Along with our annual financial reporting, we underwent an extensive annual audit. As part of this process, we also completed stewardship trainings, both in Michigan and the Midwest, including the Land Trust Alliance Rally and various other programs. We began preparation for our annual Conservation Celebration in the fall, where we hosted numerous volunteer field days, bringing out over 130 volunteers from the community and our corporate partners. We hosted numerous volunteer field days, bringing out over 130 volunteers from the community and our corporate partners. We had fun exploring with Adventure League, paddling, and continuing education class for Macomb Community College. Extension’s Conservation Stewards classes, as well as a challenging financial environment. The need and demand for the land and natural resources we will pass on to future generations.

As we go forward, we transitioned this allowed us to sustain momentum and continuity at the same time we handled search and interview processes to fill both vacancies and new positions. The following summary briefly describes some of the highlights of our accomplishments in 2018 but does not come anywhere near describing the dedication, commitment and effort put forth by our staff, leadership, volunteers, supporters and partners on behalf of our mission to protect and care for the landscape we all cherish. Thank you, all of you, for your dedication, for your investments, and for your commitment to our shared vision and values.

In 2018, we were asked by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to serve as the fiduciary for two major efforts, which will provide much-needed financial support – we wouldn’t be able to expand, we continue to focus on reinvesting in operations and infrastructure, and to those who give muscle to our efforts, and to those who give to the volunteers who contribute their time and effort, and to those who give much-needed financial support – we wouldn’t be here without you! Thank you for your support of our conservation efforts, and for your dedication and commitment.

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The Year in Review
2018 was a year of major accomplishments but not without some challenges. Six Rivers staff, board, volunteers and many of our partners stepped up and worked above and beyond their already demanding roles to fill voids left by staff and board transitions. This allowed us to sustain momentum and continuity at the same time we handled search and interview processes to fill both vacancies and new positions. The following summary briefly describes some of the highlights of our accomplishments in 2018 but does not come anywhere near describing the dedication, commitment and effort put forth by our staff, leadership, volunteers, supporters and partners on behalf of our mission to protect and care for the landscape we all cherish. Thank you, all of you, for your dedication, for your investments, and for your commitment to our shared vision and values.

LAND PROTECTION
We added acreage to our Anchor Bay Woods Preserve with funding from The Carls Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) and Axalta. We acquired a 30-acre conservation easement in Highland Township, as well as a permanent stewardship of a major wetland system on the Salt River in Lenox Township. We completed our assist project in Casco Township, selling 20 acres we had purchased and held with a loan from The Conservation Fund to Casco Township to become their new Casco Township Belle River Park. The park acquisition was funded by a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and matching funds from St. Clair County Parks and Recreation. We also continued to work with the Troy School Board and the City of Troy on the acquisition of Turtle Woods Preserve, which should be completed in late 2019 or early 2020. In addition to those projects, we continued to meet with landowners interested in conservation and to work on other ongoing projects in various stages of development.

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Along with our annual financial reporting, we underwent an audit of our operations by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to serve as the fiduciary for two major State-funded invasive species management programs—the Oakland and the Lake St. Clair Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas, or CISMA programs. We accepted the challenge and are now guiding the two largest CISMA programs in the state, welcoming two new staff members to Six Rivers as CISMA Coordinators.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We hosted major events, including our Six Rivers Country Drive Car Tour in the spring, and our Conservation Luncheon at the Detroit Athletic Club in the fall, both geared to increase our connection and visibility among business, civic, and philanthropic leaders in the region. We also held our annual Conservation Celebration in the fall, where we announced the winners of our photo contest and awarded the inaugural Peggy Johnson Conservation Hero Award, our Staff Appreciation Award and Volunteer of the Year Award.

In addition to raising the funds necessary to carry out our mission, Six Rivers continues efforts to expand capacity and become a major community institution, helping to shape the quality and purpose of our region for generations to come. Like any other business in this stage of evolution that is seeking to expand, we continue to focus on reinvesting in operations and output. All of this reinvestment means we operate as lean as possible—to lean in the eyes of many—with little room for unexpected circumstances. Our portfolio of protected land and stewardship work has increased, as has our bottom line. This has attracted more opportunities for work and funding. But the funding has not kept pace with the demand for our opportunity, so our abilities continue to be constrained by lack of capital. Just as importantly, our reserves are razor thin.

Six Rivers’ leadership is keenly aware of our challenges and ambitions. They continue to take considered action to build capacity, increase output and develop an organization that is a powerful resource for the communities and missions it serves—preserving our natural and agricultural heritage for our benefit and for the generations that will follow. We look forward to some successful collaborations in Michigan and across the country as examples of what we can do. We pursue this direction confident that continued success will attract the investment necessary to increase our role in the communities we serve and that the fortitude and commitment of our staff, leaders, and supporters will allow us to weather the trials that inevitably arise along the way.

As we go forward, we ask you who share our commitment to this vision to join us in increasing our investment in conservation so that we can sustain our efforts long into the future.

FISCAL FORTITUDE

The Bottom Line: It is no secret that Six Rivers faces a challenging fiscal environment. The need and demand for land conservation in the Emerald Crown—the northern part of the metro region—is the most pressing in the State. There is high pressure for this buildout of infrastructure and an ever-expanding footprint of the built environment, especially now, during the course of the region’s renaissance. All of this continues to impact water quality, wildlife habitat and quality of life, not to mention the ever-increasing infrastructure costs associated with continued development, even as we deal with legacy costs for existing infrastructure.

At the same time, this is the most competitive region for charitable funding and community investment in the State. In the face of these monumental challenges, Six Rivers continues efforts to expand capacity and become a major community institution, helping to shape the quality and purpose of our region for generations to come. Like any other business in this stage of evolution that is seeking to expand, we continue to focus on reinvesting in operations and output. All of this reinvestment means we operate as lean as possible—to lean in the eyes of many—with little room for unexpected circumstances. Our portfolio of protected land and stewardship work has increased, as has our bottom line. This has attracted more opportunities for work and funding. But the funding has not kept pace with the demand for our opportunity, so our abilities continue to be constrained by lack of capital. Just as importantly, our reserves are razor thin.

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