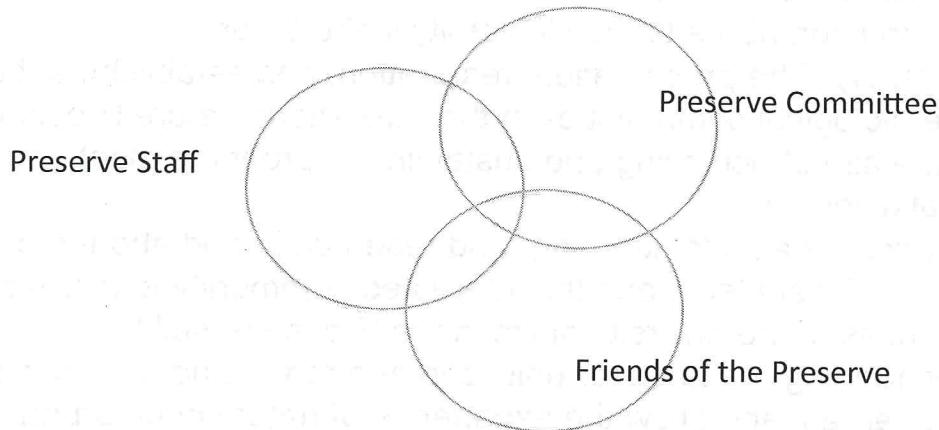


Diagram of a Partnership with the Preserve Committee and Staff



The Friends began September 19, 2001. Our Winter 2008 newsletter describes our founding and accomplishments between 2001 and 2008

Mission

Taken from the Friends web site
April 2009

The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve is a non-profit organization that serves as an advocate for the active stewardship of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. We aim to preserve, protect, and nurture this special place as a learning environment through the vicissitudes of time by:

- leading and participating in Preserve work parties
- recruiting members and volunteers
- publishing a Friends newsletter
- sponsoring events and educational activities
- seeking gifts and grants.

Goals

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The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve supports the evolution of the Preserve as an exemplary urban natural area. To this end, the Friends adopts goals in each of four areas. We intend to support, encourage, and contribute to the University's efforts for:

- *Biodiversity*: The preservation, restoration, and establishment of native biological communities in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve with the aim of achieving and sustaining appropriate plant and animal diversity.
- *Education*: Teaching, learning, and research in and about the Preserve for students and the interested community to increase awareness of the diversity of life in the Preserve, build understanding of the opportunities in and requirements of urban natural areas, and allow the experience of nature in an urban environment.
- *Appropriate Use*: The continued existence of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve as a place of multiple environmentally sensitive uses, a place of active use where humans tread lightly.
- *Support*: Finally, the Friends seek to build a strong community of Lakeshore Nature Preserve stewardship in order to support the preceding goals, protect the integrity of Preserve lands, mobilize volunteers, and raise funds.

We are in the process of reviewing our early foundational documents such as our mission and goals, articles of incorporation, and charter. We think that we need to make some changes, such as adding goals that reflect what we do now.