

SUSTAINABLE IOWA LAND TRUST

SILT

PROTECTING LAND TO GROW HEALTHY FOOD



MILESTONES

FIRST CONSERVATION EASEMENT – donated by John Wittrig and Family, Winfield

FIRST MUSIC VIDEO – *Common Ground* with the Awful Purdies, produced by Ron Reynolds

FIRST VIDEO INTERVIEW – by Action Aid, with George and Patti Naylor, Denise O'Brien and others.

FIRST BOOK CHAPTER – in *Women and the Land*, SILT founder Suzan Erem profiled alongside Liz Garst, Chris Henning, Sarah Willis and many other leaders.



2017 BY THE NUMBERS

4 showcases educating 86 landowners about land protection

6 House Parties drawing 77 people

16 conferences with exhibits/sponsorships

17 speaking engagements (including 2 national conferences)

300 new acres protected

950 (average) readers of the SILT Monthly Update

1,354 new friends and connections

83,000 Iowans fed (at full food-production capacity)



HIGHLIGHTS

- SILT Hosts bestselling author Raj Patel's film crew documenting Malawian women discussing the effects of climate change on their lives. Tour included Tyler Franzenburg's and Denise O'Brien's farms and a gourmet-style farm supper served up by Ed and Tricia Jackson's family.
- SILT introduces ourselves to the Farm Bureau and the Iowa Soybean Association and discusses partnerships.
- SILT hosts a panel of agri-community experts at the Sustainable Communities Conference, Dubuque.
- PLUS: SILT joins the USDA's State Technical Committee, serves on the Healing Living Systems national board, speaks at numerous landowner gatherings, marches in parades, participates in the Johnson County Long Term Plan committee and meets with scores of landowners interested in protecting their land.

2017 INCOME

- \$13,000 Other
- \$108,000 Individual donations
- \$879,000 Luzum Farm (net)



2017 EXPENSES

- \$23,000 Fundraising
- \$42,000 Program
- \$99,000 Management and General



ASSETS

- **Current Assets** (cash)
- **Fixed Assets** (Land/Buildings)
- **Total Assets**



SAVE THESE 2018 DATES!

- June 8** Phoenix Farm Showcase, Iowa City
- June 21** SILT House Party, Fairfield
- Sept. 14** Honey Creek Creamery Showcase, Honey Creek
- Sept. 21** SILT Annual Celebration, Windsor Heights

Check in on the SILT Event Calendar at silt.org for details.

THANK YOU 2017 SILT VOLUNTEERS!

- Samuel Anthony
- Steve Beaumont
- Carmen Black
- Jennie Creighton
- Cornelia Flora
- Tyler Franzenburg
- Rachel Garst
- Jeff Hall
- Dawn Harbor
- Ed, Tricia, Abigale, Lydia and Eli Jackson
- Craig Klocke
- Ellie and Esra Knoploh-Odole
- Marge and Eugene Knoploh
- Laura Krouse
- Jake Kundert
- Lucie Laurian
- Ron Reynolds
- Thia Rolfes
- Marcy Rosenbaum
- Alice Runde
- Gitam and Jimmy Ryan
- Breanne Seidel
- Shanti Sellz
- Larry Stone
- Tom Wahl
- Emilie Walsh

2017 SILT PARTNERS*

- Abbe Hills Farm
- American Farmland Trust
- Bur Oak Land Trust
- Cienega Investments
- Clif Bar Family Foundation
- Decorah Bank and Trust
- Donald C. Brace Foundation
- Grinnell College
- Hickory Hills Land and Livestock
- Hitchcock Nature Center
- Iowa Alliance for Responsible Agriculture
- Iowa Appraisal Corp.
- Iowa City Bird Club
- Iowa Environmental Council
- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
- Iowa Organic Association
- Iowa Watershed Management Authorities
- Jensen and Jennings Appraisal Co.
- Johnson County Local Food Systems
- Jupiter Ridge Mushrooms and Veg
- Kane County IL Planning Dept.
- Land for Good
- Land Stewardship Project
- Land Trust Alliance
- Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)
- National Young Farmers Coalition
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Oneota Food Co-op
- Practical Farmers of Iowa
- Prairie Crossing
- Quad City Pollinators
- Red Fern Farm
- Rolling Acres Farm
- Slow Money
- Sundog & Local Harvest CSA
- Sustainable Living Coalition
- University of Iowa Urban and Regional Planning Dept.
- Women Food and Agriculture Network

*Organizations and allies that have helped SILT grow through networks, expertise, funding or joint events.

We do our best to keep track and recognize our friends. If you spot an omission, please let us know!