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**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

**2016 CCFPD Revenues by Category**

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Major capital improvements included:

- $1,820,106 – for Kickapoo Rail Trail Development
- $183,614 – to acquire capital equipment
- $41,700 – Homer Lake Sailboat Boardwalk
- $27,067 – sealcoating Lake of the Woods Roads

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**2016 CCFPD Expenses by Category**

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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District balanced expansion with the need to maintain our valued areas and facilities in 2016. We were proud to announce the start of the first construction phase of the much anticipated Kickapoo Rail Trail, adding the sixth preserve for residents and visitors of Champaign County to enjoy. What may not have been as noticeable were the efforts put towards maintaining our natural areas and facilities. Our Natural Resources team and volunteers worked to protect the limited natural area available in Champaign County, while our Operations and Construction teams worked to protect and upgrade our facilities for better accessibility and better sustainability.

We are thankful for the incredible financial support that you gave to our Forest Preserve Friends Foundation during the year. So much of what we highlight in this report was made possible with your contributions. Often, your dollars are matched by other donors and grants which doubles or triples your impact. The Preserves are in very responsible hands. Our boards, volunteers, staff, partners, and supporters work tirelessly to conserve our natural areas and provide opportunities to explore, learn, and lead healthy lives. We are guided by thoughtful strategic planning, financial responsibility, and skilled employees. We hope to see you in the Preserves.

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