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In the annual cycle of the Friends work, the Board is currently working on completing projects and planning for the next year.

Projects

Bluebird Trail: the annual report has been completed and submitted to the Preserve program manager. The monitoring team of four people will meet this month to address the decline in the number of nesting boxes occupied by Bluebirds and plan for next year.

Purple Martin House: The annual report for 2017 will be submitted in November. The house has been “winterized”. All six monitors of 2017 will continue in 2018. The team is building connections with the Wisconsin Purple Martin Society and local Purple Martin house landlords.

Planting survey: The spring and summer plant surveys of the two Spring Planting areas of 2013-2016 have been recorded on spread sheets and are being evaluated statistically. The leaders of the project are meeting in October to analyze the data. Results and conclusions will be submitted in a report to the Preserve program manager and published in the Friends winter newsletter.

iNaturalist: One of the fall field trips was used as an opportunity to create a self-contained project on iNaturalist, a citizen science project and online social network, documenting species observed in a photo summary. Project leaders are looking to develop this experimental project as an organized event in 2018.

Class of 1918 Wellness Path: Fundraising among the Friends membership for this project has been delayed for one year.

Field trips

The fall season for fieldtrips sponsored by the Friends has been off to an excellent start, with our expert leaders attracting appreciative participants, usually numbering twenty or more visitors and students. Each field trip is accompanied by a host of the Friends, following Preserve protocol. A summary of each field trip, with photos, is published on the Friends website.

The Friends Board and its committees are working on the budget draft for 2018, determining a speaker for the next annual meeting and identifying candidates for the election of new Board members next year.

Submitted by Gisela Kutzbach, President