

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
(A Component Unit of the State of Illinois)

FINANCIAL AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Performed as Special Assistant Auditors
for the Auditor General, State of Illinois

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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FOUNDATION OFFICIALS

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Board of Directors:

Miller, Marc – Appointment designated by statute – Chairman (until January 19, 2015)

Rosenthal, Wayne – Appointment designated by statute – Chairman (effective January 20, 2015)

Ducey, Barbara – Appointed by Senator Jones – Secretary

Russell, Robert Dr. – Appointed by Senator Phillip – Treasurer

Cullerton, Bill Jr. – Appointed by Representative Madigan

Keck, Fred – Appointed by Senator Phillip (until March 5, 2015)

Vacant – Appointment to be made by Senator Phillip (effective March 6, 2015)

Kidd, John Jr. – Appointed by Senator Jones

Bettin, Cameron – Appointed by Representative Cross

Johnson, Barbara Ann – Appointed by Governor Quinn (until July 25, 2014)

Castro, Maria – Appointed by Governor Quinn (effective July 26, 2014)

Katlin, Andy – Appointed by Governor Quinn

Ruffolo, Mike – Appointed by Representative Madigan

Beaubien, Mark – Appointed by Governor Quinn (until November 10, 2014)

Vacant (effective November 11, 2014 until March 9, 2015)

Johnson, Barbara Ann – Appointed by Governor Rauner (effective March 10, 2015)

Anderson, Ryan – Appointed by Governor Quinn

Each director shall hold office until a successor has been appointed.

Committees were as follows:

Executive Committee

Rosenthal, Wayne – Chairman of the Board

Ducey, Barbara

Russell, Robert Dr.

Cullerton, Bill Jr.

FOUNDATION OFFICIALS

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Finance Committee

Russell, Robert Dr. – Co-Chairman
Johnson, Barbara Ann – Co-Chairman
Katlin, Andy

Special Events Committee

Rosenthal, Wayne – Chairman of the Board
Cullteron, Bill Jr. – Chairman
Kidd, John Jr.
Bettin, Cameron
Anderson, Ryan
Castro, Maria

Strategic Planning & Torstenson Committee

Kidd, John Jr. – Co-Chairman
Johnson, Barbara Ann – Co-Chairman
Ducey, Barbara
Russell, Robert Dr.
Bettin, Cameron

Conservation Scholarship Committee

Ducey, Barbara – Chairman
Castro, Maria
Cullerton, Bill Jr.
Kidd, John Jr.
Ruffolo, Mike
Keener, Valerie – Advisor

Address:

The Foundation operates in office space maintained by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as follows:

Operating Office

Illinois Conservation Foundation
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Foundation Executive Director:
Schmidt, Eric

Chief Financial Officer:
(Siciliano) Hovey, Jennifer



MANAGEMENT ASSERTION LETTER

Kemper CPA Group LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
80 Broadway Avenue, Suite 102
Mattoon, IL 61938

November 19, 2015


Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are responsible for the identification of, and compliance with, all aspects of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that could have a material effect on the operations of the Foundation. We are responsible for and we have established and maintained an effective system of, internal controls over compliance requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Foundation's compliance with the following assertions during the year ended June 30, 2015. Based on this evaluation, we assert that during the year ended June 30, 2015 the Foundation has materially complied with the assertions below.

- A. The Foundation has obligated, expended, received and used funds in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Foundation has obligated, expended, received and used funds in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The Foundation has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. Revenues and receipts collected by the Foundation are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.
- E. Money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the Foundation or held in trust by the Foundation have been properly and legally administered, and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate and in accordance with law.

Yours very truly,

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION


Jennifer (Siciliano) Hovey, Chief Financial Officer


Eric Schmidt, Executive Director

COMPLIANCE REPORT

SUMMARY

The compliance testing performed during this examination was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Independent Accountant's Report on State Compliance and on Internal Control Over Compliance does not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

<u>Number of</u>	<u>Current Report</u>	<u>Prior Report</u>
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

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FINDINGS (GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS)

2015-001	11	Financial Statement Preparation	Material Weakness and Noncompliance
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FINDINGS (STATE COMPLIANCE)

2015-002	13	Noncompliance with Illinois Conservation Foundation Act	Significant Deficiency and Noncompliance
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In addition, the following findings which are reported as current findings relating to *Government Auditing Standards* also meet the reporting requirements for State Compliance.

2015-001	11	Financial Statement Preparation	Material Weakness and Noncompliance
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COMPLIANCE REPORT

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A	14	Segregation of Duties
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EXIT CONFERENCE

The Illinois Conservation Foundation waived an exit conference in correspondence dated November 19, 2015. The responses to the recommendations appearing in this report were provided by Jennifer (Siciliano) Hovey, Chief Financial Officer, in a letter dated November 19, 2015.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Honorable William G. Holland
Auditor General
State of Illinois

Board of Directors
Illinois Conservation Foundation
Springfield, Illinois

Compliance

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have examined the Illinois Conservation Foundation's (A Component Unit of the State of Illinois) (Foundation) compliance with the requirements listed below, as more fully described in the Audit Guide for Financial Audits and Compliance Attestation Engagements of Illinois State Agencies (Audit Guide) as adopted by the Auditor General, during the year ended June 30, 2015. The management of the Foundation is responsible for compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Foundation's compliance based on our examination.

- A. The Foundation has obligated, expended, received, and used funds in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Foundation has obligated, expended, received, and used funds in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The Foundation has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. Revenues and receipts collected by the Foundation are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.
- E. Money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the Foundation or held in trust by the Foundation have been properly and legally administered and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate, and in accordance with law.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Illinois State Auditing Act (Act); and the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to the Act; and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Foundation's compliance with those requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Foundation's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Foundation complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report during the year ended June 30, 2015. However, the results of our procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance with the requirements, which are required to be reported in accordance with criteria established by the Audit Guide, issued by the Illinois Office of the Auditor General and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2015-001 and 2015-002.

Internal Control

Management of the Foundation is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Foundation's internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report to determine the examination procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Audit Guide, issued by the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material noncompliance with a requirement listed in the first paragraph of this report will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-002 to be a significant deficiency.

As required by the Audit Guide, immaterial findings excluded from this report have been reported in a separate letter to your office.

The Foundation's responses to the findings identified in our examination are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not examine the Foundation's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, Foundation management and the Foundation's Board of Directors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kemper CPA Group LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

Mattoon, Illinois
November 19, 2015



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable William G. Holland
Auditor General
State of Illinois

Board of Directors
Illinois Conservation Foundation
Springfield, Illinois

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Foundation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

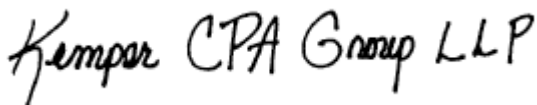
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Foundation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2015-001.

Foundation's Responses to Findings

The Foundation's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Foundation's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

Mattoon, Illinois
November 19, 2015

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
(A Component Unit of the State of Illinois)

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
CURRENT FINDINGS – GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

2015-001. Finding (Financial Statement Preparation)

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) does not have sufficient internal controls over the financial reporting process. While the Foundation maintains controls over the processing of most accounting transactions, there are not sufficient controls over the preparation of the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) based financial statements for management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect financial statement misstatements and disclosure omissions in a timely manner.

The Foundation is required to maintain a system of controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The Foundation's internal controls over GAAP financial reporting should include adequately trained personnel with the knowledge and expertise to prepare and/or thoroughly review GAAP based financial statements to ensure they are free of material misstatements and include all disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Several errors were identified during the audit of the Foundation's draft financial statements. The Foundation's financial statements were adjusted for the following reporting errors:

- The Foundation failed to make numerous adjusting entries to present the financial statements in accordance with GAAP.
- The Foundation recorded unrealized gains as realized gains in error. Because both gains are recognized in the current year, this would not affect total earnings, only the classification of those earnings. A net audit adjustment of \$12,342 was recorded to correct the balances in the realized gain and unrealized gain accounts.

The Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act (30 ILCS 10/3001) requires all State agencies to establish and maintain a system of internal fiscal and administrative controls, which shall provide assurance that revenues, expenditures, and transfers of asset resources, or funds applicable to operations are properly recorded and accounted for to permit the preparation of accounts and reliable financial reports and to maintain accountability over the State's resources.

Foundation personnel stated that transaction account miscodings and the transition to new accounting software in Fiscal Year 2015 caused the financial statements to be incorrect.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
CURRENT FINDINGS – GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

2015-001. Finding (Financial Statement Preparation) (Concluded)

Failure to implement appropriate internal controls and provide accurate financial information could lead to misstatements of the Foundation's financial statements. (Finding Code No. 2015-001, 2014-001, 2013-001, 12-1, 11-1)

Recommendation

We recommend the Foundation implement additional internal control procedures to ensure financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Foundation Response

The Foundation agrees.

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
CURRENT FINDINGS – STATE COMPLIANCE

2015-002. Finding (Noncompliance with Illinois Conservation Foundation Act (Act))

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) did not comply with provisions of the Illinois Conservation Foundation Act (Act).

During testing of donation thank-you letters, we noted 25 of 25 (100%) donation letters did not include required language notifying the donors that the Foundation is not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

The Act (20 ILCS 880/20) requires the Foundation to provide written notice to any entity providing a gift, grant, or bequest to the Foundation that the Foundation is not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act which places limitations on the types of securities in which a public agency may invest public funds.

Foundation personnel stated during the revision of its thank-you letters, the statement notifying donors that the Foundation was not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act was unintentionally removed.

Failure to provide written notification to donors that the Foundation is not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act is noncompliance with the Act. (Finding Code No. 2015-002)

Recommendation

We recommend the Foundation comply with the requirements of the Act and ensure all donors providing gifts, grants, or bequests to the Foundation receive written notice that the Foundation is not subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act.

Foundation Response

The Foundation agrees and has corrected the issue.

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
PRIOR FINDINGS NOT REPEATED

A. Finding (Segregation of Duties)

During the prior audit, the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) had a single employee completing all accounting functions due to the small size of the staff.

During the current audit, our testing indicated Foundation personnel implemented internal control procedures to mitigate the risks associated with having a small staff size.
(Finding Code No. 2014-002, 2013-002, 12-2, 11-4, 10-5, 09-5)

B. Finding (Inadequate Internal Control Procedures)

During the prior audit, the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) did not maintain adequate controls over accounting transactions. Weaknesses were noted in the testing of journal entries, bank reconciliations, credit card and cash receipts postings, payroll disbursements, and general disbursements.

During the current audit, our testing indicated the Foundation enhanced internal controls over the respective areas.
(Finding Code No. 2014-003, 2013-003)

C. Finding (Failure to Sufficiently Collateralize Deposits)

During the prior audit, the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) did not obtain sufficient collateral for its deposits at one of the financial institutions utilized by the Foundation. At June 30, 2014, the Foundation's deposits exceeded the \$250,000 limit insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) by \$46,671 at that financial institution.

During the current audit, our testing indicated all Foundation deposits exceeding FDIC insurance coverage were adequately collateralized.
(Finding Code No. 2014-004)

D. Finding (Inadequate Controls Over Vacation Pay)

During the prior audit, the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) processed employee benefit payments as a general disbursement, rather than processing the payment through payroll.

During the current audit, our sample testing did not disclose any instances where payroll related disbursements were incorrectly processed.
(Finding Code No. 2014-005)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

SUMMARY

The audit of the accompanying basic financial statements of the Illinois Conservation Foundation (A Component of the State of Illinois) was performed by Kemper CPA Group LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

Based on their audit, the auditors expressed an unmodified opinion on the Illinois Conservation Foundation's basic financial statements.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The auditors identified matters involving the Agency's internal control over financial reporting that they considered to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies. The material weaknesses are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings on pages 11-12 of this report as item 2015-001 (Financial Statement Preparation).



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable William G. Holland
Auditor General
State of Illinois

Board of Directors
Illinois Conservation Foundation
Springfield, Illinois

Report on the Financial Statements

As Special Assistant Auditors for the Auditor General, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Illinois Conservation Foundation (A Component Unit of the State of Illinois) (Foundation), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Foundation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund for the Foundation, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 20-21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit for the year ended June 30, 2015 was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Foundation's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information in the State Compliance Schedules 1 through 6 and the Analysis of Operations Section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2015, in the State Compliance Schedules 1 through 6 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2015, in the State Compliance Schedules 1 through 6 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

We also previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the Foundation's basic financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund. The accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2014 in Schedules 1 through 6 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the June 30, 2014 financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2014 in Schedules 1 through 6 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the June 30, 2014 basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare those basic financial statements or to those basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2014 in Schedules 1 through 6 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole from which it has been derived.

The accompanying supplementary information in the Analysis of Operations Section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2015 on our consideration of the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Restricted Use of this Auditor's Report

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, the Comptroller, the Foundation's Board of Directors, and Foundation management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Kemper CPA Group LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

Mattoon, Illinois
November 19, 2015

Illinois Conservation Foundation
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Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

Introduction

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an introduction and overview of the Illinois Conservation Foundation's (Foundation) financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation created to provide additional funding for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) conservation programs that either are not receiving adequate funding or else cannot be implemented because State funding is not available. The specific purposes of the corporation are to solicit and generate private funding and donations that assist in enhancing and preserving Illinois' natural habitats, historic sites, river and stream corridors, state parks, forests and fish and wildlife areas. The Foundation also accepts grants for acquisition, construction and development of IDNR properties, and supports recreational programs of the IDNR.

Financial Highlights

Within the Special Revenue Fund, revenues decreased by \$150,338 from \$1,282,634 in Fiscal Year 2014 to \$1,132,296 in Fiscal Year 2015. Expenditures increased by \$117,037 from \$1,154,492 in Fiscal Year 2014 to \$1,271,529 in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease in revenues is due to a significant decrease in investment earnings through realized gains, offset by a slight increase in donations, merchandise sales, and on-behalf payments. Expenses increased because of more administrative expenditures and on-behalf payments in Fiscal Year 2015.

Within the Permanent Fund, revenues decreased by \$32,387 from \$26,802 in Fiscal Year 2014 to (\$5,585) in Fiscal Year 2015. Expenditures decreased by \$842 from \$1,001 in Fiscal Year 2014 to \$159 in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease in revenue is from less investment earnings in Fiscal Year 2015.

The net position of the Foundation totaled \$7,657,919 at fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, compared to \$7,759,279 at fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$101,360.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Foundation's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and are comprised of the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Activities and notes to the financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on the Foundation's assets and liabilities and the resulting net position. This statement also reflects the Foundation's investments, at fair value, along with the restricted and unrestricted net position.

Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Condensed Comparative Summary of Net Position as of June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015/2014</u> <u>Change</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 394,743	\$ 422,289	\$ (27,546)
Accounts Receivable	65,820	27,944	37,876
Accrued Investment Income	-	10,828	(10,828)
Prepaid Expenses	26,931	27,354	(423)
Investments	2,630,023	2,789,487	(159,464)
Capital Assets	<u>4,594,472</u>	<u>4,550,432</u>	<u>44,040</u>
Total Assets	\$7,711,989	\$7,828,334	\$ (116,345)
Liabilities	<u>54,070</u>	<u>69,055</u>	<u>(14,985)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$7,657,919</u>	<u>\$7,759,279</u>	<u>\$ (101,360)</u>

The Statement of Activities presents information regarding changes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The statement reflects additions which include the sources of revenue. Also reflected in the statement are deductions, which include program and operating expenses of the Foundation.

Condensed Comparative Statement of Activities for the Year Ending June 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015/2014</u> <u>Change</u>
Additions:			
Governmental Activities	\$ 1,067,614	\$ 927,648	\$ 139,966
General	<u>59,097</u>	<u>381,788</u>	<u>(322,691)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,126,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,436</u>	<u>\$ (182,725)</u>
Deduction:			
Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,228,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,325</u>	<u>\$ 69,746</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,228,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,325</u>	<u>\$ 69,746</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ (101,360)</u>	<u>\$ 151,111</u>	<u>\$ (252,471)</u>

Overall, there is a decrease in net position as reflected on the Statement of Activities of \$101,360 at June 30, 2015, compared to an increase of \$151,111 at June 30, 2014.

Capital Assets

Capital assets of the Foundation include land, buildings, site improvements, and equipment, which are used in the operation and maintenance of the Torstenson Farm Property. The Foundation maintains an inventory of capital assets which have been accumulated over time. Governmental activities net capital assets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 were \$4,594,472 and \$4,550,432, respectively. Excess current year capital asset additions over current year depreciation expense have caused the net book value of capital assets to increase for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 394,743
Accounts receivable	65,820
Prepaid expense	26,931
Total current assets	487,494
Noncurrent Assets:	
Investments	2,630,023
Capital assets, net	4,594,472
TOTAL ASSETS	7,711,989
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	44,277
Accrued expenses	9,793
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,070
NET POSITION:	
Restricted for:	
Natural resources and recreation	1,132,285
Endowment – nonexpendable	70,219
Education	75,638
Unrestricted	1,785,305
Investment in capital assets	4,594,472
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 7,657,919

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROGRAM REVENUE</u>		<u>NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE</u>
		<u>CHARGES FOR GOODS</u>	<u>OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
Environment and Business				
Regulation:				
General administrative	\$ 453,921	\$ 25,408	\$ 459,894	\$ 31,381
Natural resources and recreation	774,150	34,621	547,691	(191,838)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,228,071</u>	<u>\$ 60,029</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,585</u>	<u>(160,457)</u>

General Revenue:	
Restricted investment earnings	80,060
Unrestricted realized loss	(7,062)
Unrestricted investment – unrealized loss	<u>(13,901)</u>
Change in Net Position	(101,360)
Net position – Beginning	<u>7,759,279</u>
Net position – Ending	<u>\$ 7,657,919</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 373,776	\$ 20,967	\$ 394,743
Accounts receivable	65,820	-	65,820
Investments	2,505,133	124,890	2,630,023
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,944,729</u>	<u>\$ 145,857</u>	<u>\$ 3,090,586</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 44,277	\$ -	\$ 44,277
Accrued expenses	9,793	-	9,793
Total Liabilities	<u>54,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,070</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	-	70,219	70,219
Restricted:			
Natural resources and recreation	1,132,285	-	1,132,285
Education	-	75,638	75,638
Unassigned	1,758,374	-	1,758,374
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,890,659</u>	<u>145,857</u>	<u>3,036,516</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,944,729</u>	<u>\$ 145,857</u>	<u>\$ 3,090,586</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 3,036,516
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Prepaid expenses used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	26,931
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	4,594,472
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,657,919</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	NONMAJOR PERMANENT FUND	TOTAL
Revenues			
Donations – restricted	\$ 547,691	\$ -	\$ 547,691
Investment income – restricted	70,663	9,397	80,060
Investment income – unrestricted unrealized gain/(loss)	1,081	(14,982)	(13,901)
Investment income – unrestricted realized loss	(7,062)	-	(7,062)
Donations – unrestricted	319,059	-	319,059
Merchandise sales – restricted	34,621	-	34,621
Merchandise sales – unrestricted	25,408	-	25,408
On-behalf payments	140,835	-	140,835
Total Revenues	<u>1,132,296</u>	<u>(5,585)</u>	<u>1,126,711</u>
Expenditures			
Administrative	312,504	159	312,663
Natural resources and recreation	818,190	-	818,190
On-behalf payments	140,835	-	140,835
Total Expenditures	<u>1,271,529</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>1,271,688</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(139,233)	(5,744)	(144,977)
Fund Balance – Beginning	<u>3,029,892</u>	<u>151,601</u>	<u>3,181,493</u>
Fund Balance – Ending	<u>\$ 2,890,659</u>	<u>\$ 145,857</u>	<u>\$ 3,036,516</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
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RECONCILIATION OF THE CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	(144,977)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p>		
<p>Changes in prepaid expense:</p>		
Prepaid expense uses current financial resources and is recorded as an expense in the governmental funds.		(423)
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Capital asset purchases capitalized		122,578
Depreciation expense		(78,538)
		(101,360)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(101,360)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) was authorized to be created by Public Act 88-591 for the purpose of promoting, supporting, assisting, sustaining, and encouraging the charitable, educational, scientific and recreational programs, projects, and policies of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Foundation's activities are managed by a board of directors, whose members are appointed by the Governor of the State of Illinois and by the leadership of the Illinois General Assembly.

In 2015, the Foundation implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB No. 27; GASB Statement No. 69, Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations; and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. The Foundation implemented these standards during the current year; however, none had any impact on the financial statements.

B. Date of Management's Review

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 19, 2015, the date when the financial statements were available to be issued.

C. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

As defined by GAAP, the financial reporting entity consists of a primary government, as well as its component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as:

- 1) Appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board and either (a) the primary government's ability to impose at its will, or (b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government; or
- 2) Fiscal dependency on the primary government.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Financial Reporting Entity (Concluded)

Based upon the required criteria, the Foundation has no component units. However, the Foundation is a component unit of the State of Illinois.

D. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed in pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In Fiscal Year 2013, the Illinois State Comptroller's Office deemed the Foundation immaterial to the operations of the State and does not report it in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). For its reporting purposes, the Foundation has separate fund and government-wide financial statements and reconciles individual line items of fund financial data to government-wide data. A brief description of the Foundation's government-wide and fund financial statements is as follows:

Government-wide Statements: The government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities report the overall financial activity of the Foundation. The financial activities of the Foundation consist only of governmental activities, which are primarily supported by donations and grants.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Foundation's funds. Separate statements for each fund category are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The Foundation administers the following major governmental fund:

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Basis of Presentation (Concluded)

Special Revenue – This is the Foundation’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Foundation, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The services which are administered by the Foundation and accounted for in the special revenue fund include, among others, promoting, supporting, assisting, sustaining and encouraging the charitable, educational, scientific and recreational programs, projects and policies of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Certain resources obtained from federal grants and used to support Foundation activities are accounted for in the Special Revenue Fund consistent with applicable legal requirements.

The Foundation administers the following nonmajor governmental fund:

Permanent – This fund accounts for resources held to provide funds for schools and other youth organizations to engage in conservation projects that are both useful to the environment and educational to those involved.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Foundation gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants, entitlements, and similar items are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Foundation considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures generally are recorded when the liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Significant revenue sources, which are susceptible to accrual, include merchandise sales and investment income. Grant revenues are recognized on a cost-reimbursement basis.

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JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) readily convertible to cash with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and money market accounts, including the State Treasury.

G. Inventories

Inventories, consisting of general fund-raising merchandise items, are stated at cost and are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

H. Investments

The Foundation records its investments at fair value in accordance with ASC 820. The Foundation holds investments in marketable equity securities and debt securities.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which consist of land, buildings, site improvements and equipment, are reported at cost. Contributed assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received. Capital assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method.

The capitalization threshold for capital assets is \$5,000 and the estimated useful life is 3-40 years.

J. Construction in Progress

The Foundation maintains assets that are construction in progress. This includes costs incurred during the construction of assets. Those accumulated costs are held in the Construction in Progress category until such time as the project is determined to be “substantially complete” (i.e. ready for its intended use). At that time, the asset is moved to the proper asset category and depreciated based on conventions noted above. The only item in the Construction in Progress category at June 30, 2014 was the Pond Liner Installation Project. During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Pond Liner Installation Project met the requirement of being ready for intended use and, therefore, was transferred from the Construction in Progress category to the proper asset category. The only item in the Construction in Progress category at June 30, 2015 was the Shooting Range Berm.

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JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Contributions

Gifts of cash and other assets received are reported as unrestricted revenue and net position, unless subject to time or donor-stipulated program restrictions. When a donor-stipulated time restriction ends, restricted net position is reclassified to unrestricted net position and reported in the statements of activities as net position from restrictions.

Gifts of land, buildings, equipment, and other long-lived assets are also reported as unrestricted revenue and net position, unless subject to time restrictions. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the time long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions resulting in reclassification of temporarily restricted net position as unrestricted net position are reported when the long-lived assets are placed in service.

Noncash contributions are recorded at estimated fair value when received.

L. Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a governmental fund. The following types of fund balances may be presented in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund’s net position that is not available to be spent, either short term or long term, due to either its form or legal restrictions. The Foundation has a nonspendable fund balance in the Permanent Fund.

Restricted Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund’s net position that is subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The Foundation has a fund balance that is restricted for natural resources and recreation in the Special Revenue Fund, and a fund balance that is restricted for education in the Permanent Fund.

Committed Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund’s net position with self-imposed constraints or limitations that have been placed at the highest level of decision making. The Foundation has no committed fund balances.

Assigned Fund Balance – The portion of a governmental fund’s net position for which an intended use of resources has been denoted. The Foundation has no assigned fund balances.

Unassigned Fund Balance – Available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The Foundation has an unassigned fund balance in the Special Revenue Fund.

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JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

L. Governmental Fund Balances (Concluded)

Under the terms of certain agreements, the Foundation funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted funding resources available to finance the program. It is the Foundation's policy to first apply restricted funds to such programs, then unrestricted. For unrestricted funds, committed funds are used first, then assigned funds, then unassigned funds if any.

M. Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is displayed in three components as follows:

Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the Foundation's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources when they are needed.

Unrestricted net position – This consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets."

Investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

N. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. Compensated Absences

Full-time employees can earn from 10 to 24 days for vacation, sick leave, or other personal leave for a full year of service, and the unused portion accumulates to a maximum leave time carryover of 24 months. Accumulated vacation days are paid upon termination, and, therefore, a liability has been accrued based on the employees' current salary level and includes salary-related costs (e.g., Social Security and Medicare tax).

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED)

P. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

GASB Statement No. 65 reclassified as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. Decreases in net assets that relate to future periods are reported as deferred outflows of resources. Increases in net assets that relate to future periods are reported as deferred inflows of resources. When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available, the Foundation reports a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available. *Available* means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Revenues are not available if they are received more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. The Foundation had no deferred inflows or outflows of resources in the current year.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

Cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and money market accounts at June 30, 2015.

The Foundation's cash and cash equivalents had a bank balance of \$368,723 and a carrying balance of \$394,743 at June 30, 2015. Of the total bank balances, \$245,971 was secured by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation coverage and \$122,752 was invested in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements for securities.

B. Investments

The Foundation's Investment Policy's mission is to support the Foundation's endowment; which, in turn, supports the Foundation and its Torstenton Family Youth Conservation Education Center by providing a reliable source of funds for current and future use. The purchasing power of the endowment's assets must be maintained in perpetuity and the endowment must achieve investment returns sufficient to sustain the level of spending necessary to support ongoing Foundation operations. The primary investment objective of the Foundation is to earn an average annual real total return of at least 5% per year over the long term, net of cost. The portfolios are to be constructed across different U.S. asset classes (stocks, bonds and cash). The primary objective of the Foundation's asset allocation policy is to provide a strategic mix of asset classes which produces the highest expected investment return within a prudent risk framework. Investments in debt securities and equity securities with readily determinable fair values are carried at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets (all Level 1 measurements). The Foundation's investments are managed by hired investment consultants and the Foundation has placed oversight responsibility for the endowment fund with its financial committee.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Investments (Continued)

Investment Summary Schedule

As of June 30, 2015 the Foundation had the following investments and maturities.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than 1 Year	1 - 5 Years	6 - 10 Years	More than 10 Years
Corporate Debt Securities	\$ 595,857	\$ 30,716	\$ 333,587	\$ 231,554	\$ -
Certificates of Deposit	329,546				
Corporate Equity Securities	1,447,313				
Mutual Funds	215,064				
Commodities	31,650				
Other Assets	10,593				
Total Investments	<u>\$2,630,023</u>				

Interest Rate Risk

The Foundation's formal investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing the exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Interest rate risk can be managed using weighted average maturity (WAM). Weighted average maturity is calculated taking into consideration call dates, prepayment assumptions and other features that affect the actual maturity dates of the securities in the consolidated portfolios. On June 30, 2015, the Foundation's WAM was as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
Corporate Debt Securities	\$ 595,857	3.90
Certificates of Deposit	329,546	3.40
Corporate Equity Securities	1,447,313	0.00
Mutual Funds	215,064	0.00
Commodities	31,650	0.00
Other Assets	10,593	0.00
	<u>\$ 2,630,023</u>	<u>3.72</u>

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONCLUDED)

B. Investments (Concluded)

Concentration of Credit Risk and Credit Risk for Investments

The Foundation does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment choices. The Foundation investment policy sets forth no single issue shall constitute more than 5% of the total portfolio, with the exception of government obligations. The following table presents the quality ratings of debt securities held by the Foundation as of June 30, 2015.

Investment Type	Moody's Quality Rating	Fair Value
Corporate Obligations	A-	\$ 157,262
	AA	127,128
	AA+	131,827
	A	80,279
	BBB	25,006
	BBB-	74,355
Total Debt Securites		\$ 595,857

NOTE 3: RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

Gifts and donations made to the Foundation that are subject to expenditure for a particular named project are considered to be restricted donations. That portion of the fund balance that is the result of restricted donations is reported as restricted for Natural Resources and Recreation or Educational purposes.

On October 28, 1996, a private donation of 3,500 (5,504 shares adjusted for a 3 for 2 stock split in December 2002 and reinvesting a special capital gain in Fiscal Year 2003) shares of Adams Express Stock was made to the Foundation for the purpose of establishing a permanent endowment. The value of the stock as of the date of the donation was \$70,219. A donation was made in November 2010 to purchase an additional 4,496 shares, to bring the total holdings of Adams Express Stock to 10,000 shares. Earnings, in the form of dividends, from these securities are to be used to provide funds for schools and other youth organizations to engage in conservation projects which are both useful in the environment and educational to those involved. That portion of the fund balance that is the result of the endowment donation is reported as Endowment – Nonexpendable. That portion of the fund balance that is the result of unspent earnings from endowment investments is restricted for education.

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NOTE 4: INCOME TAXES

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Revenue Code. As such, donations made to the Foundation are deductible by the donor.

NOTE 5: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Assistant to the Executive Director was paid by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Department). The Department also provides office space, equipment, and some administrative expenses for the Foundation, which are immaterial and are not reported in the financial statements.

The amount of financial assistance from the Department being included in the Foundation's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015 is as follows:

Salaries	\$ 80,278
Benefits	<u>60,557</u>
Total	<u>\$ 140,835</u>

The total of \$140,835 is included in the Statement of Activities as a General Administrative revenue and expense; it is included on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds as on-behalf revenue and expense.

NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS

The Foundation has agreed to become the federal assistance cooperator in an ongoing urban and community forestry program in the Chicago metropolitan region. The project, known as the "Chicago Wilderness Project Coalition," is designed to educate the public and to preserve, restore and care for the biodiversity of this unique region. Implementation of this project is being accomplished through the use of project partners who are first approved by the Chicago Wilderness Steering Committee. Partners are area organizations, such as the Nature Conservancy and the Field Museum, who are best equipped to carry out this project. Grants and contracts are awarded by the Foundation to approved partners to accomplish specific parts of the project's overall goals.

Over the past 13 years, the Foundation has been awarded 10 grants from the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and 12 grants from the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior to partially fund this project. The amounts awarded on these grants total \$7,372,424. The Foundation was not awarded any federal grants during the year ended June 30, 2015. Over the past 13 years, the Foundation has received \$7,063,344 for the Chicago Wilderness partners. The Foundation has negotiated a 5%-10% indirect costs rate agreement with the federal funding agencies to cover administrative and other costs of the project. Six of the grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and 10 of the grants from the Department of the Interior have been closed.

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NOTE 7: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2015, the Foundation had accounts receivable of \$65,820. This amount consists of miscellaneous receipts. The Foundation considers all the accounts receivable to be fully collectible.

NOTE 8: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Reclassification	Balance June 30, 2015
Governmental Activities					
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 2,968,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,968,000
Construction-in-progress	33,675	103,227	-	(67,350)	69,552
Total capital assets not being depreciated	3,001,675	103,227	-	(67,350)	3,037,552
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	1,685,075	-	-	-	1,685,075
Site improvements	-	10,101	-	67,350	77,451
Equipment	136,092	9,250	68,066	-	77,276
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,821,167	19,351	68,066	67,350	1,839,802
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Buildings	(184,562)	(52,919)	-	-	(237,481)
Site improvements	-	(1,326)	-	-	(1,326)
Equipment	(87,848)	(24,293)	(68,066)	-	(44,075)
Total accumulated depreciation	(272,410)	(78,538)	(68,066)	-	(282,882)
Governmental Activities - Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 4,550,432</u>	<u>\$ 44,040</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,594,472</u>

Capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2015 of \$78,538 was charged to the governmental activities on the government-wide Statement of Activities.

Certain land, buildings, and equipment with a carrying value of \$4,137,549 were acquired through a donation from an unaffiliated foundation. The donation of the Torstenson Farm property carried stipulations that the Foundation could not sell land, but was able to sell buildings and equipment components as needed. The Foundation uses the property to coordinate and provide youth conservation education activities.

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NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Foundation had workers compensation, liability, automobile, and umbrella insurance coverage for the fiscal year, and there were no claims for the past three years.

NOTE 10: DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

The State of Illinois adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), effective June 30, 2009. UPMIFA added certain prudent spending measures to the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Board of Directors of the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: the duration and preservation of the fund, the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund, general economic conditions, the possible effect of inflation and deflation, the expended total return from income and the appreciation of investments, other resources of the Foundation, and the investment policies of the Foundation.

Under the terms of the endowment, and consistent with State statutes, the Foundation is authorized based on an income-only policy to spend only the money earned on debt (interest) or received as dividends for activities which support the Foundation's mission and goals.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

SUMMARY

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in this section of the report includes the following:

Fiscal Schedules and Analysis:

- Comparative Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance (Cash Basis) - Locally-Held Funds
- Schedule of Changes in Property
- Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures
- Analysis of Significant Variations in Receipts
- Analysis of Significant Account Balances
- Analysis of Accounts Receivable

Analysis of Operations (Unaudited):

- Agency Functions and Planning Program (Unaudited)
- Average Number of Employees and Foundation Members (Unaudited)
- Comparative Schedule of Administrative Expenditures (Unaudited)
- Memorandums of Understanding (Unaudited)
- Service Efforts and Accomplishments (Unaudited)

The independent auditor's report that covers the State Compliance Schedules 1 through 6 presented in the Financial Statement Report Section states that it has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in the auditor's opinion, it is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole from which it has been derived. The independent auditor's report also states the Analysis of Operations Section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, the auditors do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Comparative Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balance (Cash Basis) -
Locally-Held Funds
For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	\$ 422,289	\$ 418,017
Receipts:		
Donations	828,874	710,120
Grants and receipts from other governments	-	50,957
Merchandise sales	60,029	29,249
Net investment income	<u>199,842</u>	<u>226,914</u>
Disbursements:		
General administrative	(298,101)	(187,933)
Programs	<u>(818,190)</u>	<u>(825,035)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u><u>\$ 394,743</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 422,289</u></u>

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Schedule of Changes in Property
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	<u>Building and Improvements</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Site Improvements</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Construction- in-Progress</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 1,685,075	\$ 136,092	\$ -	\$ 2,968,000	\$ 33,675	\$ 4,822,842
Additions	-	9,250	10,101	-	103,227	122,578
Retirements and disposals	-	(68,066)	-	-	-	(68,066)
Reclassifications	-	-	67,350	-	(67,350)	-
Balance at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 1,685,075</u>	<u>\$ 77,276</u>	<u>\$ 77,451</u>	<u>\$ 2,968,000</u>	<u>\$ 69,552</u>	<u>\$ 4,877,354</u>

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Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures
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Program	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	%
(1) Law Enforcement	\$ 7,077	\$ 45,805	\$ (38,728)	-84.5%
(2) Dynegy Midwest Generation Settlement	-	140,375	(140,375)	-100.0%
(3) Becoming an Outdoor Woman	42,624	33,180	9,444	28.5%
(4) Blackhawk Statue Restoration Project	95,530	40,136	55,394	138.0%
(5) NASP Youth	34,885	23,701	11,184	47.2%
(6) Sportsman Raffle	24,911	14,085	10,826	76.9%
(7) Torstenson Property Pond/Range	136,860	33,675	103,185	306.4%
(8) Torstenson Property Mobile Trailer	6,321	16,600	(10,279)	-61.9%
(9) General and Administrative Expenses	312,663	199,973	112,690	56.4%
(10) Federal Funds	-	43,609	(43,609)	-100.0%

- (1) Law Enforcement decreased \$38,728 or 84.5% in Fiscal Year 2015. The DNR Law Enforcement program purchased equipment and incurred more expenditures in Fiscal Year 2014 that were not incurred in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (2) Dynegy Midwest Generation Settlement decreased \$140,375 or 100.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease in program expenditures is due to no expenditures incurred for this project in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (3) Becoming an Outdoor Woman increased \$9,444 or 28.5% in Fiscal Year 2015. Expenditures to provide the program increased from Fiscal Year 2014 and there were more participants in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (4) Blackhawk Statue Restoration Project increased \$55,394 or 138.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. A majority of the work on the Blackhawk Statue was completed in Fiscal Year 2015 after beginning work late in the prior fiscal year.
- (5) NASP Youth increased \$11,184 or 47.2% in Fiscal Year 2015. Expenditures to provide the program increased from Fiscal Year 2014 and there were more participants in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (6) Sportsman Raffle increased \$10,826 or 76.9% in Fiscal Year 2015. In Fiscal Year 2015, more raffle tickets were sold, resulting in increased prize money awarded.

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Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures (Continued)
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- (7) Torstenson Property Pond/Range increased \$103,185 or 306.4% in Fiscal Year 2015. A majority of the work on the Torstenson Property Pond/Range project was completed in Fiscal Year 2015 after beginning work late in the prior fiscal year.
- (8) Torstenson Property Mobile Trailer decreased \$10,279 or 61.9% in Fiscal Year 2015. The Foundation only had to replenish supplies for the mobile trailer after purchasing it in Fiscal Year 2014 to use for Torstenson Property educational projects and services.
- (9) General and Administrative Expenses increased \$112,690 or 56.4% in Fiscal Year 2015. Payroll expenses increased in Fiscal Year 2015 due to the hiring of a new Executive Director at the end of Fiscal Year 2014.
- (10) Federal Funds decreased \$43,609 or 100.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. The Foundation received and expended no federal awards in Fiscal Year 2015.

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Analysis of Significant Variations in Receipts
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Program	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	%
(1) Grants and Receipts from Governments	\$ -	\$ 46,476	\$ (46,476)	-100.0%
(2) Donations - Restricted	547,691	701,115	(153,424)	-21.9%
(3) Investment Income - Unrestricted Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(13,901)	11,471	(25,372)	-221.2%
(4) Investment Income - Unrestricted Realized Gain (Loss)	(7,062)	282,994	(290,056)	-102.5%
(5) Investment Income - Restricted	80,060	12,500	67,560	540.5%
(6) Investment Income - Unrestricted	-	60,521	(60,521)	-100.0%
(7) Donations - Unrestricted	319,059	20,323	298,736	1,469.9%

- (1) Grants and Receipts from Governments decreased \$46,476 or 100.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to the Foundation receiving no federal awards in the current year.
- (2) Donations - Restricted decreased \$153,424 or 21.9% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to fewer funds received for the Blackhawk Restoration Project in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (3) Investment Income - Unrestricted Unrealized Gain (Loss) decreased \$25,372 or 221.2% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to fluctuations in timing of unrealized gains and losses.
- (4) Investment Income - Unrestricted Realized Gain (Loss) decreased \$290,056 or 102.5% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to fluctuations in timing of realized gains and losses.
- (5) Investment Income - Restricted increased \$67,560 or 540.5% in Fiscal Year 2015. This increase was the result of an overall improving financial market.
- (6) Investment Income - Unrestricted decreased \$60,521 or 100.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to no unrestricted investment income being earned on Foundation investments in Fiscal Year 2015.
- (7) Donations - Unrestricted increased \$298,736 or 1,469.9% in Fiscal Year 2015. The increase was due to fund-raising events in Fiscal Year 2015 being restored by the Foundation's new Executive Director.

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Analysis of Significant Account Balances
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Account	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)	%
(1) Accounts Receivable	65,820	27,944	37,876	135.5%
(2) Accounts Payable	44,277	65,090	(20,813)	-32.0%

(1) Accounts Receivable increased \$37,876 or 135.5% in Fiscal Year 2015. The increase was due to overdue fishing guide advertising revenue and increased Fiscal Year 2015 donations and contributions received after year end.

(2) Accounts Payable decreased \$20,813 or 32.0% in Fiscal Year 2015. The decrease was due to no outstanding obligation for audit fees at year end, as was the case for Fiscal Year 2014.

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Analysis of Accounts Receivable
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	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
(1) Accounts Receivable	\$ 65,820	\$ 27,944	\$ 37,876
<p>(1) Accounts Receivable consists of a) donations and contributions received for various projects and programs made in Fiscal Year 2015, but not received and deposited until July 2015; b) amounts due for program registration fees for Fiscal Year 2015 collected in July 2015; c) amounts due for Fiscal Year 2015 fishing guide advertising collected in July 2015; d) donations and contributions received for various projects and programs made in Fiscal Year 2015, but not received and deposited until July 2015; and e) amounts due for Fiscal Year 2015 fishing guide advertising collected in July 2015.</p>			
a) Under 60 days old-	\$ 43,965		
b) Under 60 days old-	3,675		
c) Under 60 days old-	8,000		
d) 60 days old to 120 days old-	180		
e) over 120 days old-	10,000		
	<u>\$ 65,820</u>		

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Agency Functions and Planning Program
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Agency Function

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) was authorized to be created by the Illinois Department of Conservation (a predecessor agency of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources) by Public Act 88-591 on August 20, 1994. The role of the Foundation is to provide additional funding for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' conservation programs that are either not receiving adequate State funding or cannot be implemented because State funding is not available (20 ILCS 880/10).

The Foundation's Board of Directors are appointed as follows:

- 1 appointment designated by Statute
- 2 by the President of the Illinois Senate
- 2 by the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate
- 2 by the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives
- 2 by the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives
- 4 by the Governor

The Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Planning Program

The Foundation has adopted a Mission Statement. Guidelines have been established as stated in the Illinois Conservation Foundation Act and the Foundation's Operating Procedures Manual.

MISSION STATEMENT

For a brief moment in time, the earth is ours – not to waste or own – but to share with creatures, great and small.

The role of the Illinois Conservation Foundation and its partners is to preserve and enhance our natural resources by supporting and fostering ecological, educational, and recreational programs for the benefit of all people now and for generations to come.

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GUIDELINES

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation incorporated on March 7, 1995 under the laws of the State of Illinois. Its purposes are charitable and educational.

The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. As delineated by the Illinois Conservation Foundation Act (20 ILCS 880), the specific purposes of the Foundation are:

- a) to promote, support, assist, sustain and encourage the charitable, educational, scientific, and recreational programs, projects, and policies of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources;
- b) to solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent with the stated intent of the donor and the goals of the Foundation;
- c) to accept grants for the acquisition, construction, improvement, and development of potential Foundation projects; and
- d) to solicit and generate private funding and donations that assist in enhancing and preserving Illinois' natural habitats, historic sites, river and stream corridors, state parks, forests and fish and wildlife areas.

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Average Number of Employees and Foundation Members
(Unaudited Disclosures by Agency Management)

The following table, prepared from Foundation records, presents the average number of Foundation employees and the average number of Foundation Members, for the fiscal year ended June 30,

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Foundation Members</u>
2013	3	12
2014	3	12
2015	3	12

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Comparative Schedule of Administrative Expenditures
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	2015	2014	Increase (Decrease)
Accounting	\$ 48,039	\$ 36,616	\$ 11,423
Director's Salary	112,000	9,787	102,213
General Administrative	152,624	153,570	(946)
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ 312,663	\$ 199,973	\$ 112,690
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$ 1,271,688	 \$ 1,155,493	
 % of Administrative Expenditures to Total Expenditures	 24.59%	 17.31%	

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Memorandums of Understanding
(Unaudited Disclosures by Agency Management)

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (Foundation) enters into memorandums of understanding (MOU) on an ongoing basis. The MOU is utilized if the Foundation is involved in a project with other states, State agencies, or local governments. The memorandum assigns responsibilities in the early planning stages of a project and as the project develops, the Foundation would execute one or more agreements with specific costs based on the MOU. Details of significant agreements during the examination are provided below:

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Foundation entered into an MOU with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assist the Foundation with administration of the 2014 Illinois Sportsman's Raffle.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Foundation entered into an MOU with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to present the Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as two separate and distinct entities. The MOU outlines assistance provided to the Foundation in the form of space assistance, office supplies and office equipment support, staffing commitments, quarterly reporting assistance, and vehicle use.

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Service Efforts and Accomplishments
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- The Foundation administers the Becoming an Outdoor Woman Program. The program educates women about our natural resources, including camping and cooking in the outdoors.
- The Foundation coordinated the fundraising for various youth programs, scholarships, and special events.
- The Foundation issued 96 Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip grants totaling \$87,395.