

**Lakeshore Nature Preserve
Stakeholder Meeting #1 Notes**

Tuesday September 29, 2015
Room 132 WARF, 5-6:30 PM

Present:

Kris Ackerbauer, Patricia Becker, Gary Brown, Glenda Denniston, Bill Elvey, Tricia Fry, Kennedy Gilchrist, Adam Gundlach, Roma Lenehan, Bryn Scriver, Phil Townsend, Laura Wyatt

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Planning and Budget timeline:
 - The Lakeshore Nature Preserve fiscal year starts annually on March 1 to coincide with the growing season.
 - Proposals for capital projects and support for the Preserve are due by Nov 1. The project proposals will be reviewed by the Planning and Implementation subcommittee of the Preserve Committee and brought to the entire committee for approval at the December Committee meeting.
 - A draft budget and work plan will be presented to the Preserve Committee at the December meeting.
 - The draft budget and work plan will be presented to the public at the 2nd stakeholder meeting to be held in early February.
 - The final draft budget and work plan will be presented to the Preserve Committee for action at the February Committee meeting.
3. Preserve staff presented the [2015 Work Plan 6-month Status Report](#)

Comments:

Kennedy Gilchrist wanted to know the status of prescribed burn policy in the Preserve. Adam Gundlach reported that Preserve staff will meet with UW Arboretum, Madison Fire Department, and Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources staff to discuss prescribed burning on campus and DNR fire ratings.

Patricia Becker asked about the long range Class of 1918 Marsh planning. Gary Brown said any planning for the marsh will be part of a larger Strategic Plan and Preserve Master Plan which is tentatively scheduled to start in 2018. Staff are currently working with Blair Matthews on a proposed future healing trail around the marsh.

Glenda Denniston asked about the status for the 2nd tree island in Eagle Heights Gardens. There is some disagreement as to whether the area should be for people or wildlife. Laura Wyatt said we will call a meeting between interested stakeholders to provide some direction on how to maintain this area.

Tricia Fry asked if there was a plan for ash trees in the Preserve in response to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Gary Brown noted that there is a campus-wide EAB response plan that includes the Preserve. The plan does not call for treating any of the ash trees in the Preserve. Trees will be left to eventually fall in place. Trees which could become hazards along trails will be removed.

Gary Brown reported we have enough money in the current endowment to cover up to 3 years of Preserve operations at the current spending rate. He said we need at least a \$2 million endowment to continue operations into the future. If we want to look at increased our staff to do more coordination with academic and research units on campus, then we need to increase the endowment to cover that cost as well.