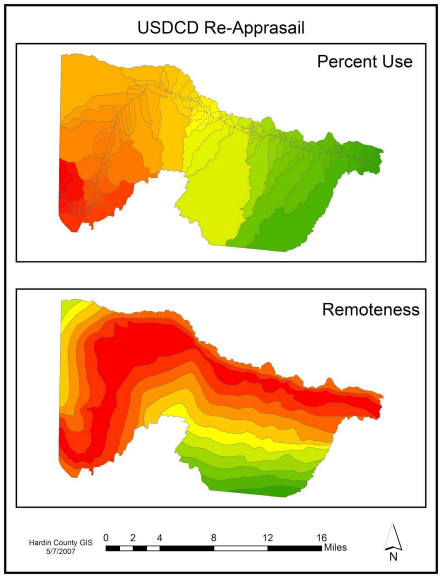
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2016 Annual Report

Other than what you'll read in the Annual Engineer's Report, there were few notable events that occurred this year.

As mentioned in last year's hearing, the District began the reassessment process. In summary, the assessment necessary to collect on the main river is $71,000. The minimum charge for each parcel is $2. With around 12,000 parcels, it immediately takes care of ~$24,000. The remaining burden of ~$47,000 is divided up across the watershed percentage-wise and added to the $2 minimum charge. To determine its share of the remaining burden, the measure of each parcel in the watershed is segmented along predetermined lines of remoteness to the river, and sub-basins with determined river entry points (giving us the percent of river use). The factors of these two values are then multiplied against the segment acreage and the average per acre value of the property (based on the Auditor's property values) and compared to the value of the whole watershed likewise calculated.



Using the geographic data determined in the previous assessment, with SQL-based GIS new assessment determinations can now be calculated in less than 30 seconds. It used to be this process took six months and four additional staff to determine.

The new assessments was planned to be put into place this year, however it was advised by the county Auditor's office to wait a year as new CAUV values would be determined by then.

The Cottonwood is similarly determined, however reviewing the last five years of expenses reveals that the average year requires only $5,600 and has never reached $12,000 in a single year. Currently, there is about $50,000 in available funds. A new assessment for Cottonwood will also be determined but remain uncollected until needed.

As part of the courthouse attic cleanup, some of the Conservancy's earliest records were recovered. Most of it was old bookkeeping and property owner records including records on the first few rounds of assessments; all the minutes have always been stored in the office safe.

Another notable finding occurred this past year. A real estate agent was running the history on a Wayne Street property in Kenton and found the survey terminated the property line at almost halfway to the river. The parcel records used by the county indicated the parcel boundaries of this stretch of properties went all the way to the river. Ryan Taylor of the Engineer's Tax Map office brought it to our attention. We pulled up a few more deeds and surveys and found a number of them doing this citing other deeds. After reviewing the situation with Ryan, Gary went to work researching. Anticipating hours of work, he casually pulled out the first map book and flipped it open right to the page Ryan needed to reference. The parcel records have been corrected to reflect the split and reassigned ownership to the Conservancy as they ought to have been.

This year, the state auditor will be reviewing the financial records, but we anticipate the findings will prove mundane and unexciting.

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Gary Oates – President

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Janice Shepherd – Vice President

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Nathan Saylor – Secretary / Treasurer Jan Layman – Member