

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee  
Facilities Planning & Management  
Preserve Staff Reports – November 9, 2022



Celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fill the Hill fundraising event –  
57 gifts; totaling \$6,180.00  
34 new donors  
THANK YOU!

**OPERATIONS - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT** – Laura Wyatt, Assistant Director

**Permits issued since our last meeting on October 19, 2022:**

- 2022-54 – BTNY 460 – fire & plant species - Biocore
- 2022-53 – BTNY 402 – tree ID
- 2022-52 – BTNY 460 – survey-bark foraging birds
- 2022-51 – climate effects on grasslands – Biocore, PhD student
- 2022-50 – ENG 153 – climate crisis in literature
- 2022-49 – Long Term -UW Herbarium collection

The fall semester is always busy as the campus comes alive after summer break. These last three weeks since our October Preserve Committee meeting have been especially busy with activity occurring on the Master Plan and the initial planning of the Outreach Center. And then there is the kaleidoscope of fall color that has been advancing throughout the Preserve. It has been a great year for fall color.

On November 1, 3pm, Traditional Ho-Chunk Chief Clayton Winneshiek shared a blessing at the Preserve for the land, people and building project. The Chief expressed his appreciation for the inclusion of the Ho-Chunk with the initiation of planning of this wonderful project. The day was gorgeous and the words of speakers inspirational for the approximately 114 guests. Aaron Bird Bear, UW Director of Tribal Relations, served as masters of ceremonies with remarks offered by Chancellor Mnookin. The Madtown Singers, an indigenous student group, provided songs to commemorate the event.

Our thanks to the many folks who worked to bring this exceptional event to reality, starting with Chloris Lowe, Jr. (Lowe Consulting and part of the project team) who served as liaison with Chief Winneshiek. In addition to Preserve staff, we thank Rhonda James, Missy Nergard, and campus partners with UW Transportation, UW Event Services, Aaron Bird Bear, Nathan Jandl with Office of Sustainability, UW Communications, and Ingrid Nelson and the Chancellor's office staff.

The day concluded with our first public meeting regarding the building lead by Erik Hancock and Therese Hanson of Kubala Washatko Architects. Visit the Preserve website to learn more about the meeting.

We celebrate a very successful **Fill the Hill** fundraising event conducted by the UW Foundation, raising \$6,180 (2021-\$5,118) from 57 (2021-41) donations. Kudos to Bryn Scriver who created a great message and successfully pushed the opportunity out to many of our followers through our social media!

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS** - Rhonda James, Senior Landscape Architect

### **Capital Projects adjacent to the Preserve:**

- The Natatorium project is under construction. The temporary shed should be removed in 2023.
- Vet Med is under construction.
- Design work for creating a bridge across the lake side of Limnology Building is on-going. Expected construction 2023-2024.

### **Capital Projects within the Preserve:**

- A Work Group has discussed lights along the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path east of Elm Drive to the Limnology Building. The VCFA had requested this become a formal study to further study safety and options.
- Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan – Public Meeting #3 on November 17, 2022, 7 pm at Memorial Union
- Lakeshore Nature Preserve Outreach Center – update to follow.

## **LAND MANAGEMENT** - Adam Gundlach, Field Projects Coordinator

- Conducted brush resprout control work in University Bay Drive swale, Frautschi Point 2<sup>nd</sup> Oak area, Lot 60 swale planting.
- Coordinated with RES contractor crew to perform late foliar treatments to brush regrowth and herbaceous weed targets at Frautschi Point 2<sup>nd</sup> Oak and UW Grounds Dept Nursery south of Biocore prairie.
- Installed firebreaks and performed burn unit preparations. Updated prescribed burn plans and maps.
- Collected, dried and processed seed to be incorporated into seed mixes for dormant sowing.
- Performed trail maintenance clearing downed trees from trails.
- Participated in Indigenous Placemaking group tour of Willow Creek area and Observatory Hill.
- Facilitated preparations for Ho-Chunk blessing ceremony at Picnic Point entrance and participated in Preserve Center public meeting held Nov 1.
- Performed Preserve-wide site checks and daily Picnic Point fire circle and wood rack maintenance.

## **OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS** – Bryn Scriver, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

### **Outreach activities:**

- Promoted Fill the Hill Fundraising Event, raised \$6,180 with 57 donors
- Promoted Nov. 1 Blessing Ceremony and 1<sup>st</sup> Outreach Building public meeting

### **Volunteer activities:**

- October 22, Goodnight Hall, 2 volunteers, pick up trash and collect seed in Willow Creek Woods
- October 23, AM, Drop-in, 14 volunteers, cut brush along Temin Lakeshore Path and collect seed in Biocore Prairie
- October 23, PM, L&S Honors Student Org, 4 volunteers, cut brush at Lot 60 boat launch and collect seed in Lot 60 Prairie
- November 1, Whole Foods, 8 volunteers, cut honeysuckle at Frautschi Point Woods

