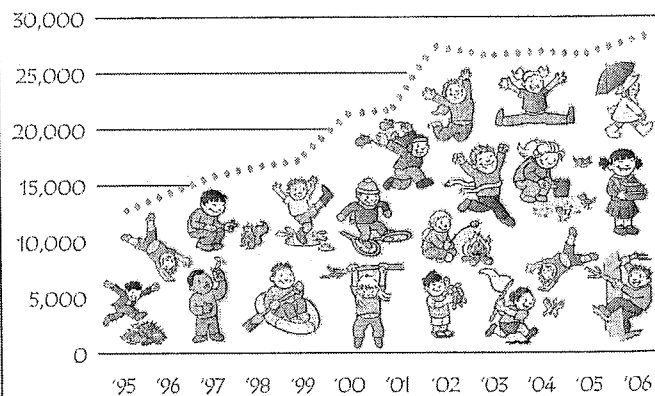
With admiration and respect for nature established early, the next generation will grow up to be ecologically conscientious adults - prepared to make positive choices regarding the systems that sustain us all.

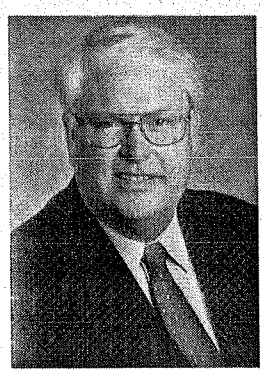
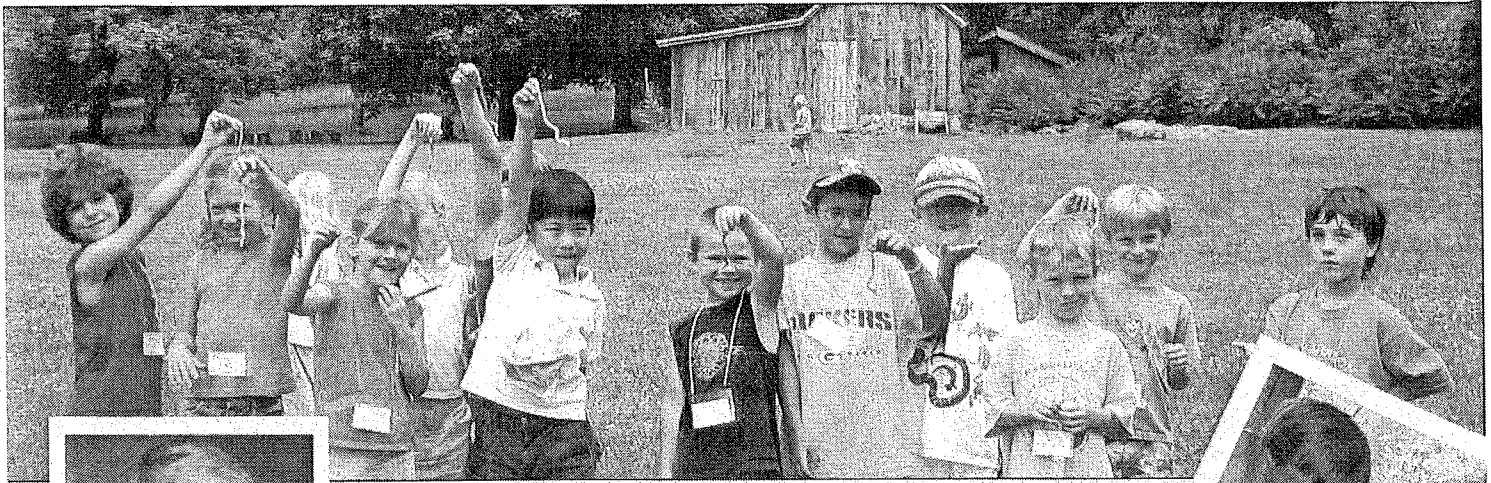


Growth of ALNC Programs



Number of Children Reached





LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Terry Kelly, President & CEO
Weather Central, Inc.

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to share with you the enclosed Annual Report, capturing the excitement and momentum of the past year and recognizing those who made it all possible.

It's amazing to think of how far we've come since our humble beginnings 12 years ago. But despite the tremendous growth in programs and service, the addition of new teaching facilities, and the recruitment of world-class staff, one thing remains constant - an absolute dedication to high quality environmental education and an unending devotion to the well-being of children.

It is this devotion to children which makes the Aldo Leopold Nature Center something truly special.

Take a look at the report. You'll see that ALNC offers hand-on opportunities for children to cultivate a sense of connectedness with the land - where they can touch the earth and celebrate the seasons; where they can run like deer or slither like snakes; where they can lie on a bellyboard and look into the water -- and see and touch and feel.

This is a place where we're privileged to see a sense of wonder in every child we serve.

I hope you'll join us as we gaze back upon the past year and look forward to the next at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. For your support of our mission, I thank you.

Chairman of the Board
Aldo Leopold Nature Center



Nature crafting together - quality time



Father and daughter stamping their Nature Passport



Hands-on learning is especially fun at the ALNC Pond.

THE ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER LEADS THE WAY

Come Explore!



These days, children can be increasingly disconnected from nature - caught up in computer games, preoccupied with videos, lured by shopping malls and over-scheduled with extra-curricular activities. Open space - the unkempt fields and meadows that we easily explored as children -- is disappearing from our residential areas. In our fast-paced world, we are increasingly insulated from the systems that sustain life. ALNC is leading the way to ensure that students of all ages have opportunities to connect with nature by offering positive and constructive learning opportunities that capture children's interest, engage their senses and teach them to appreciate the interconnectedness of all living things. We are proud to offer the following:

Family Programs - Outdoor nature programs celebrate the seasons. Enjoy the Family Trailside Backpack program, seasonal programs, and many other outdoor activities year-round, specially designed with families in mind.

Special Events - *Leopold Discovery Day, Maple Syrup Fest, Fall Fest* and *Pipers in the Prairie* offer wholesome nature-oriented fun for the entire family.

Summer Nature Camps - Outdoor adventure and hands-on nature activities encourage children ages 2-12 to experience the great outdoors throughout the summer. From *Adventures with Laura Ingalls* to *Muckin' in the Marsh* and *Strive to Survive*, there's something for everyone!

Birthday Parties - No kid is too old to celebrate naturally with a cool nature-themed birthday program and party at ALNC.

Leopold Interpretive Trail - This award-winning trail leads visitors through examples of native Wisconsin habitats, with easy to understand explanations of various sites and questions Aldo Leopold might have asked you, had he been standing next to you on the trail!

School Field Trips - Learning's a "natural" during hands-on field trips to ALNC! We work with teachers to ensure that outdoor experiences are an integral part of a child's education. For classes unable to visit, naturalists will deliver hands-on nature programs to the schools.

Scout Programs - Troop badge work, overnights and pre-scheduled programs lead scouts to a deeper appreciation of the outdoor world.

After-School Programs - Educational and adventure programs for at-risk, low-income students challenge youth with outdoor exploration and activities.

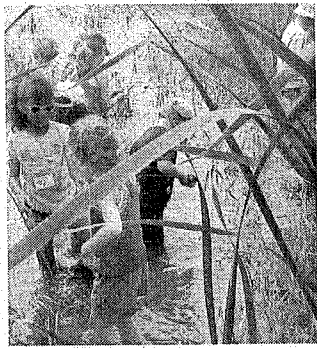
The Children's Shack - A child-scaled, historic replica of Leopold's famous weekend retreat, the "Shack" overlooks the prairie and teaches visitors how Leopold lived lightly on the land.

Nature Net - Offers one-stop shopping for information about local nature sites at www.naturenet.com and sponsors the popular Nature Passport summer nature scavenger hunt for children and families.



Learning about the local habitat in the ALNC prairie.

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"Teach the student to see the land, understand what he sees, and enjoy what he understands."

Aldo Leopold



The Maple Sap is "Oh So Sweet!"

Nature Net News - An at-your-finger-tips e-newsletter geared to the seasons with fun facts, great links, recommended reading and nature craft suggestions. Using Nature Net News, parents can plan a fun day outdoors. This informative e-newsletter is delivered free each month to the public.

Adult Workshops - The Aldo Leopold Nature Center inspires and trains participants to embrace the outdoors as a living learning laboratory; as a result, they are capable of nurturing a love of the land in others. From invasive species identification to prairie burning workshops, there is always an educational opportunity at ALNC.

2005 HIGHLIGHTS

After School Programs

As you may know, not all children get the same opportunities to learn, to grow and excell Meet Shia Kia, an eight-year old student who attended *Nature Nuts*, the Aldo Leopold Nature Center's after school program for elementary students, and her fellow *Nature Nuts*:

After her third visit, Shia told us, "*Nature Nuts is the coolest because I get to see bugs up close - and I am not scared. I like the pond and catching tadpoles and I really like walking through the prairie looking for caterpillars.*"

Nature Nuts, and its counterpart for middle school students, *Academy A.L.D.O. - Adventure Learning and Discovery Outdoors*, are ALNC's successful initiative for low-income, at-risk school children, which uses the outdoors as a laboratory for physical and intellectual exercise and self-discovery. The programs focus on building self-esteem, cooperation skills and fostering an understanding and appreciation of the natural world. For hundreds of children like Shia, ALNC's after school programs may be their once-in-a-childhood chance to connect with nature.

Into the Wild: Engaging Visitors with the Black Earth Nature Center

In 2004, ALNC was generously gifted a magnificent 38-acre property in Black Earth. This upland site, with its hilly terrain, rocky outcroppings and mature forest, provides the perfect complement to the existing site in Monona. The Black Earth campus is the perfect "next step" for students and families who want to explore and increase their knowledge about western Dane County and for those who may have "aged out" of the Monona site experience.

Buoyed by the overwhelming excitement and strong interest from the community and a \$62,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation, the Black Earth campus is now hosting school field trips, special programs and workshops.

Plans are underway for continued development. Stay tuned!



Chia
Blair

Nature Nut students are excited to participate in team-building program

Through partnerships with Madison School and Community Recreation, Atwood Community Center, Boys and Girls Club of Dane County and Wisconsin Youth Company, ALNC reached some of the area's most needy children with over 5,010 hours of wholesome, hands-on programming.



Guests gathering before a nature hike at the Black Earth campus.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

From Audited Financial Statement
December 31, 2005



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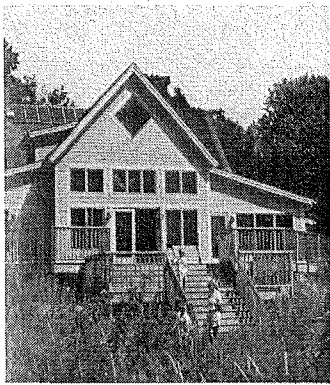
Cash and Cash Equivalents.....	\$231,071
Grants Receivable.....	\$18,460
Pledges Receivable.....	\$60,000
Prepaid Expenses.....	\$7,707
Long-Term Assets: Endowment Fund.....	\$188,497
Property and Equipment.....	\$1,436,264
Total Assets.....	\$1,941,999

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$1,332
Deferred Revenue.....	\$3,208
Total Liabilities.....	\$4,540

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted - Property.....	\$1,436,264
Unrestricted - Cash.....	252,698
Unrestricted - Board-Designated Endowment.....	\$188,497
Total Unrestricted.....	\$1,877,459
Temporarily Restricted.....	\$60,000
Total Net Assets.....	\$1,937,459
Total Liabilities and Net Assets.....	\$1,941,999

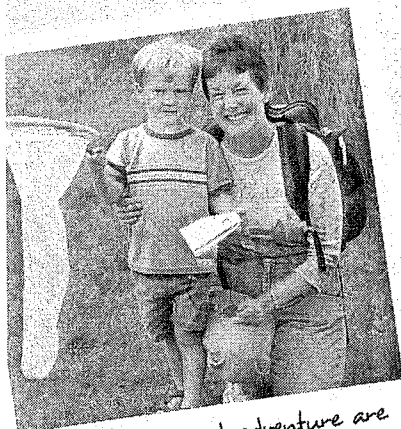


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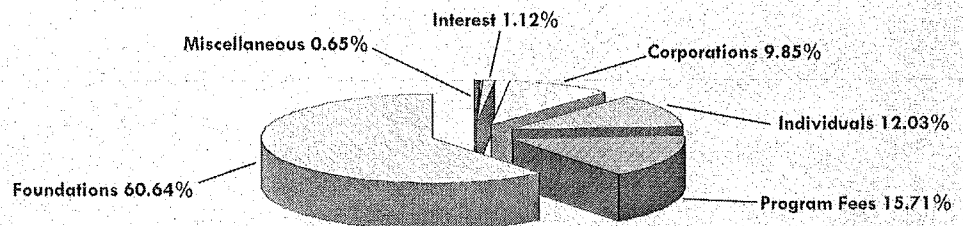
The Aldo Leopold Nature Center is funded by individuals, foundations, corporations and program fees. ALNC receives no Federal, State, Municipal or United Way operational funding. One of the state's first green built buildings, ALNC incorporates energy efficient and renewable energy systems such as a photovoltaic energy system, solar hot water system, recycled materials and natural products.

The independently audited financial statement is available by request at 608-221-3038.



*Exploration and adventure are
easy with the trailside backpacks.*

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Volunteer Land Stewards preparing for a prairie burn.



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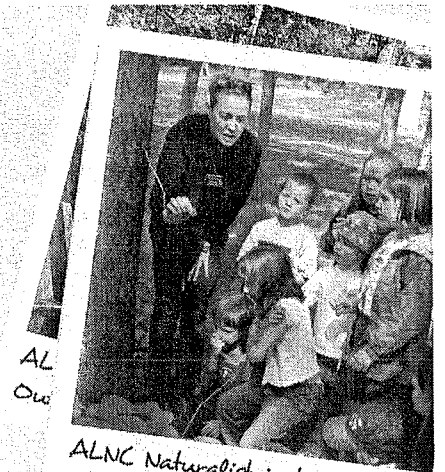
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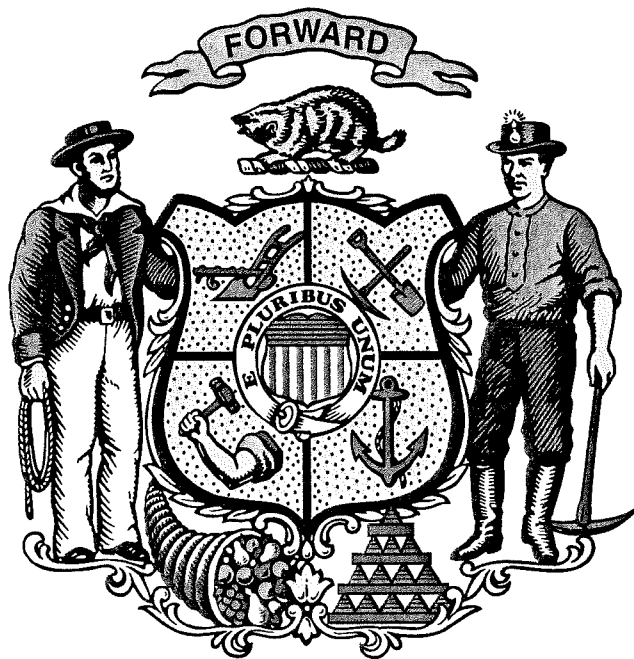
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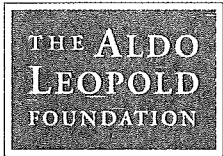


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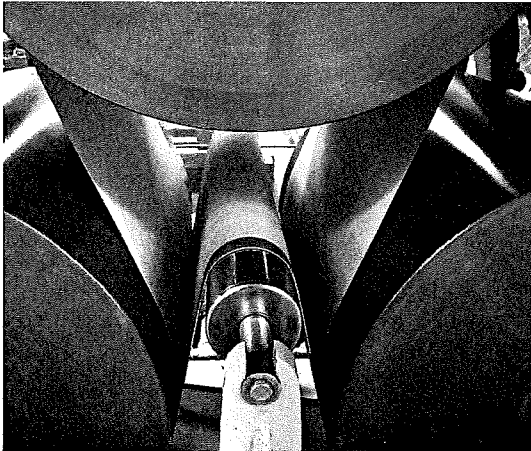




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Printed on Pine: A Special Edition of A Sand County Almanac

Aldo Leopold knew well the harvests we can reap from caring for the land. It is more difficult to say if he foresaw the symbolic importance his family's shack and pines would grow to have, yet the "refuge from too much modernity" and the trees celebrated in *A Sand County Almanac* have captured our imaginations.

The Aldo Leopold Foundation recently conducted a thinning of the Leopold pines, intending to promote the health and longevity of the strongest trees—with a good chance of surviving for another 150 years, the longest-lived white pines will provide a tangible connection to Leopold and his ideas for many more generations.

The weakest trees in the forest proved to be of great value, providing columns, beams, rafters, and beautiful finish material for the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center, built just down the road from the Shack. Almost disappearing into anonymity in Wisconsin's paper mills, a portion of the pulp wood created from the harvest will generate perhaps the most exciting new connection to Leopold: a special edition of *A Sand County Almanac*.

With assistance from the US Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) in Madison, Wisconsin, and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Paper Science Laboratory, a portion of the pulp from the Leopold pines has been transformed into high-quality paper.

FPL Research Scientist Carl Houtman used an experimental pulping process that is both chlorine- and sulfur-free. The paper industry operates on a low profit margin, Houtman explained, so reducing the use of expensive chemical treatments is both economically and ecologically sound. "I want to develop technologies that are cost effective, but I'm also interested in the public good," Houtman said.

At the Paper Science Laboratory, students, staff, and faculty transformed 500 pounds of pine pulp into paper. At the lab, students usually produce paper that is used on campus, gaining hands-on training with equipment worth \$15 million. The complicated machinery in the paper science lab—from the hydro-pulper to the steam-heated paper driers—is a scaled-down version of commercial machinery. "They are learning the logic behind the paper-making process as they learn to run the machine," said John Lazar, lab manager.

Additional softwoods and hardwoods were added to the Leopold pine, improving the quality and durability of the paper. "The paper will definitely be archival," noted Don Guay, assistant professor of paper science.

The special, hardcover edition of *A Sand County Almanac* will feature the classic "Geese Return" sketch on the front cover of the dust jacket, with the story of the pines and their harvest told with photos and text on the back cover and inside flaps. Tentatively priced at \$750 dollars, proceeds have been designated for an endowment fund, providing future financial support for ALF's education and land stewardship activities. The pines, which provided Leopold a "curious transfusion of courage," will now provide key dollars for sharing the Land Ethic with a larger audience of students and private landowners.

*"Every farm woodland,
in addition to yielding
lumber, fuel, and
posts, should provide
its owner a liberal
education."*

ALDO LEOPOLD
"A MIGHTY FORTRESS"

Paper from Leopold pine pulp is dried into sheets by heated rollers at the UW-Stevens Point Paper Science Lab.

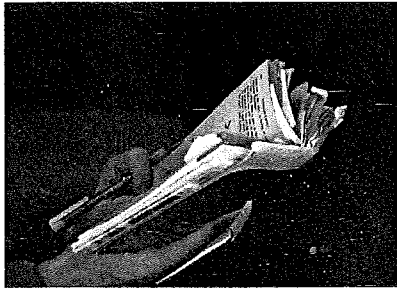
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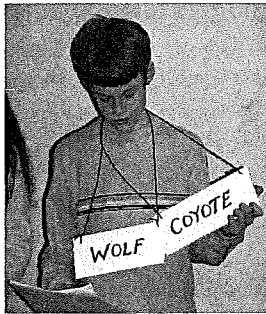
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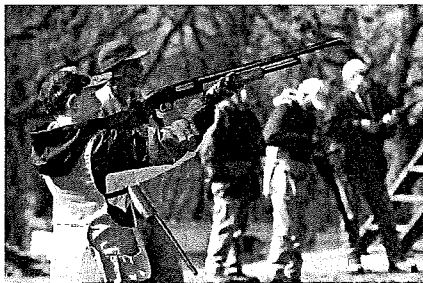


Aldo Leopold Weekend events allow communities to come together and share Leopold's classic book, as well as participate in other activities that connect them with Leopold's legacy. These activities strengthen community and help to foster a land ethic.

▼ Many event planners find creative ways to involve younger readers. In 2005, the community of Lodi had elementary students act out a dramatic reading of the classic essay "Thinking Like a Mountain," with each student assigned a different part.



▼ From a very young age, Leopold was an avid sportsman, and is often credited with bridging the gap that sometimes exists between the ideologies of the sporting community and the naturalist community. The Argyle Rod and Gun Club hosted a tri-sport competition, encouraging young and old people alike to practice safe and ethical sporting skills.

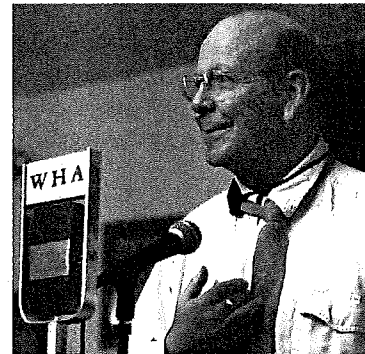


► Many event planners have decided to enhance their reading events with more hands-on, family friendly activities. Since the Leopolds did all of their cooking at the Shack in Dutch ovens, workshops on using them (complete with tastings) are a popular activity.

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ALF Executive Director Buddy Huffaker reads at the 2005 Argyle event while his son Jake listens intently.



▲ Funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, Mike Irwin has developed a living history presentation portraying Aldo Leopold as he gives his final radio address on the public radio station WHA in Madison, Wisconsin.

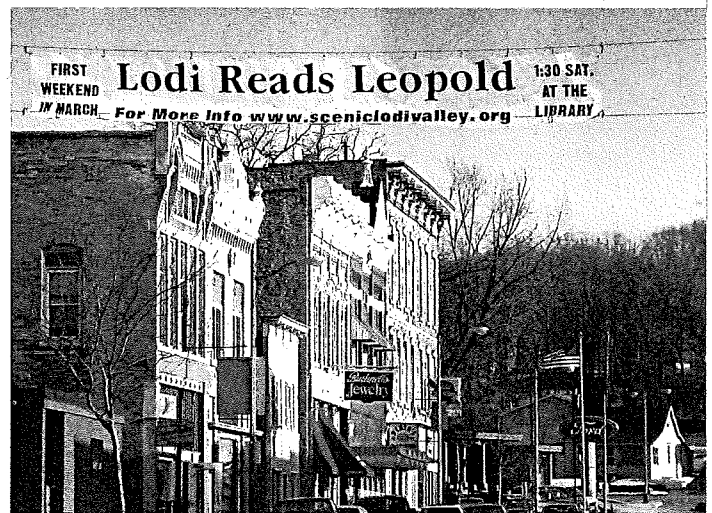
Aldo Leopold Weekend Brings Communities Together

As Aldo Leopold was writing *A Sand County Almanac* in the 1940s, he could not have imagined the far-reaching impact his book would have. Published posthumously in 1949, over two million copies have been printed in nine languages.

Aldo Leopold Weekend has its roots in communities coming together to read from this conservation classic out loud. Today, reading events continue, and have blossomed and expanded to include activities that involve the whole community, creating an opportunity for people to demonstrate their individual and combined commitment to Leopold's vision of a Land Ethic as part of their community.

Aldo Leopold Weekend events are celebrated all across the country. At various times throughout the year, events will be held in Ohio, New Mexico, Maryland, and Iowa. In Wisconsin, celebrations are held on the first weekend of March each year, to mark the anniversary of the writing of "Foreword" in *A Sand County Almanac*.

We wanted to share some highlights with you from past events around the state of Wisconsin, and encourage you to attend or organize an event in your community. See our website for more details on this year's event schedule.



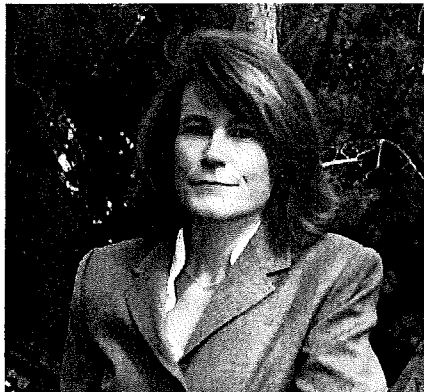
The first Aldo Leopold Weekend was held in Lodi, Wisconsin in March of 2000. It was a reading of *A Sand County Almanac* cover to cover, conceived as a way to identify their community with the themes in the book.

Aldo Leopold's Odyssey: An Interview with the Author

An intense experience that deeply alters our worldview can also color the meanings of the very words we use. Aldo Leopold's lifelong exploration of ecology and the relationships between people and land culminated in an "intense consciousness of land" equaled by few others, and we can expect that his definitions of familiar words like health, stability, integrity, and beauty were richly informed by the land and his ecological understanding.

In *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey*, scientist and author Julianne Lutz Newton tracks Leopold's intellectual development, exploring his struggles, discoveries, and the layers of meaning that enrich his writing.

This *Odyssey* will likely become as dog-eared and referenced as the standard scholarly works on Leopold, *Thinking Like A Mountain* and *Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work*. Perhaps more importantly, when we strive to understand Aldo Leopold and his thinking, we are intrinsically challenged to develop a better understanding of the land itself, and our obligations as inhabitants.



Author Julianne Lutz Newton reveals the inspiration behind her new book, *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey*.

The author shared more insights from her experience during an interview with ALF Communications Coordinator Craig Maier.

How did your background in science help you during this exploration?

I think that it helped me to understand Leopold from that perspective and to explore some of the ideas that challenged him. For the book, I went back and read some of the works that influenced him. A number of the ideas that were emerging at that time are still influencing us now.

At the Ecological Society of America annual meeting last summer, I found that many of the scientists were continuing to explore concepts that early ecologists introduced: trophic cascades, predator

prey relationships and population cycles, competition and cooperation, energy flows through ecological systems, niches, relationships between biodiversity and stability, and so on. A lot of the details have changed, but a lot of those essential ecological ideas and understandings are still being used and studied.

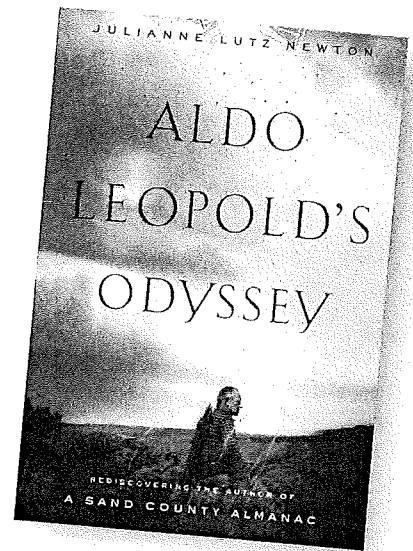
Leopold's philosophy remains well-grounded, relevant, and even radical today. You illuminate how Leopold developed his philosophy.

With Leopold, some of the questions that he was raising were timeless. Many of them were pertinent to modern times in general. A hope of mine with *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey* was to draw that out. The questions that Leopold was raising and grappling with are still important; for example, how can people live well and prosper on a piece of land without spoiling it? Leopold viewed such questions from more angles than many people have—scientific, moral, cultural, practical—then tried to synthesize his thoughts and make them relevant to society.

I was just re-reading Wendell Berry the other day, and he was discussing how a story of the modern era has been of fragmentation, of divorce, of separation of things. One of the things that Leopold was trying to do was bring things back together, relinking things that have been severed. Leopold can still serve as a guide to the exploration of how to live better as interdependent members of communities, which include not only other humans, but also other animals, plants, soils and waters; I hope that this book is a guide to Leopold as a guide.

In the final chapter, you focus on the definitions of the key words in Leopold's famous standard—"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

That is such a famous line of Leopold's, but what does it mean? With a better understanding of his terms, the phrase gets



grounded, and filled out, and tangible. It has real meaning, with significant responsibilities and obligations for people—it's more than just words. His ideas and his words were always ultimately linked to the land itself. He came to that conclusion early in his Forest Service career, that the real measure of a policy was its effect on the land, not merely how efficiently it could be administered. His standard of conservation had to do with the good condition of real places—of the land as whole. With that emphasis, he opened up a world of exploration.

Leopold is invoked by such a wide range of conservation people to support a wide range of agendas. One sometimes feels inclined to ask: "Will the real Aldo Leopold please stand up?" Hopefully by telling a fuller story of Leopold's evolving thinking, a maturing, multi-dimensional Leopold emerges, with ideas harder to redefine for various ends.

"Fostering the Land Ethic" is the mission of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, but such an ethic must be informed by Leopold's twin concept "land health."

Before Leopold died, he was hoping that he and others could begin to really attack this idea of land health with scientific research. There were different questions that needed to be asked within the framework of land health than those that people had been asking. The concept of land health is really powerful, and I think that people and the whole of the land community would benefit if many of us were to pick up where Leopold left off—studying what it takes to recognize and keep or restore the land's capacity for self-organization and self-renewal.

Purchasing Aldo Leopold's Odyssey through the Aldo Leopold Foundation supports our programs. Order by phone or visit our web site.

Building a Land Ethic in Tomorrow's Leaders

In 1935, Aldo Leopold purchased an abandoned farm along the Wisconsin River as a family hunting retreat. Leopold soon realized this farm had incredible potential that a more attractive “back forty” inherently lacked. This was a place in need of knowledge, skill, and care—a place where Leopold, his wife Estella, and their five children could work together to restore health to the land.

Over the next decade, the family planted thousands of pines and transplanted sod from threatened prairie remnants. Seventy years later, such efforts continue. The Aldo Leopold Foundation, established by the Leopold children in 1982, works today to protect and restore prairie, savanna, forest, and wetlands in southern Wisconsin.

Like Leopold—a devoted teacher and father—the foundation engages promising young people in its conservation efforts. Under the guidance of ALF Ecologist Steve Swenson, the ecological restoration internship provides a rigorous, nine-month-long apprenticeship in land stewardship. As seasons change, interns practice reading the landscape and implementing management. Interacting with ALF staff, other conservation professionals, and private landowners, interns are encouraged to think deeply about conservation issues and refine their own land ethic. Many have returned for a second season.

Leopold wrote that, “One of the penalties of an ecological education is that one lives alone in a world of wounds.” Leopold’s vision has motivated thousands of people, and interns find great hope, camaraderie, and stimulating discussion in the growing and energetic community of people inspired by Leopold’s work and the places we inhabit.

The community of former ALF interns is now 20 strong, with all but two former interns now working in conservation. This March, two new ecological restoration interns will join the ranks. Outgoing interns Alanna Koshollek and Craig Maier, now joining the staff in new capacities, offer their perspective.



Alanna Koshollek, Stewardship Coordinator

“There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace.” Each time I read these words at the site of the Good Oak while giving a shack tour, I am taken back to my childhood.

I was raised on a small dairy farm in central Wisconsin, and many days were filled with the chores of farm life: making firewood, tending vegetable gardens, feeding animals. These daily necessities first exposed me to the outdoors, providing opportunities to observe the world and begin developing my own land ethic—even though for many years I would not have described or recognized my connection to the land as such.

While pursuing a Forestry degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, I was exposed to new ideas about peoples’ relationship with the land, and my land ethic evolved and grew. This internship has been an opportunity to take my land ethic further, through active, ecologically-informed land management and opportunities to educate others.

Craig Maier, Communications Coordinator

I grew up in the southern Wisconsin farmscape of fields and woodlots. Eager to live and work in wilder places, I left the area to study at Northland College, on the south shore of Lake Superior. Majoring in geology, I studied the great power and complexity of the earth. Eventually, I began to see how geology, ecosystems, and human communities are interconnected, and I became eager to cultivate a closer connection to the land in my home place. ALF’s ecological restoration internship seemed like a perfect fit.

Steve Swenson has been a great mentor and Alanna has been an excellent colleague. Over the last two years, I have improved my ability to read the landscape and have learned essential land stewardship skills.

I have also been inspired by the community of people who are working to refine our agricultural and forestry practices using ecological principles. Though much work remains, I have come to believe that our working lands can not only meet our material needs but accomplish a greater good—ensuring the health and beauty of this place in the long run.

The Leopold Farm in 1937. Photo by Carl Leopold.





An Intern's Almanac

Weather and the other factors influencing nature's countless sprouts, blooms, births and migrations vary from year to year, and land stewards must stay attentive to limited windows of opportunity for many land stewardship activities. As seasons change, interns are guided in this juggling act.

JANUARY In January 2006, we waited anxiously for winter to arrive, providing frozen ground to limit the impact of the Leopold pine thinning. We stayed busy honing our skills with a chainsaw while limbing and topping the felled trees and learning the physics involved with winching and skidding the full-length logs out of the crowded forest. In the following months, we watched the pines turn into columns, beams, and rafters that will hold up the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center.

A first for the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the harvest gives the land stewardship team new skills that can be put to use for continued management of the Leopold Memorial Reserve and the diverse and beautiful forests of the Potter Preserve.

FEBRUARY It is early February, and I am awaiting the first spring song of the northern cardinal. It's a sign of spring's approach that I have known since childhood, but only one of many I now keep track of.

Phenology is the study of how living organisms respond to seasonal changes in the environment. Observing and recording the timing of certain natural events is a tradition in the Leopold family. Aldo's eldest daughter Nina Leopold Bradley has helped expand my awareness of the natural world and the land's order of events.

Our responsibilities start with maintaining a database that records some 250 annual events, like pasque flower emerging in spring and sandhill cranes departing for the south. Nina provides updates and insights when we stop by during our work at the reserve, and her knowledge, along with our own observations, becomes part of our understanding of ecological relationships and seasonal changes.

With the new awareness comes the responsibility to try to take seasonal changes into account. The emergence of painted turtles in early April may delay a prairie burn until next year, or the bloom of compass plant can indicate that it is time to collect lupine seed.

And, of course, a report of the first peent of the American woodcock in mid-March may change my evening plans.

APRIL When the snow melts and the grass dries out, prescribed burn season starts. ALF's stewardship crew works long days to burn hundreds of acres before early May, when the grass begins to grow thick and green.

Prescribed fires mimic wild fires that once swept across the landscape. Consuming prairie thatch and leaf litter on the forest floor, warming the ground, and setting back non-native plants, fire promotes native species.

The scale of our burns varies from one acre prairie plantings to 120-acre units encompassing remnant prairie, oak woodlands, and even wetlands. The units themselves vary in size, shape, topography, and plant communities. Throw in wind, cloud cover, and humidity, and every burn becomes a unique opportunity to try different techniques and gain knowledge about fire behavior.

We burn on the Leopold Memorial Reserve (LMR) and also for private landowners; it is truly inspiring to work with landowners who are committed to land stewardship.

The work is long, the equipment heavy, and task at hand strenuous, but at the end of each day, the feeling of satisfaction washes away the sweat and ashes.

INSPIRED INTERNS

MAY After the prescribed fire season, we set out to re-locate hundreds of orange flags posted throughout the LMR. The flags mark populations of garlic mustard—across the country, this biennial European kitchen herb has endangered the future of countless forests by out-competing native wildflowers and even tree seedlings.

Working with aerial photos and GPS coordinates, garlic mustard is still difficult to find on the Wisconsin River floodplain. This place we are trying to protect is covered in the lush green growth of sedges and grasses, and dappled with the shade of silver maple, white pine, and ash trees, along with rare swamp white oaks. Speckled fawns, green dragon (*Arisaema dracontium*), and garlic mustard are camouflaged alike.

Since 1996, interns have lugged backpack sprayers through field, forest, and buckthorn thicket to apply herbicide the widely distributed populations. Each population is then re-visited to ensure the spraying was effective; any remaining plants are pulled, bagged, and then lugged out of the woods before they can drop their seeds.

Some of the populations treated since 1996 have vanished, and ALF's model is beginning to attract attention from other land stewards. The plant continues to spread its reach—both throughout remote areas of the LMR and across the Upper Midwest.

May is also the best time to plant trees. The last several years, we have planted thousands of oak, maple, ash, and white pine seedlings at the Potter Preserve, a treasured 400-acre property located in the Baraboo Hills. Former agricultural fields create gaps in the hills' extensive forest. Reforestation efforts like ours will improve habitat for the blue-winged warbler and other rare songbirds that need large forested areas to survive.

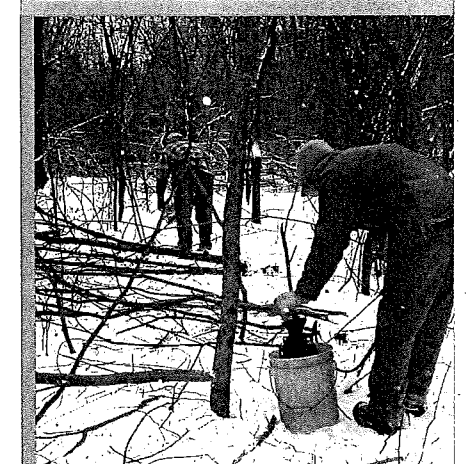
AUGUST Summer days spent searching out shooting star on high-and-dry bluff prairies or Joe Pye weed and Culvers root in sloughs and sedge meadows provides us with a rare opportunity to experience the rich diversity of southern Wisconsin's native ecosystems. We are fortunate to partner with dozens of private landowners and public land managers who permit access to their remnant plant communities.

In Sauk County alone, we find both paradise and heat stroke. Beneath ancient oaks at the International Crane Foundation, blackberries and prairie alum root ripen side by side. The seeds we shake from this savanna-loving-species are no larger than ground pepper and are nearly worth their weight in gold; with that kind of financial return on our time, who can tell us to ignore the berries we pluck while at work? Picking *Penstemon grandiflorus* on the sand flats of Cassell Prairie, the August sun beats down, withering coherent thoughts and corn stalks alike.

OCTOBER Each year, seed collected from these local remnants is used to plant prairies on marginal agricultural lands or enhance the understory of degraded oak savannas. Collecting seed to re-establish diverse native plant communities is an investment with multiple returns: habitat for rare animals increases, and invaluable seed banks of local plants are spread across the region. Many projects also become outdoor classrooms.

Recent projects have planted prairies on more than 120 acres of the LMR, restoring native vegetation to agricultural fields that had separated remnants of prairie, savanna, and oak forest. Some of the plantings will be visible to millions of travelers on Interstate 90-94 between Portage and Wisconsin Dells. In 2004, private landowner Phill Pines partnered with ALF to plant 60 acres of prairie, providing habitat for waterfowl and grassland birds that migrate through or breed on his property—a mosaic of sand bars, forest, wetlands, and agricultural land located across the river from the Shack.

DECEMBER Winter months—when cold and snowy—are the best time for clearing woody invasives, like buckthorn, honeysuckle, black locust, and multiflora rose. Below-freezing temps are perfect for running a chainsaw (interns receive professional chainsaw safety training), and applying herbicide during this season of dormancy reduces the chances of chemicals harming native vegetation or entering the ecosystem. Winter cutting completes the full cycle of the interns' experiences as they follow the flow of seasons in taking care of the land.



Past Interns Make an Impact Nationwide

Monika Hanneman, 1997

*Horticulturist and Educator
Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York City*

I currently manage the Discovery Garden at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, a hands-on space for children and families to explore the wonders of the plant world. I also develop inquiry-based programs for children to investigate plants using their senses and to build basic science skills.

During my ALF internship in the fall of 1997, I had the opportunity to lead a group of students from inner-city Chicago through the Leopold Memorial Reserve—their energy and excitement, yet fear of wild spaces left a real impression on me. This experience inspired me to help urban children build relationships with nature in city parks, gardens and wild spaces, and to develop a sense of ecological consciousness through their relationships to the land. Leopold's land ethic and desire to connect people to the land is a tangible, daily part of my environmental education philosophy.

Jessica (Parsons) Brown, 1998

*Environmental Educator
Shaw Nature Reserve, Missouri*

The month-long burn season when I first arrived is an experience I will never forget. I learned about drip torches, fire breaks, and how the smell of smoke can permeate everything. Then my mind jumps to the evil garlic mustard! And, working in the native plant nursery...the Wisconsinites would claim that it was humid that summer weeding the beds...being from St. Louis, I knew the weather was glorious!

My career plans came into focus when I led tours of the Shack. I distinctly remember sitting in the sun with a group of students reading and discussing quotes from *A Sand County Almanac*. When I returned home

after my internship, I looked for jobs in environmental education, and I have been working in the field ever since. I now work at the Dana Brown Overnight Center at Shaw Nature Reserve in Missouri and use my experiences at ALF to enhance my teaching all the time.

Sherry Leis, 2000

*Grassland Botanist
Missouri Department of Conservation*

During my internship, I came to recognize that scientific knowledge can take a long time to trickle down to the managers on the ground who are anxious for the information. When I decided to attend graduate school, I searched for a grassland program that would prepare me to be in a position to translate scientific findings into a usable forum for managers.

I am now in that position as the Grassland Botanist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. I design and conduct monitoring and research projects with a focus on management related questions. Managers ask the questions, and we help them to formulate and understand the results of the studies. I owe a lot to ALF. Not only did the experience help me to advance my career, but that summer instilled a love of prairies, fire, and a deeper understanding of what it means to love the land.

Josh LaPointe, 2001-2002

*Restoration Project Manager
Applied Ecological Services, Inc.
Brodhead, Wisconsin*

Just out of college with no clear idea of where my degree in biology would lead me, I landed a job as an ALF intern. I had read the "Land Ethic" several times, but I knew little of the work it takes to move towards this goal.

After many long hours of performing land stewardship activities, and many questions to our patient leader, Steve Swenson, I began to understand the many "cogs and wheels" in the natural world and some of the things that have created an imbalance.

Since my first prairie planting as an ALF intern, I have planted hundreds of acres of native seed while working with AES. Without the skills I learned as an intern, I may not have found a job that I truly enjoy and I feel is making a difference. Whenever I find myself out in the field scattering seed in the wind I reflect on the many hours it took to collect and clean the seed, a process I no longer have a part in. I also reflect on the magic that a small handful of seeds and a little luck will reintroduce species not seen for generations.

Jeffrey Voltz, 2002

*Green Tier
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

By far the most memorable part of my ALF internship was the opportunity to spend time with Aldo Leopold's eldest daughter Nina. Whether helping in the garden, discussing the arrival of the latest bird, listening to stories about Aldo and the family, or simply enjoying a homemade bowl of soup on a cold winter day, there was nothing more enriching than spending quality time with Nina. Nina's conviction and dedication to the environment, along with her healthy and active lifestyle, continue to serve as a constant source of inspiration. My experiences with ALF have provided me with many great opportunities and lasting friendships, something I will always be indebted for.

Today I work for the Wisconsin DNR, primarily on agricultural issues. One day, I hope to own a farm and share with others just as ALF shared with me.

Foundation Annouces Legacy Center Grand Opening

After 10 months of surveying, excavating, measuring, sawing, hammering, and wiring, the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center will be ready for a Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, April 22.

"This is the kind of facility the Leopold family has been dreaming about for years," said Buddy Huffaker, executive director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation. "Over the last five years, the building has gone from idea to reality, with the financial support of many donors and the hard work of many contributors—not only architects, engineers, carpenters, and electricians, but also foresters, energy analysts, and volunteer log peelers."

The Grand Opening is a special opportunity for ALF members, those who had a hand in the construction, and the local community to come together and enjoy the new building, where tour guides and exhibits will welcome thousands of visitors to the Shack and share Leopold's vision of the Land Ethic.

Visitors are welcome from 1 to 5 p.m. Come for all or part of the time and enjoy a self-guided tour of the new facility. The Legacy Center dedication will be held at 2:30 p.m., with remarks from Aldo Leopold's eldest daughter, Nina Leopold Bradley, ALF's Executive Director Buddy Huffaker, and representatives from The Kubala Washatko Architects and The Boldt Company.

The Legacy Center's Exhibit Hall will formally open in the afternoon with a special show of black and white photographs taken on the Leopold Memorial Reserve. The exhibit pairs photographs taken by Carl Leopold in the 1930s and 1940s with contemporary work by local photographer Jill Metcoff. Both photographers will share how their art reflects their intimacy with the land.

A complete schedule as well as directions and parking information will be available on our web site in mid-March at www.aldoleopold.org.

On April 22, visitors can also tour the Leopold Shack and Farm, just down the road from the Legacy Center. Tour size is limited, so pre-registration is required. For details, please contact Education Coordinator Jennifer Kobylecky at jennifer@aldoleopold.org.

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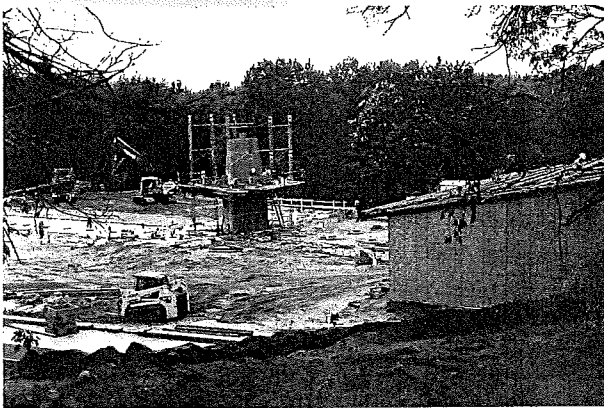
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SUNDAY, APRIL 22

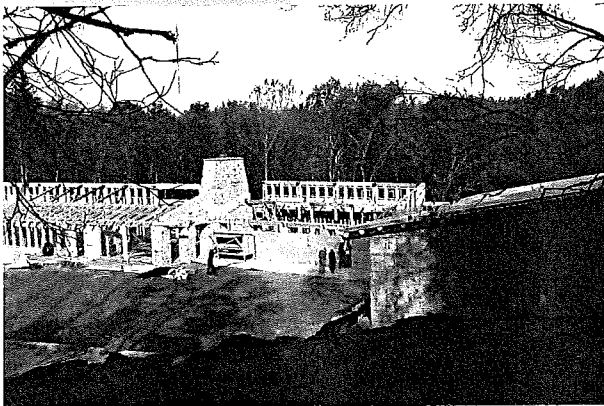
- 1:00 p.m. Legacy Center open to visitors
- 1:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Opening:
Photographers Carl Leopold and Jill Metcoff
- 2:00 p.m. Special Session: Solar Energy
- 2:30 p.m. Dedication Ceremony with remarks
- 3:30 p.m. Special Session:
Leopold Pine and Sustainable Wood Products
- 4:00 p.m. Special Session:
Tour of Energy Saving Mechanical Systems
- 4:30 p.m. Special Session: Rain Garden Construction
- 5:00 p.m. Event concludes



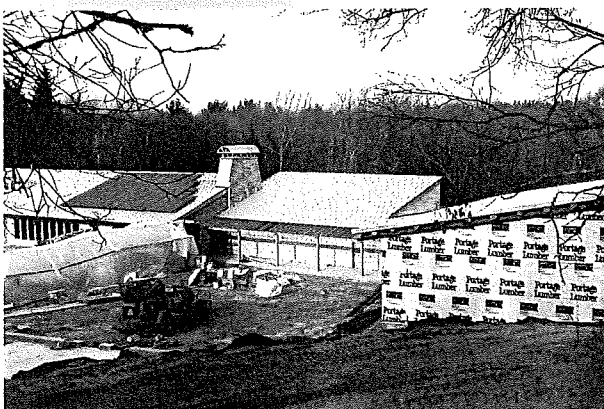
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September 13, 2006



October 30, 2006



January 8, 2007

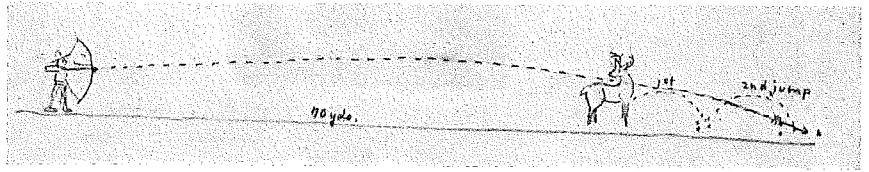
Preserving Leopold's Papers for the Future

Like a national park threatened to be "loved to death" by eager visitors, several of Aldo Leopold's most intriguing journals have begun to deteriorate from age as well as repeated requests for access and reproduction. Unlike a wilderness area, however, Leopold's writings can be simultaneously protected from over-use and made available to researchers and readers around the globe.

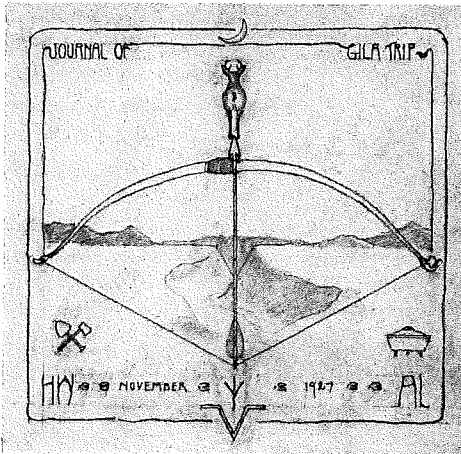
Over the next two years, a \$110,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will fund a multi-partner effort to complete the digitization of Leopold's archived materials. The collaborative effort will draw on the strengths of three entities: The Aldo Leopold Foundation, which holds the copyright on Leopold's materials; the University of Wisconsin-Madison University Archives, home to the Leopold Collection; and the UW Digital Collections Center, which provides technical expertise.

The Leopold Collection is of extremely high quality, as Leopold himself was a meticulous and disciplined generator and retainer of important correspondence, memoranda, reports, and related materials. Now housed at UW-Madison's University Archives, the entire Aldo Leopold Collection consists of 83 archive boxes (totaling 27.6 cubic feet!), along with three reels of microfilm, five folios, three cases, seven diaries, twelve journals, one scrapbook, and one photo album.

In particular, Leopold's journals (such as his New Mexico Journal and Shack Journals 1925-1942 and 1943-1945) are heavily used but fragile, containing hand drawn and colored maps, other drawings, and many pasted-in photographs.



In the journal of his trip to the Gila, Leopold wrote a story of missing a large buck with his arrow, accompanied by an illustration. "The large whitetail was looking back at me at 70 yds. He jumped at the flash of the bow. My arrow stuck in his second jump, so that if he had stood still I would have hit him fairly in the neck. Thus, -"



Leopold's hand-drawn journal cover for his 1927 trip to the Gila Wilderness.

This collection is the most heavily used at UW-Madison. Researchers from all over the world come to the university to use the collection, and the archives receive many requests for reproductions of photographs, pages from the journals, essays and correspondence.

Since Leopold's death, many academics, land managers, policy leaders and ordinary citizens have increasingly turned to his writings as a starting point for their own scholarly excursions, discovering and

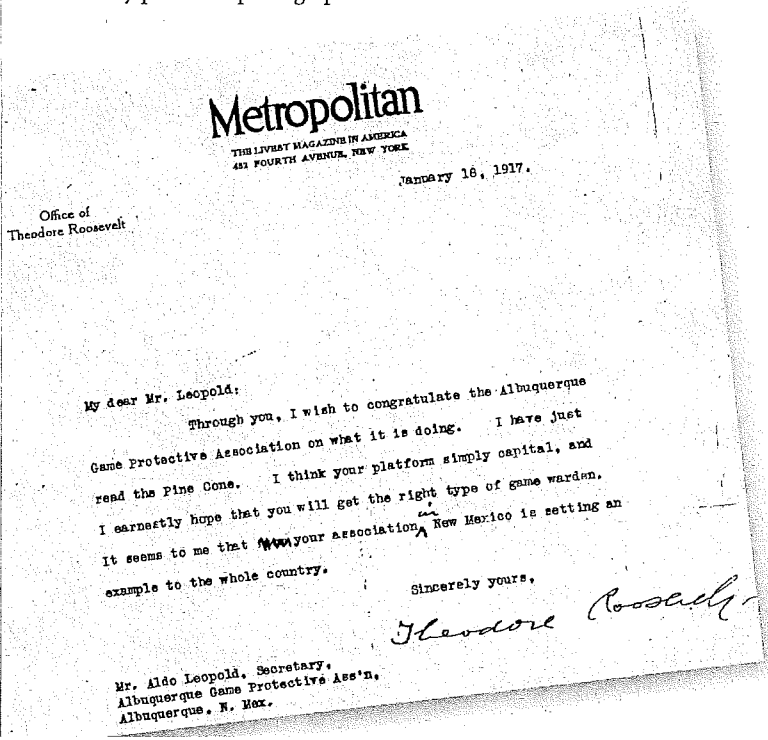
rediscovering his substantial potential to inform their thinking and to provide a foundation for studies across a diverse array of fields.

The frequency and range of citations to Leopold is increasing, with citations to his writings in a recent search of digitized scholarly journals and dissertations alone increasing to more than 150 each year in this decade; they come from every portion of the globe including China, New Zealand, and Australia as well as the United States, Canada and many European nations. The number of citations would be far greater if popular magazines, books and other undigitized scholarly journals were included.

The vast experience of the University Archives and the Digital Collections Center will be critical to the digitization as well as the long-term stewardship of the digital resources. The Digital Collections Center was created to provide quality digital resources to university faculty, staff and students, citizens of the state, and scholars at large. The center has experience in working with all types of digital materials, including text, images, and audio. This is particularly important for this project as there is a range of materials including journals, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, and typeset documents all of which require slightly different approaches to digitization.

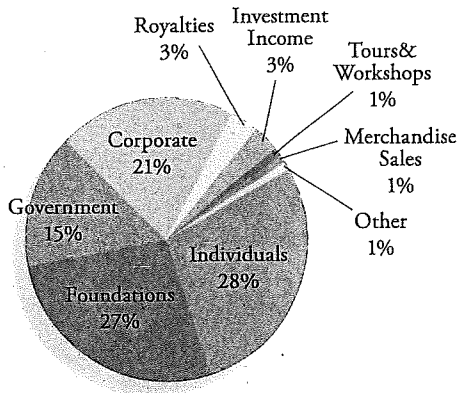
This wide variety of materials will be made available on the internet in user-friendly forms. Visitors to the Leopold Shack will also be able to see some of the original documents at the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center, which will house an interpretive kiosk and exhibit. ■

A small portion of the papers in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Archives have already been scanned. They include a number of sample journal pages that contain drawings and photographs, and more high-profile papers, like this letter from President Theodore Roosevelt commending Leopold for his excellent work with the Albuquerque Game Protective Association in 1917.

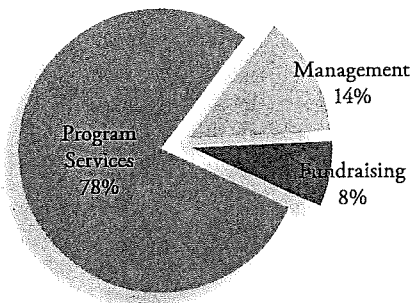


FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2005-2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITIONS



INCOME 2006 \$2,275,483 (Total)



EXPENSES 2006 \$1,040,453 (Total)

THE *Land Ethic* CAMPAIGN

Land Ethic Campaign Nears \$7 Million

As of January 2007, the Land Ethic Campaign was at \$6,975,000, with just \$775,000 remaining to reach our goal of \$7,750,000. Thank you to all of our supporters for their generous gifts. The Aldo Leopold Foundation has secured a Kresge challenge grant that will provide the last \$300,000 if we accomplish our goal, leaving \$475,000 in order to cross the finish line!

Help us close out the campaign with your donation to the Foundation or make a secure gift on our web site at www.aldoleopold.org.

	2006	2005
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$379,669	\$177,383
Investments	172,698	161,166
Accounts Receivable	345,883	189,125
Other	<u>68,192</u>	<u>77,101</u>
Total Current Assets	996,442	604,775
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT		
Property & Equipment	1,020,886	919,571
Development Costs – Aldo Leopold Legacy Center	1,502,875	197,447
OTHER ASSETS		
Cash Restricted to Land Ethic Campaign	1,002,472	1,302,977
Promises to Give (Pledges)	480,867	398,717
Royalty Agreements	34,000	36,000
Trademarks	13,531	15,182
Madison Community Foundation Endowment	<u>61,619</u>	<u>57,757</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>1,592,489</u>	<u>1,810,633</u>
Total Assets	\$5,082,693	\$3,532,426
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$260,111	\$63,890
Funds Held for Others	11,112	0
Note Payable	<u>107,904</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Liabilities	379,127	63,890
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	3,216,039	1,719,708
Temporarily Restricted	582,813	954,821
Permanently Restricted	<u>904,714</u>	<u>794,007</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>4,703,566</u>	<u>3,468,536</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,082,693	3,532,426

The fiscal year of the organization runs from October 1st to September 30th. The financial information in the two columns and the graphs reflect this time frame. These financial reports do not include all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. Complete financial reports, which have been audited by Wegner CPAs and Consultants, LLP, are available upon request.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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THE Shack
Seminar SERIES 2007

Mark your
calendar!



JUNE 18

William Barillas

Author of *The Midwestern Pastoral: Place and Landscape in the Literature of the American Heartland*

JULY 16

Julianne Newton

Author of *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey: Rediscovering the Author of A Sand County Almanac*

AUGUST 20

Tom Gehring

"Farmers, Wolves, and Conservation"
Central Michigan University

SEPTEMBER 17

TBA

OCTOBER 22

Cristina Eisenberg

"The Leopold Project: Food Web Interactions Involving Wolves, Elk, and Aspen"
Oregon State University

NOVEMBER 12

Peter Annin

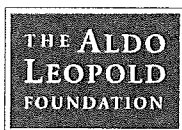
Author of *Great Lakes Water Wars*
(Meets at Home Range Hall, Leopold Legacy Center)

Fostering the Land Ethic through the legacy of Aldo Leopold

A tradition begun by Aldo Leopold, the Shack Seminar Series offers an opportunity to learn about and discuss current conservation issues with leaders from around the country.

All seminars start at 6:30pm at the Shack unless otherwise noted. Seminars are preceded by an optional potluck supper at 6pm. In case of inclement weather, seminars will be moved to the Home Range Hall at the new Leopold Legacy Center.

For more information or directions, contact the Foundation office at 608.355.0279.



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