



# THE LONGSPUR PRAIRIE FUND

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### Conservation Update from Stearns County Partners

LPF is pleased to announce that our long-standing partnership with the **MN DNR**, **MN BWSR**, and the **Minnesota Land Trust**, in connection with an expanding conservation complex in Stearns County, continues to blossom.

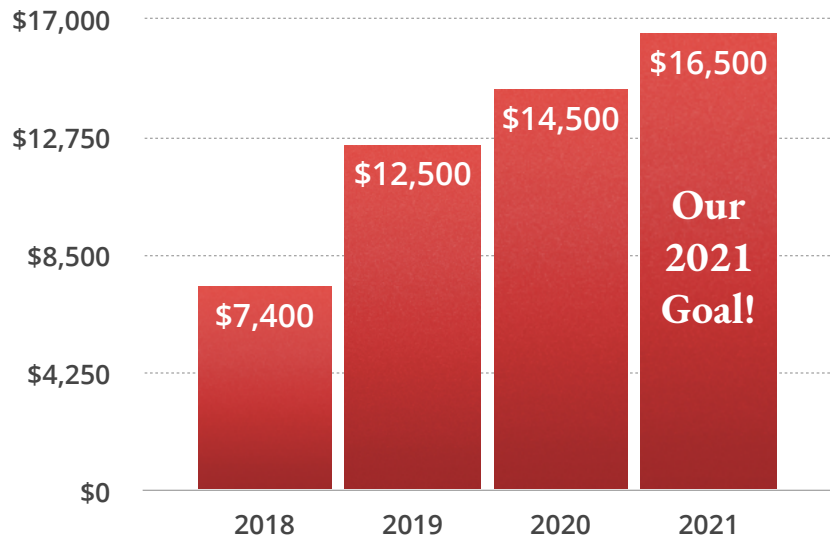
In December, another **70+ acres** were provisionally accepted into this complex by MLT, bringing the total protected area on the site to over 250 acres of habitat — protected for all time.

**Want to hear more about our pro-farmer, pro-business restoration work?**

Reach out to Peter at [schultz@longspurprairie.org](mailto:schultz@longspurprairie.org)



Photo: P. Schultz



### Save the Date for Giving Hearts Day

Join us for the Red River Valley's most generous day of the year on February 11th: **Giving Hearts Day**.

Giving Hearts Day began in 2008 as a simple, but unique fundraising concept from **Dakota Medical Foundation**: Around Valentine's Day, ask people to show affection to not only people they love but charities, too. In the decade-plus since, the event has gone on to become one of the longest-running and most successful giving days in the country, providing a platform for North Dakota and northwest Minnesota charities to raise nearly **\$90 million**.

This exceptionally special day has empowered LPF to fulfill its mission of advocacy, education, and conversation since 2016 with growing support from champions like you every year. *(cont. on page 2)*



## Get Involved & Stay Tuned!

### Longspur is on Facebook!

Can't wait for the next quarterly newsletter? Stay tuned to all the latest and greatest from Longspur on Facebook!

Follow us at: [facebook.com/longspurprairie](https://facebook.com/longspurprairie)

### Adopt-An-Acre

Together, we're building a network of restored prairies and wetlands in the Red River Valley. LPF offers five levels of annual prairie and wetland sponsorship. All proceeds directly support Longspur's programming and land acquisition initiatives.

Find out more at:  
[longspurprairie.org/adopt-an-acre](https://longspurprairie.org/adopt-an-acre)

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(cont. from page 1) With your steadfast faith in our mission, Longspur has educated our young people about pollinator ecologies at our Annual Bee Hunt, embarked on the conservation of hundreds of acres of marginal farmland, sponsored dozens of community projects and conferences that range from recreation to sustainable agriculture to elementary pollinator gardens, and spread conservation awareness with our regional news archive and social platforms. None of this could happen without the love and generosity you share with us during our **one-and-only fundraising day of the year**.

Our friends over at the Giving Hearts Day team have now made it easier than ever to support your favorite regional charities with a scheduled gift. If you are interested in making a gift to Longspur or another mission near and dear to your heart and have it support their Giving Hearts Day goal on the 11th, simply follow these steps:

1. Head over to [www.givingheartsday.org](https://www.givingheartsday.org)
2. Click "Donate" in the upper right.
3. Search for your favorite charity and select their page.
4. Add a donation to your cart and make sure the box to "Pay on Giving Hearts Day" is selected.
5. That's it!

We can't wait to share this festive day with you! Have questions about how to support? Email Cady at [rutter@longspurprairie.org](mailto:rutter@longspurprairie.org).



**Our Mission:** The Longspur Prairie Fund is dedicated to fostering the experiences, insights, and pleasures found in the native landscapes of the Red River Valley by way of advocacy, education, and conservation. We respect farmers, hunters, business owners, their properties, and their communities. We protect native plants, animals, habitats, and their ecologies. We teach the wisdom of the prairie through the arts and sciences. We restore native landscapes and preserve them for all time.