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### LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

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#### Thanks to our Volunteers!

By Bryn Scriver

We'd like to give special recognition and say "thank you" to the more than 750 people that volunteered for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve in 2014. These volunteers contributed 3,115 hours to the care of the Preserve by planting native plants, raking mounds and fire breaks, pulling and cutting invasive plants, collecting seeds for planting, and monitoring vegetation. We are grateful for their contributions and commitment to the Preserve. A special thank you to the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve who support the Preserve through land care, outreach, fundraising and advocacy!

You can find the names of our volunteers in this newsletter. If you volunteered in 2014 and your name was left off the list or was misspelled, please accept my apology and contact me at <a href="mailto:bscriver@fpm.wisc.edu">bscriver@fpm.wisc.edu</a> to alert me to my error.



This family got their hands (or gloves) dirty planting native plants near the Heritage Oak. Photo by Glenda Denniston.

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# Are You Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

- Mature, fun, exercise, new friends...
- Tools, gloves, and training provided
- Dress to work outdoors
- Volunteers 17 or younger and groups OK with advance notice
- Canceled in case of rain/snow

#### **Spring Semester Schedule:**

March 21, Saturday, 9AM-Noon

April 11, Saturday, 9AM-Noon

April 19, Sunday, 9AM-Noon

May 2, Saturday, 9AM-Noon

May 9, Saturday, 9AM-Noon

[All volunteer opportunities listed meet at Picnic Point parking lot 129 on University Bay Drive.]

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# Dogs on Leash are Welcome at the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

by Bryn Scriver

We love our dogs so it's no wonder that we want to include them in our free time and recreational pursuits. Dogs are welcome in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve— one of the few natural areas in Madison where they are—but please always remember: 1) dogs must be on leash and under the control of their owners at all times, and 2) owners must pick up after their dogs. Following these two simple rules ensures that everyone—dogs and humans—can continue to enjoy the Preserve.

Why do I have to keep my dog on a leash?

**Protect Your Dog** – It is safer for your dog to be on leash, to avoid a host of potential issues. Those include: herbicides, live traps used for wildlife research, dead animal carcasses, bee nests, and wildlife—including ticks that carry disease, poison ivy, burs and sticktights.

Resource Protection – The Preserve is an outdoor laboratory for active university research. When dogs run off trail, they disturb research plots, trample native plants, spread weed seeds, and destroy habitat for wildlife. Dogs are carnivores by instinct, and can cause serious harm to small animals and ground nesting birds. Allowing dogs to roam off leash reduces the chance to

observe wildlife for you and others. It also makes picking up your dog's waste more difficult.

**Public Safety** – Many people of all ages and different cultures are fearful of dogs. All people should feel safe and welcome in public spaces. Loose dogs ruin the trail experience for many people, even fellow dog walkers and their pets. All dogs can bite if surprised or provoked. You will be liable if your dog injures another dog or visitor.



Runner and dogs enjoying the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path. Photo by Jeff Miller, UW-Madison, University Communications.

## Prescribed Burns Planned for Spring by Adam Gundlach

Winter has made a swift leap into mid-spring, and preparations for the prescribed fire season have kicked into high gear. Looking to build on successful burns in spring 2014, plans have been drawn up for a number of units across the Preserve.

Burns are planned for several units on Picnic Point where invasive brush was removed over the last few years. Fire will return to Biocore prairie with a shifting pattern of refuges (unburned sections) set aside to accommodate research that looks at the impact of snow cover and climate change on plant communities. A burn is also planned for the Indian mound trail loop in Eagle Heights Woods. The ideal time to burn this area is early in the spring before ephemeral wildflowers emerge. With temperatures quickly

jumping into the 50s and 60s, a fall burn may be more likely at <a href="Sho-heta-ka">Sho-heta-ka</a> (the Winnebago name for Eagle Heights.) If weather and winds cooperate, Willow Creek Woods is also in the queue, and would benefit greatly from a second consecutive year of fire lapping at the feet of the majestic oaks.



Prescribed burn at Biocore Prairie. Photo by Cathie Bruner.

### The Friends of the Lakeshore Preserve is Raising Funds to Rejuvenate Eagle Heights

Woods by Gisela Kutzbach, co-chair of the Friends Fundraising Committee

Eagle Heights Woods, the westernmost jewel of the Preserve, is the site of the Friends' newest project. The Friends has embarked on a major fundraising drive to sponsor the Preserve's ambitious 5-year management plan that will protect and revitalize the 27-acre Eagle Heights Woods area. With this year-long fundraiser the Friends aims to raise the entire \$135,000 needed to complete the proposed work. Staunch advocates for the Preserve since its formation, the Friends group is partnering with Preserve staff and the UW Foundation in this major effort.

In these woods, you can visit three mounds built by early Native Americans. With luck, you may glimpse eagles soaring on thermals and in these earliest days of spring, carpets of ephemerals. This special spot has attracted visitors for more than a thousand years. It still does. But, unfortunately, the Native American mounds and other unique features of Eagle Heights Woods are being degraded by invasive species, neglect, and erosion.

The Friends support of the Eagle Heights Woods project will bring positive, lasting results, including removal of

hazard trees along trails and mounds, enhanced vistas of Lake Mendota from this highest point along the southern shore of the lake, increased plant diversity and wildlife habitat, refurbished trails, and ongoing monitoring and management. Friends will also provide volunteer work.

You are invited to help support this project. Visit the Friends website for details at www.FriendsLakeshoreNaturePreserve.com.



Friends sponsored Field Trip to Eagle Heights Woods. Photo by Arlene Koziol.

#### **IN MEMORY**

The Preserve has been the benefactor of numerous individuals who have made significant contributions to support stewardship of the precious landscapes of the Preserve. We were saddened to lose two individuals whose legacies will live on through specials gifts that have been received in their memory.

#### **Professor Henry Hart**

Dr. Hart was an extremely popular professor in the Political Science Department at UW-Madison, who is well-known for his efforts in organizing the Department of Indian Studies. He was a charter member of the Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and a passionate environmentalist. Dr. Hart passed away in November, 2014 at the age of 98.

#### **Arthur Hove**

Art Hove served numerous roles on the UW-Madison campus including editor of the Wisconsin Alumnus, assistant to several UW chancellors, director of the Office of Public Information and special assistant to the provost. He knew everyone and everything regarding the UW campus. He was also well known for his noon running group which would often visit Picnic Point. A small plaque is present at the tip which runners can tap before they begin their return run. After playing a role in seven decades of the university's history, Art passed away in December, 2014.

### Stormwater Management Project Reduces Pollution and Creates Habitat By Rhonda

James, UW-Madison Senior Landscape Architect

In 2013 UW-Madison began construction on its west campus stormwater management project. The project's goal was to reduce the amount of sediment and pollutants entering Lake Mendota. This goal is spurred by state regulations to keep at least 20% of the total suspended solids (sand, soil, grit and grime) that are picked up and moved by stormwater from reaching waters of the state (lakes & rivers).

Keeping sediment and pollutants out of the waters is important for overall lake health and public use of the waters. Some of the impacts due to pollutants and sediments in our lakes include:

- Beach closures due to bacteria/virus from fecal matter,
- Nuisance algal growth in lakes and streams from nutrient enrichment (nitrogen and phosphorous compounds);
- Choking of aquatic life and elimination of suitable habitat from deposits of sediments, exacerbated if the sediments are also contaminated;
- Oxygen depletion potential or <u>biochemical</u> <u>oxygen demand</u> (BOD) of the water from biodegradable organic material, which can lead to oxygen deprivation of the organisms in the receiving water.

To accomplish UW-Madison's goal they have worked with engineers to model and calculate how much sediment is expected to move off the roof tops, parking lots, lawns and roads across campus. The next step was to determine how much of that sediment could be captured in stormwater management facilities; then to strategically locate facilities and design them to be functional on more than just a stormwater level.

For UW-Madison's effort four bio-retention basins were built in the Eagle Heights Apartments and

University Houses area. The ditches along University Bay Drive were also converted to bioretention basins. A bio-retention basin contains three feet of sand and engineered fill for stormwater to filter through. In this media native herbaceous plants are grown to aid in the infiltration, absorption and transpiration of water.

A stormwater pond was also built to help reach the goal. The pond is located on the previous overflow parking of Lot 60. The project has removed the asphalt and some lawn to create an open water pond where sediment can settle out of the water before continuing on into the Class of 1918 Marsh and then ultimately to Lake Mendota. This serpentine shaped pond is surrounded with a diverse mix of mesic and wet prairie species as well as hundreds of emergent aquatic plants.

As construction of these areas is nearing its end and maintenance continues, they improve water quality of Lake Mendota, provide an increase in bio-diversity in the form of many herbaceous native plants, and they provide food and habitat for birds, amphibians, reptiles and pollinators. In addition to all of these ecological services they will provide a naturalistic aesthetic amenity to the residential areas and along the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path for human enjoyment and wellbeing.



Our resident pair of Sandhill cranes explores the newly planted stormwater ponds. Photo by Bryn Scriver.

#### Public Invited to Join, Follow Canid Research

Our campus foxes and coyotes have received a lot of attention lately in the press (see links to articles below). David Drake, a UW-Extension Wildlife Specialist and Associate Professor of Forest and Wildlife Ecology (FWE), along with FWE graduate student Marcus Mueller are studying these city-dwelling canids to learn more about the diseases they may carry, how they move across the landscape and how they interact with humans. The research team set cable restraints in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve and elsewhere on campus and in the city to capture the canids and fit them for a small radio collar so that they can be tracked for study. Drake and Mueller see the study as a great way to talk to people about why these animals are moving into the city. The team is inviting the public to join them in the research by emailing <a href="mailto:uwurbancanidproject@gmail.com">uwurbancanidproject@gmail.com</a>, or you can follow the research progress on Facebook at <a href="mailto:UW Urban">UW Urban</a> Canid Project.

#### <u>List of recent articles on the UW Canid Research Project:</u>

The Cap Times, 1-30-15, Sign up to track Madison's foxes, coyotes with UW wildlife team
University of Wisconsin-Madison News, 1-30-15, Learning lessons by following Madison's foxes and coyotes
Channel3000.com, 1-31-15, UW research team tracks, studies wildlife in city
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 2- 4-15, Researchers putting radio collars on coyotes, foxes on UW-Madison campus
Wisconsin State Journal, 2-10-15, Researchers track foxes, coyotes on UW-Madison's campus
Mother Nature Network, 2-17-15, What urban carnivores can teach us about coexistence



Graduate student Marcus Mueller and Junior Cody Lane record vital info on a fox captured in the Preserve before attaching a radio collar. Photo by Bryn Scriver.

### **Preserve Permits**

by Laura Wyatt

The Preserve serves as one of the largest outdoor research facilities on the UW-Madison campus. The significance of this role is codified in the <u>Lakeshore Nature Preserve mission</u>.

During 2014, **71** research permits were active representing engagement by **25** UW-Madison departments and programs. Long-term research partners include: Biocore Prairie, F.H. King Gardens, CALS Research Plots, Soils and Geography Soil Pits, Art and Anthropology Kilns, and ROTC training.

Permits were granted to 9 external entities including a bird breeding study, Community GroundWorks, Forest Products Laboratory, Girl Scouts, University of Minnesota-Department of Biology, USDA Center for Forest Mycology, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

To ensure the research and education role of the Preserve is well documented, especially in these times of diminishing resources, we ask instructors, classes, students, individuals (anyone utilizing the Preserve for an educational or research purpose) to <a href="mailto:submit a permit">submit a permit</a> for research and/or educational activities. The process is free, easy and quick and can often be turned around in a day or two.

If you have questions, please contact Laura Wyatt, Program Manager at <a href="mailto:lwyatt@fpm.wisc.edu">lwyatt@fpm.wisc.edu</a>.







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**Badger Business Professionals** 

**Badger Volunteer Association** 

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Blackhawk Church

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**Bradley Volunteers** 

**Builder Boys** 

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**Filament Games** 

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**UW Triathlon** 

Wisconsin Economic Development Corp

Wisconsin Homecoming Committee



The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve sponsor an exciting variety of free, expert-led field trips every year, including a Family Friendly Bird & Nature Walk every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoon from 1:30-3pm. You can find the schedule on the Preserve Events Calendar.



Young hikers use a pair of parabolic sound scopes to listen to wildlife on a recent 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bird & Nature Walk. Photo by Paul Noeldner.

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