



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Each year presents an opportunity to reflect on our successes and challenges while contemplating and preparing for what the future holds. In that spirit, I am happy to share with you the 2019 Annual Report for Prairie Rivers Network. We got a *lot* done last year—we continued to expand programs while maintaining financial strength and stability. This report provides insight into some of our accomplishments and overall organizational health.

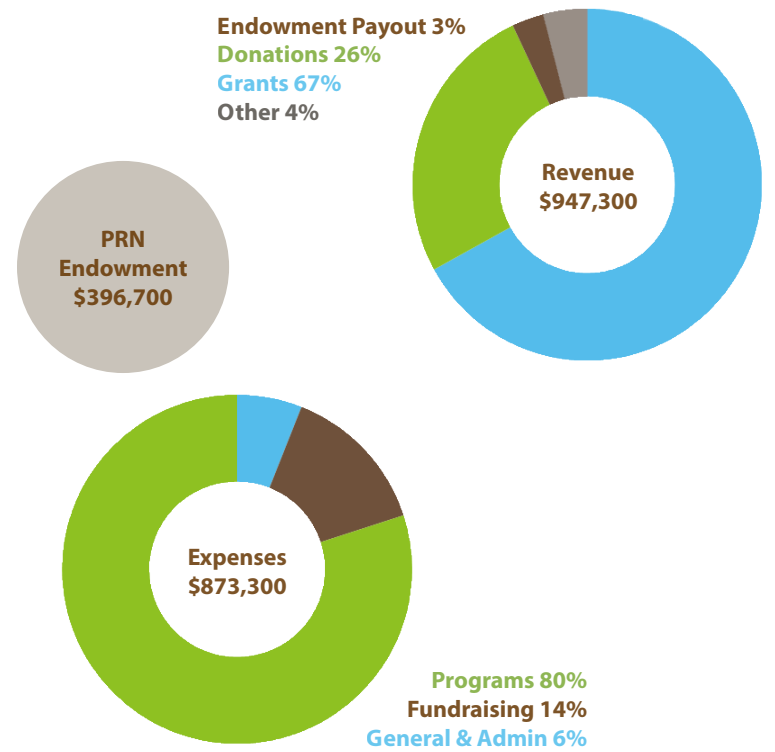
This past year, our talented and dedicated staff worked hard, and our impact came in the form of many successes. We passed landmark legislation to protect our waters from toxic coal ash. We maintained flood protections for vulnerable communities along our big rivers. And we supported farmers who are taking bold steps to restore water quality and soil health. And that's only part of what we accomplished!

In 2020, we look forward to building on these successes. We will work hard to usher in a clean energy future for Illinois, protect water quality, restore wildlife habitat, and promote farming systems that restore ecological health to our lands. We are poised to act on the many opportunities this year holds.

In order to do this important work, we depend on the support provided by you, our members, supporters, and funders. Because of your stewardship, Prairie Rivers Network remains financially healthy and well-positioned to grow, strengthen, and sustain our programs. Together, we'll ensure that Prairie Rivers Network remains healthy and impactful for years to come.

Elliot Brinkman  
Executive Director

## 2019 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



This financial snapshot shows our 2019 operating revenue and expenses plus the current value of our endowment at the end of 2019. 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).

## SNAPSHOT OF SUCCESSES

2019 posed significant challenges to our environment. This annual report is just a snapshot of the successes we accomplished thanks to you being part of Prairie Rivers Network!



### YOUR SUPPORT HEALS LAND

PRN has worked to heal land by promoting and protecting pollinators. Last spring, we worked with farmers and landowners to install plantings of native flowering plants on farms. The seeds gathered from these plantings will be cleaned, dried, and distributed to other farms that want to protect and increase biodiversity. We would not be able to do this important work without your generous support!



### YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS WATER

In 2019, we had major victories in our fight to protect water in Illinois. After years of work, advocacy, and grassroots organizing, the Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act (Senate Bill 9) became law. The new law creates a regulatory framework to ensure polluters, not taxpayers, pay for their legacy of waste. Your membership made this and other victories possible. Thank you!



### YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE CHANGE

In May, PRN helped turn out more than 500 people to the Clean Energy Lobby Day in Springfield. And in September and December, PRN was there for the Global Climate Strike and to call on Governor Pritzker to support the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Achieving change isn't easy, but with our growing network of over 1,200+ members like you, inspiring change to protect the rivers, waters, wildlife, and people of Illinois is a reality!

Protect Water

Heal Land

Inspire Change



## Thank you to our generous donors!

Your support in 2019 made a difference! You put the network in PRN, and we cannot sing your praises enough for all of your continued support!



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## You Made This Possible!

From striking on climate to caring about our smallest creatures, you marched, you spoke out, and you donated. You had a major impact on the successes of 2019!



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