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2022 Annual Report



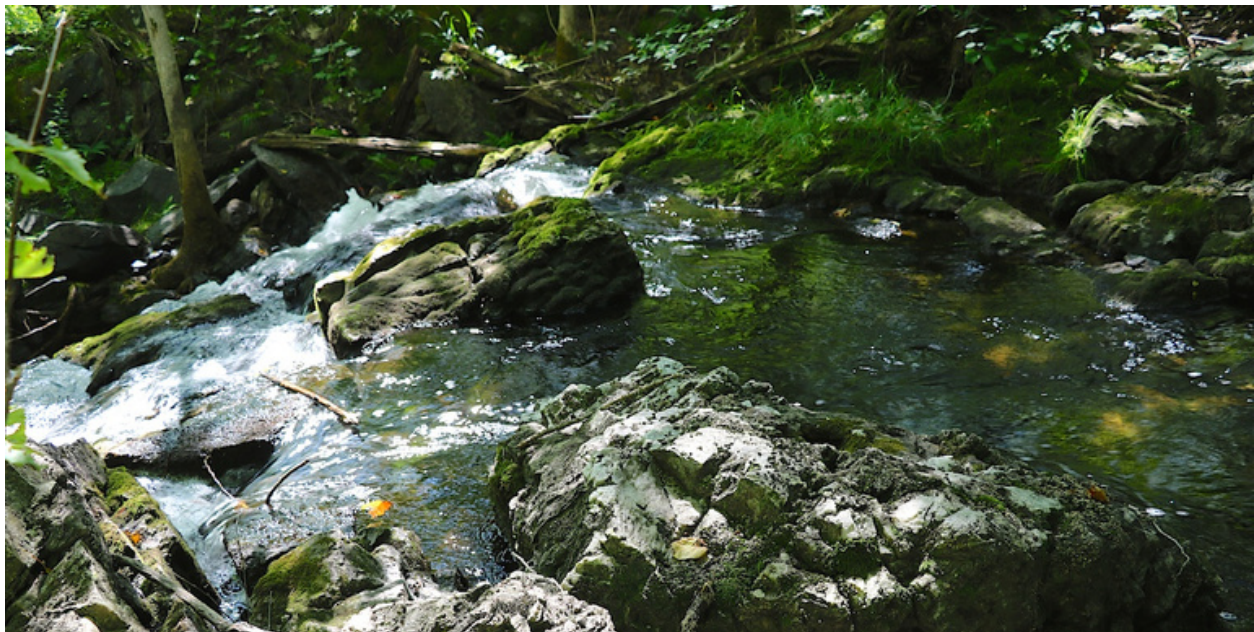
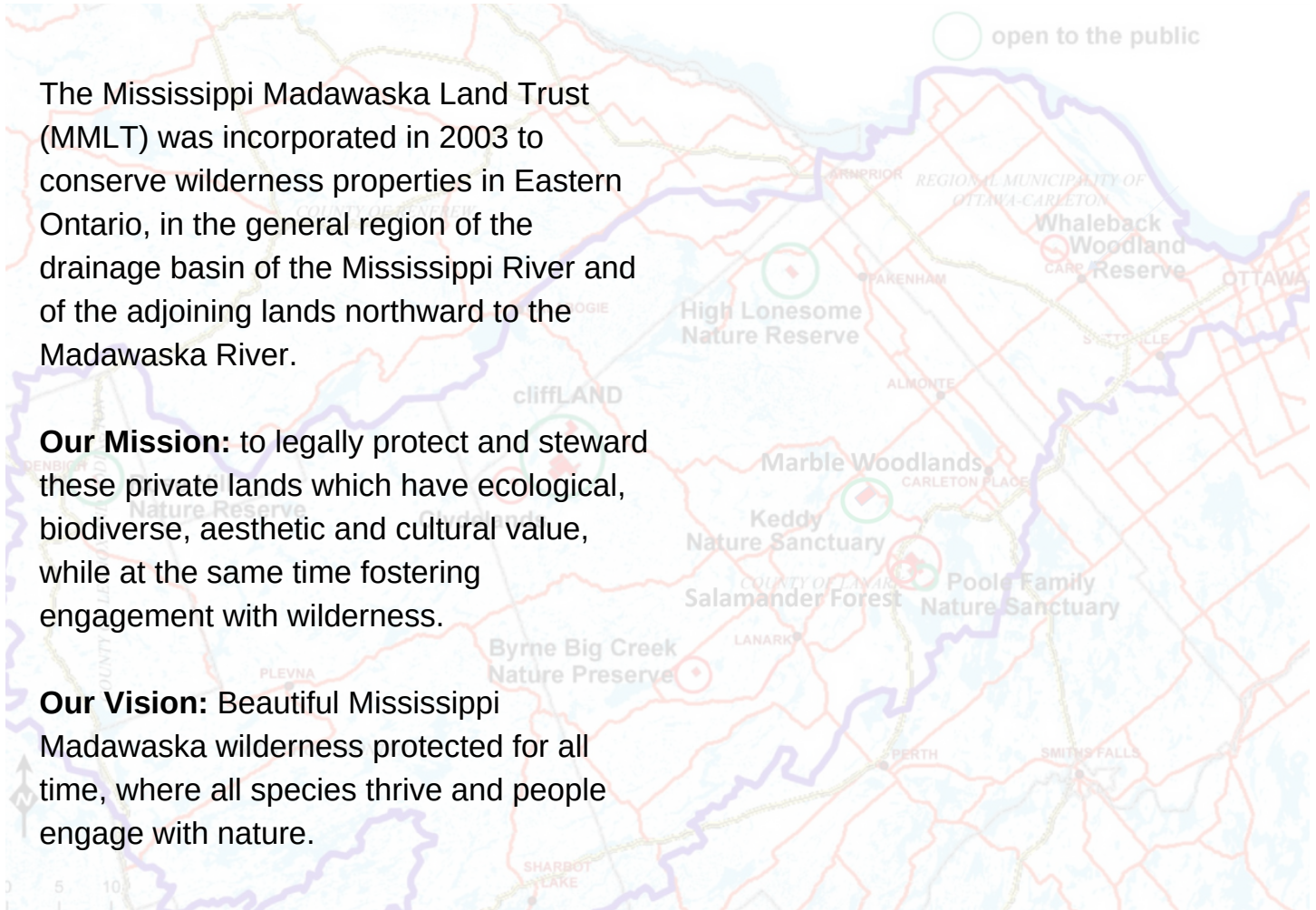
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The Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust (MMLT) was incorporated in 2003 to conserve wilderness properties in Eastern Ontario, in the general region of the drainage basin of the Mississippi River and of the adjoining lands northward to the Madawaska River.

Our Mission: to legally protect and steward these private lands which have ecological, biodiverse, aesthetic and cultural value, while at the same time fostering engagement with wilderness.

Our Vision: Beautiful Mississippi Madawaska wilderness protected for all time, where all species thrive and people engage with nature.



2022 Highlights

VISITORS: The number of visitors on MMLT trails remained well above pre-Covid levels, but less than at the height of the pandemic. Visitors seeking recreation and refuge in nature visited by the thousands. High Lonesome Nature Reserve saw over 2500 visitors and Blueberry Mountain at cliffLAND over 4500 in 2022.

NEW PROPERTIES: Thanks to the generous donation from the Noyes-Brown family, MMLT announced the opening of a wonderful new 200-acre property in Mississippi Mills, named Marble Woodlands. A soft opening was held in December. This raises the total area of protected land to 3,060 acres in 10 properties under MMLT stewardship.

CHALLENGES: In May, our region experienced an extreme weather event that wreaked havoc on some of our properties. Volunteer crews worked tirelessly on our public properties to assess the damage and clear fallen trees and debris. At year end, Poole Family Nature Sanctuary remained closed to the public because of the unsafe conditions.

EVENTS: MMLT held a number of events throughout the year for members and the general public, including the popular Festival of the Wild Child in August that brought families together to explore the wonders of nature. Continuing on the youth theme, MMLT partnered with the Upper Canada District School Board to oversee the completion of a nature project at High Lonesome with a Grade 4/5 class at Pakenham Public School.

COMMUNICATIONS: MMLT published four editions of the newsletter this year with many informational articles, including a series on John Muir written by Howard Clifford. In late 2022, we transitioned our Facebook "Group" to an open "Page" in order to reach a larger audience and access new features.

FUNDRAISING: The Bird House Auction again chose MMLT to be the recipients of the proceeds this past year which enabled us to complete a beautiful new fence at High Lonesome. Several local businesses became new sponsors of MMLT this year and with the help of Lake 88.1 in Perth for the Radiothon and other fundraisers like the holiday campaign, MMLT was able to end the year with a small surplus in the budget.

GRANTS: MMLT successfully earned multiple grants in 2022 from many sources including Ontario Trillium Foundation, Nature Canada, Colleges & Institutes Canada, Perth & District Community Foundation, Ottawa Community Foundation, and Environment and Climate Change Canada. These funds enabled MMLT to hire staff and pay expenses related to property acquisitions.

MEMBERS: Our members and donors are so valuable! Membership grew by 8% in 2022 and the number of donations increased substantially in 2022 compared to the previous year.



A Message from MMLT's President



Our work at MMLT to protect and preserve wild lands has never been more important. Ontario Nature tells us that there are 240 species of plants and animals at risk of extinction or of disappearing in Ontario alone and that this list is growing. The Ontario government has introduced legislation and policy changes that will weaken the current protections for provincially significant wetlands, woodlands and wildlife habitat. At the same time, Lanark County is experiencing unprecedented population growth, adding further urgency to our work.

The situation can seem hopeless, but there are things we can do and are doing by supporting MMLT. As part of the land trust movement, MMLT is doing its part to ensure that some of the wild lands of Eastern Ontario will always stay wild. By creating the opportunity for people to experience nature on our properties, we are also helping to build a culture of conservation that will discourage our future governments from trading-off our natural heritage for other priorities.

When I joined the MMLT Board six years ago, we had 5 properties in our portfolio. With the recent gift from the Noyes-Brown family of Marble Woodlands, our wonderful new property in Mississippi Mills, we now have 10 protected properties. Each acquisition takes years to complete so we know that there are other exciting new acquisitions already in the works for 2023 and beyond. Our more than 3000 acres are part of the 110,000 acres that Ontario land trusts have placed under protection over the past 20 years. The old adage of thinking globally and acting locally has never been truer.

After serving as the MMLT Administrator for 2 years, Carolyn Piche became MMLT's first Executive Director in January 2022. Carolyn decided in the fall that she was needed full-time helping the residents of the Carleton Place Terrace nursing home and resigned her position as our Executive Director. The search for her replacement was ongoing at year end.

MMLT is and will remain a volunteer-based organization with more than 70 people donating their time to us. I would like to say a special thank you to Chris Baburek who is stepping down as property manager for High Lonesome and to Sherryl Smith who is stepping down as the chair of the Festival of the Wild Child. Thank you both very much for your important contributions.

It is through membership fees and private donations from our members, that we are able to maintain an office to carry out our work. This in turn gives MMLT the capacity to steward our properties and administer the tens of thousands of dollars in grants from local, regional, provincial and federal governments, and private foundations that enable us to acquire them. Membership makes all the difference. I'm sure that each of us knows someone who would join MMLT if we invited them to do so.

With the death in October of Cathy Keddy, the environmental movement lost a warrior and we at MMLT lost a board colleague and friend. She was an important part of our success in winning grants for acquisitions and in stewarding our properties. Cathy and her husband Paul Keddy placed conservation easements on their property creating the Keddy Nature Sanctuary and Salamander Forest – protected for all time.

It was an honour to serve as your president in 2022. Thank you to the directors, volunteers, members, donors, and staff, as well as our colleagues in the private, non-profit, and governmental organizations whom we work with and who share a commitment to our mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Johnston, President
Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust

2022 Events



Winter Tree ID

On February 19th, Owen Clarkin trekked through the snow at High Lonesome Nature Reserve to share his knowledge of key features that help us identify trees during the winter. This involves looking at the bark, twigs, and growth characteristics.

Great Salamander Search

On April 2nd - with flashlights and headlamps in tow - Cathy Keddy led a group of keen individuals through Salamander Forest on a late night search along the icy edges of Long Pond for the spring emergence of the salamanders.



Birdhouse Bonanza

Until mid-April, talented builders submitted one-of-a-kind birdhouses to be entered into our online auction, organized by the lovely Barbara Carroll and Glenda Jones. After a two-week bidding period from April 18-29, we were able to raise \$9,195.00!

Spring Ephemerals & Shrubs

On May 8th, Owen Clarkin guided MMLT members along the trail at Poole Family Nature Sanctuary. Owen pointed out many species, such as Trout Lily, Columbine, Viola's, Spring-beauty, Squirrel Corn, Hepatica, and Canada Mayflower.



Spring Birds

On May 18th, a group of eager birders, led by Ken Allison, went to High Lonesome Nature Reserve for our Spring Bird event. Ken pointed out many distinguishable characteristics of Eastern Bluebirds, Sapsucker's, Finches, Baltimore Orioles, and many more. Over 45 different types of birds were heard that morning!

2022 Events

Reptiles & Amphibians

Jakob Mueller guided this event at High Lonesome Nature Reserve on July 9th. Jakob led a group of MMLT members around the Beaver Pond, coming across mink, wood, and spring peeper frogs, red-backed salamanders, and painted turtles.



Lake 88.1 Radiothon

On July 16th, Lake 88.1 FM hosted a Radiothon to support MMLT's ongoing and future conservation work. Special guest, Dr. Paul Keddy, discussed the key ecological features of Marble Woodlands while also touching on the positive side effects of natural disturbances, such as storms.

Festival of the Wild Child

The Festival of the Wild Child was held at High Lonesome Nature Reserve on August 27th. We had a record 268 participants! Most families spent the day there taking in all of the fun and engaging activities, some of which included Pollinator Path, Magical Fairies, and Life in the Pond.



Fall Colours

More than 100 nature enthusiasts came to Blueberry Mountain on October 15th for the annual Fall Colours Walk. Hikers stopped at the Circle of Gratitude (honouring MMLT's donors), then headed up the trail where naturalists were available to answer questions about the birds, plants, and rocks.

Marble Woodlands Soft Opening

A soft-opening was held at Marble Woodlands on December 6th. Attendees marveled at the newly erected sign, enjoyed hot beverages and treats, and listened intently to our various speakers. Those brave enough to endure the cold temperatures went off for a trek along the trail!



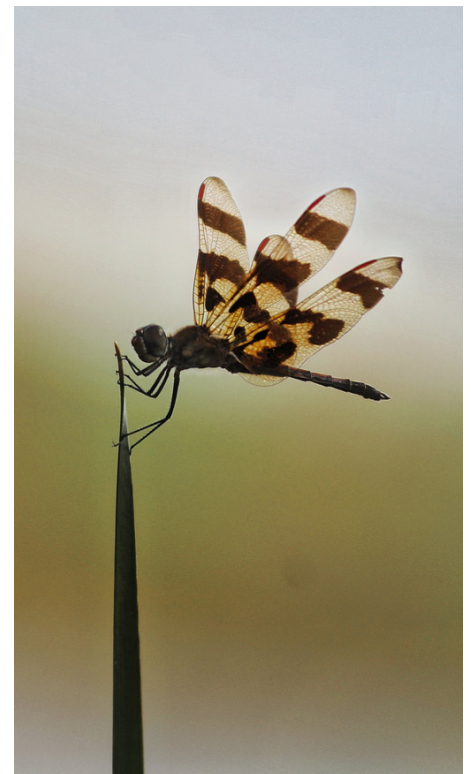
2022 Financial Statement

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Financial Assets		
Cash	\$ 107,344	\$ 116,198
Accounts receivable	10,325	34,805
Prepaid expenses	11,664	672
	<u>129,333</u>	<u>151,675</u>
Nature Reserves	1,149,500	1,149,500
Conservation Easements	741,501	741,501
	<u>\$ 2,020,334</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,676</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,319	\$ 18,739
Deferred revenues	23,159	53,605
	<u>40,478</u>	<u>72,344</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Unrestricted	\$ 88,855	\$ 79,331
Invested in property	1,891,001	1,891,001
	<u>1,979,856</u>	<u>1,970,332</u>
	<u>\$ 2,020,334</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,676</u>
INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Sustainability Fund	\$ 249,084	\$ 271,454
<i>A permanent endowment that ensures the long-term viability of MMLT by providing an annual disbursement to support MMLT's mission, programs, and ongoing operations.</i>		
Carp Hill Opportunity Fund	\$ 64,735	\$ 69,733
<i>Ensures the availability of funds to meet opportunities for the acquisition through outright or conservation easement donation or purchase of properties in the Carp Hills region and to cover the operating costs of such properties.</i>		
Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 10,310	\$ 10,761
<i>Provides funding support for the acquisition of properties or conservation easements.</i>		
Legal Defense Fund	\$ 14,992	\$ 15,896
<i>Meets MMLT's future legal needs.</i>		
Brodey Fund	\$ 14,313	\$ 15,254
<i>Supports ecological research at Rose Hill Nature Reserve.</i>		
	<u>\$ 353,434</u>	<u>\$ 383,098</u>

2022 Financial Statement (continued)

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Donations	\$ 68,366	\$ 109,540
Fees and fundraising	10,225	1,547
Grants	113,970	86,940
Interest	9,341	687
Memberships	8,020	5,630
	\$ 209,952	\$ 204,344
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 125,946	\$ 84,503
Property expenses	29,572	22,805
Program expenses	16,499	20,478
Investments	-	59,840
Fundraising	8,145	2,751
Administration and overhead	20,266	9,558
	\$ 200,248	\$ 199,935
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 9,524	\$ 4,409
Invested in property	-	\$ 624,000



2022 Grants

- **Ontario Trillium Foundation** and their Resilient Communities Fund provided funding for a second year's salary for the Conservation Coordinator position.
- Funds from **Nature Canada** allowed MMLT to increase the weekly hours to full-time for the Conservation Coordinator position for a 3-month period.
- **Colleges and Institutes Canada** grants funded most of two interns salaries until the end of their contract in May 2022.
- Funds from **Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Nature Conservancy of Canada** contributed towards the acquisition costs for Marble Woodlands.
- Funding from **Environment and Climate Change Canada through Conservation Ontario and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority** covered part of the expenses to negotiate a conservation easement for two properties in the Carp Hills. It also paid for a portion of the costs associated with the acquisition of Salamander Forest.
- The **Perth and District Community Foundation** provided MMLT with a grant which paid for First Aid and CPR training for MMLT directors and volunteers as well as the purchase of a portable defibrillator.
- MMLT's Carp Hills Opportunity Fund, invested with the **Ottawa Community Foundation**, was drawn upon for costs associated with two properties in the Carp Hills.



Our 2022 Team

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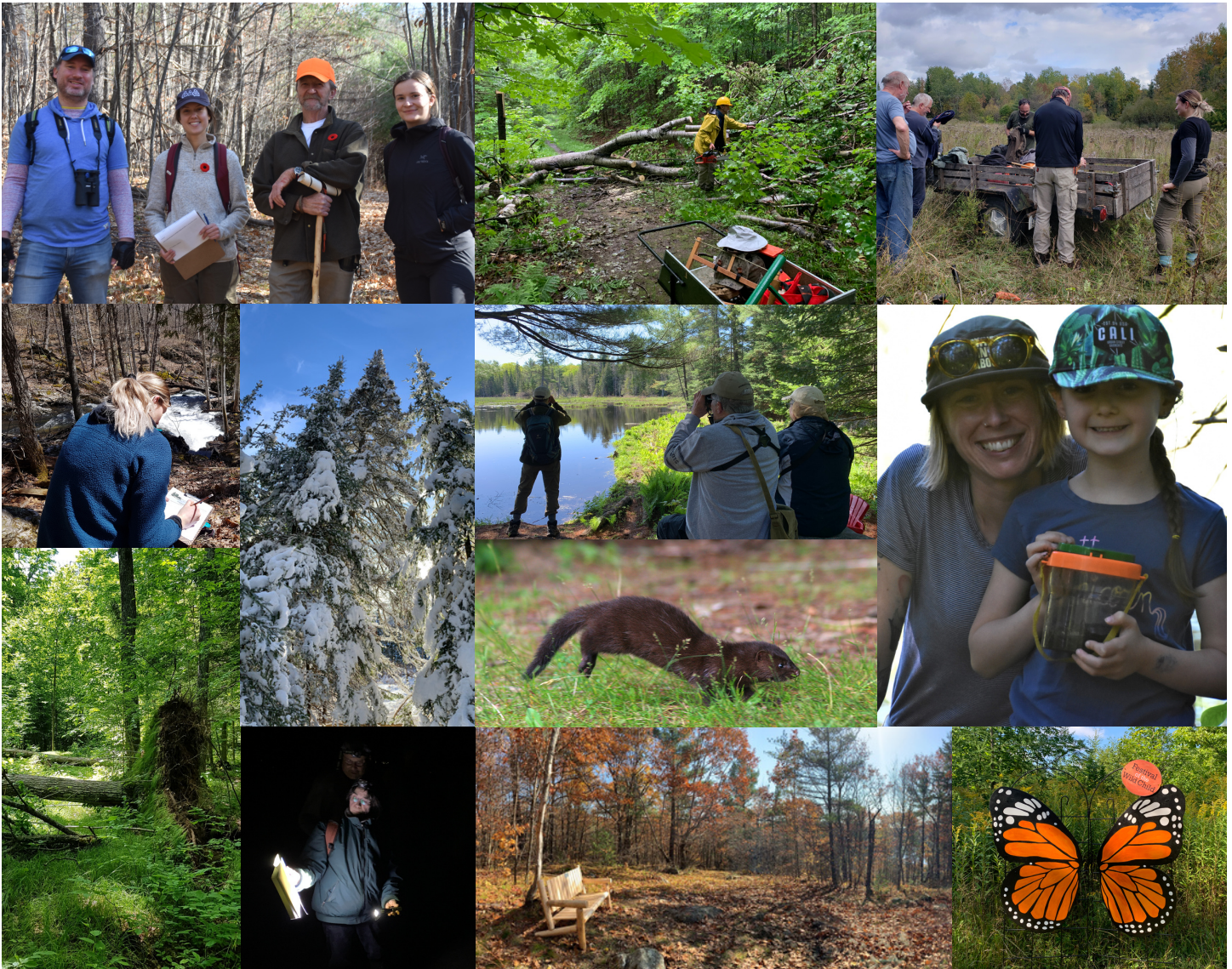


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- The Somewhere Inn for being our 1% for the Planet partner and providing MMLT with 1% of their annual sales in 2022.
- Our awesome event sponsors throughout the year, including Lake 88.1, KPMG, Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists, Whitehouse Perennials, Keepers Coffee Bar, The Granary, Mount Pakenham, Cleland Jardine, and Palladium Insurance.
- Vickie Lanthier for generously donating Girl Gone Good merchandise for MMLT to sell and retain the profits.
- All individuals whose lovely photos appear in this report: Simon Lunn, Janet Mason, Rienne Moore, Sheila Craig, Art Goldsmith, Emily Moynes, and Cathy Keddy.

THANK YOU to all of our directors,
staff, volunteers, members, donors,
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2022 Photo Gallery



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