



Friends of the
Lakeshore Nature Preserve

Report for the Preserve Committee meeting Nov 21, 2013

At our October and November meetings the Friends Board approved a revised Mission and Goals Statement for the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve as shown.

Mission

Inspire people to connect to and care for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.

Goals

The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve support this exemplary urban natural area to preserve it for the community and generations to come – through Land Stewardship, Advocacy, Financial Support, Education and Outreach, and by collaborating with, supporting, and advising the University's Preserve Management Staff and Preserve Governance Committee.

1. Land Stewardship

- Protect the natural and cultural resources of the Preserve by participating in invasive species control, prescribed burning, increased water infiltration, flood reduction, and erosion control.
- Promote plant and animal diversity by preserving, restoring, or establishing appropriate biological communities.
- Encourage a sustainable balance between demands of human activity and natural resource protection.
- Monitor and document the Preserve's vegetation, animals, and human uses.
- Care for unique places and visual aesthetics.

2. Advocacy and Financial Support

- Protect the integrity of the Preserve through advocacy and building strong community support.
- Mobilize volunteers to lead or participate in fieldwork, organizational tasks, project development, education, and promotional activities.
- Raise funds to support the Friends and Preserve activities.

3. Education and Outreach

- Plan and facilitate learning, teaching, and research activities and field trips, in partnership with university and community groups.
- Publish Preserve news and ecological information in print and online.
- Promote the Lakeshore Nature Preserve to the university community, the surrounding urban community, and to visitors from the state and the world.