

# PRN 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to share with you the 2018 Annual Report for Prairie Rivers Network. This past year was marked by many accomplishments, membership growth, and continued financial stability. This snapshot of the organization includes updates on our program work and organizational and financial health metrics. Looking forward, we remain well-positioned in our efforts to protect clean water, healthy rivers, and wildlife throughout Illinois!

2018 has given us an opportunity to reflect on our growth and plan for the future. Prairie Rivers Network staff and board initiated strategic planning and crafted a new mission statement to reflect the essence of who we are as an organization and convey what we hope to achieve:

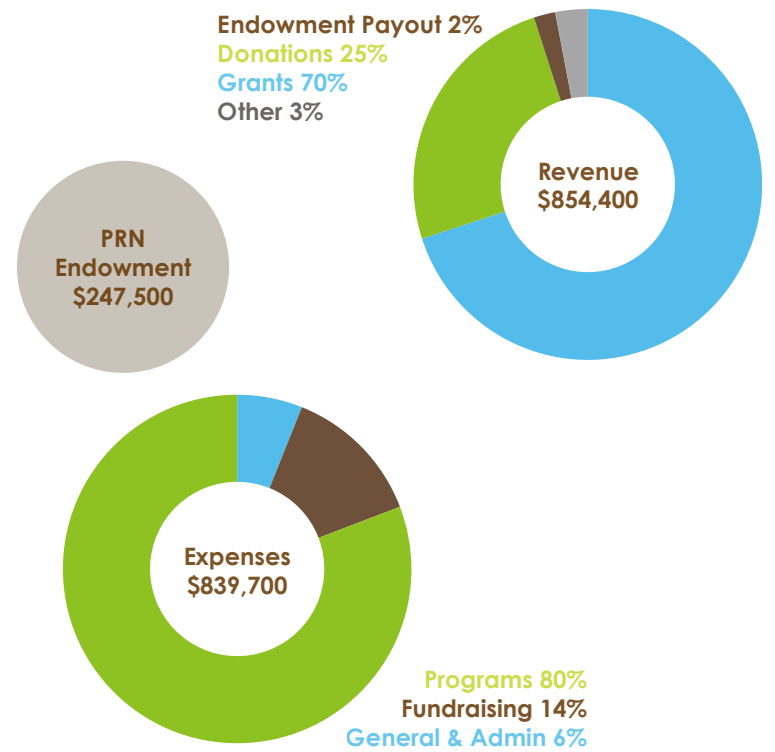
At Prairie Rivers Network, we protect water, heal land, and inspire change. Using the creative power of science, law, and collective action, we protect and restore our rivers, return healthy soils and diverse wildlife to our lands, and transform how we care for the earth and for each other.

This ambitious work is not without challenges--we advance our mission in the face of climate change, habitat loss, water quality degradation, and difficult political environments. Yet, we remain undeterred; these challenges provide only more reason to double down in our efforts to protect water, heal land, and inspire change. With our ever-growing network of members, supporters, and funders, our strength and ability to make an impact throughout Illinois will continue to shine in 2019, and beyond!



Elliot Brinkman  
Interim Executive Director

## 2018 Financial Snapshot



This financial snapshot shows our 2018 operating revenue and expenses plus the current value of our endowment at the end of 2018. Our financial statements are audited each year by an independent certified accountant and are available along with our Federal 990 at [prairierivers.org](http://prairierivers.org).

## Protect Water

## Heal Land

## Inspire Change

### NEW MISSION

PRN's new mission, to protect water, heal land, and inspire change, is made all the more important by your membership. Thank you for being a part of Prairie Rivers Network!



### YOUR SUPPORT HEALS LAND

In 2018, we received calls from furious landowners who were horrified when their beloved trees and gardens began suffering from cupped and curling leaves, the results of suspected herbicide damage. But your support helped get the word out about the dangers from herbicides and the rights for home gardeners. Thank you for protecting our land.



### YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS WATER

Illinois has an ignored crisis: nitrates in our water. Your membership in PRN helped raise awareness of the dangers of nitrates to water resources with the release of a paper titled *Illinois' Ignored Water Crisis*. Your support led to Illinois reinvesting in its agricultural conservation programs. You made Illinois' water safer!



### YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE CHANGE

The people of downstate Illinois raised their voice for climate action in 2018. Across the state, groups mobilized on September 8th as part of the People's Climate Movement, and PRN was there every step of the way, in community halls, on marches, and at rallies. Collectively, you spoke up, expanded our network, and sparked a movement.

**WILDLIFE CAN'T WAIT:** Thank you for protecting our water, rivers, and wildlife.





**New Year, New Mission**  
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Your support in 2018 made a difference! You wrote letters and made calls. You marched for climate. You fought for the Middle Fork. You put the network in PRN, and we cannot thank you enough for all of your continued support!



**Protect**

**Water**



**Heal**

**Land**



**Inspire**

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