

**Lakeshore Nature Preserve  
Stakeholder Meeting Notes**  
Tuesday October 15, 2014  
Room 132 WARF, 5-6:30 PM

Present:

Kris Ackerbauer, Patricia Becker, Gary Brown, Ann Burgess, Sue Denholm, Gretel Dentine, Bill Elvey, Adam Gundlach, Rhonda James, Roma Lenehan, Gerald Martell, Marcia Schmidt, Sissel Schroeder, Bryn Sriver, Susan Slapnick, Alan Turnquist, Will Waller, Laura Wyatt

Welcome and introductions

Gary Brown—The purpose of today’s meeting is to review the status of the 2014 Preserve work plan with stakeholders, share what has been completed and what is being planned over the next 6 months, and to gather input from stakeholders before next year’s work plan and budget is drafted.

1) Work Plan Status report:

Handout – [2014 Work Plan 6-month Status Report](#)

2) 2015 Budget process/schedule:

Handout – [2015 Work Plan & Budget Process Overview](#)

The Planning and Implementation Subcommittee will meet Oct. 30 1-2:30pm [room 253 Soils Building] to review the Eagle Heights Woods Plan and discuss what should be included in the 2015 work plan.

Preserve staff in FP&M are accepting project proposals for 2015. All proposals will be reviewed by Preserve staff and the Planning and Implementation Subcommittee who will make recommendations to the Preserve Committee. The deadline for proposals is Nov. 1, 2014. Anyone (faculty, staff, students, and interested community members) can submit proposals to provide funding and maintenance support for projects in the Preserve. This process was implemented because project proposals were being submitted throughout the year which made it difficult to work them into the prioritized work plan. Proposals are typically for projects that might require staff support or oversight, or providing capital improvement funding for projects not currently approved. Permits are different. They are for research and educational uses of the Preserve that don’t usually require staff time to support or implement.

### 3) Comments/ Questions

Bill Elvey, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Management, explained that all UW departments have been asked to model 2, 4, and 6% budget cuts as the university begins its future budget planning. However, he announced that he is not intending to make any cuts to the Preserve budget at this time.

Roma Lenehan noted that she has found invasive hedge parsley plants at the edge of Big Woods near the Housing recycle lot.

Will Waller asked if prescribed fire contactors had to carry insurance. Preserve staff confirmed that yes, they indeed need to carry insurance and follow all necessary protocol when implementing prescribed burns on campus.

Will maps be changed to reflect trail shift in Eagle Heights Woods? Preserve staff will review this concern and make a future recommendation on how often physical trail maps in the field will be updated.

Will Waller asked how many trees are expected to be removed in Eagle Heights Woods. Preserve staff noted that no removals are planned for now. Oak wilt is thinning some trees at the top of the hill.

Gerald Martell, part of the Clay Collective will be firing the Anagama art kiln in the Preserve between Oct. 24 and Oct. 28. He was looking for a source for firewood they could use in their kiln. He was told to talk to Ellen Agnew, Grounds Supervisor, for a potential source of addition firewood.

Sue Denholm said she has heard complaints that the chemicals and the dates they were being used are not being listed on herbicide signs in the Preserve. Preserve staff will check with the contractors to confirm the appropriate information is being posted.

Gary Brown reminded the attendees that this is the first of two public stakeholder meetings. The second meeting will be held on Jan. 27, 2015 at 5pm in room 132 WARF. The draft 2015 work plan and budget will be shared at that time for public input.

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