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INCOME \$454,597



EXPENSE \$427,161



24 conservation easements 5,700 3 conservation easements

acres pending

RTK Conservation Easement efforts to date

pending

What you don't know...

We have all read them. The financial report with numbers, percentages, expenses, balances, etc. The RTK annual report is not unlike many others that pass you by. But, it tells so much more.

Here is what you don't know about the left half of the income circle (dark green color).

• In 2022, grant revenue delivered by two NRCS grants was 100% awarded to voluntary landowners to facilitate their conservation vision.

• These grants awarded were for Grasslands of Special Significance or GSS. These grants are not easily awarded and are the result of excellent landowner stewardship.

• Each easement was approximately 300 acres. Many, if not most, land trusts will not engage in projects limited to 300 acres. Program expenses usually dictate conservation at a larger scale.

• The landowner did not pay the required grant match or fees which were up to \$56,000. These expenses were paid by the EDP Renewable Conservation Program grant. Likewise, 100% of the award was delivered on behalf or to the landowner.

Nonprofit grants that are delivered to stakeholders are often erroneously interpreted as income or profit for the entity. In reality, the entity facilitated the vision of voluntary landowners with a very small operating budget.

Thank you, to the many donors who make the RTK operating budget and mission possible.

Jynn Gentine, Executive Director