



University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Facilities Planning & Management
Preserve Staff Reports – April 17, 2017

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Gary Brown, Director

The university's updated Campus Master Plan has now been officially submitted to the City of Madison for formal review and action. All documents are uploaded to our Campus Master Plan website (www.masterplan.wisc.edu) for review and comment. The master plan will be officially presented to the city's various committees and commissions on the following schedule:

- City of Madison Urban Design Commission, May 24, 2017, 4:30 PM, Room 351, City-County building
- Joint West Campus Area Committee, June 7, 2017, 4:45 PM, Room 132 WARF building
- Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee, June 12, 2017, 6:00 PM, Room TBD
- City of Madison Plan Commission, June 19, 2017, 6:00 PM, Room 201 City-County building
- City of Madison Common Council, July 18, 2017, 6:00 PM, Room 201 City-County building (final action).

The Campus Master Plan was also presented to the Village of Shorewood Hills Board of Trustees on March 20 to provide the village board and residents with an overview of the status of the plan and the final approval process.

Preservation and support of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, and the proposed future Preserve Outreach Center, continue to be included in the draft master plan documents.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT – Laura Wyatt, Program Manager

Permits:

- 2017-20 – Gilchrist – Acoustic Bat Monitoring
- 2017-19 – Chlus – Predicting foliar traits from reflectance spectra
- 2017-18 – Sabo – Measuring Understory & Over story in Muir Woods

Thanks to Steve Wagner, Senior University Relations Specialist with FP&M for working with staff on the 2016 Annual Report for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. This is the third time we have prepared an annual report and welcome your comments and suggestions.

The Preserve staff appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Friends' Annual Meeting. Our presentation was supported by a PowerPoint composed by Bryn and a display of the Eagle Heights Woods project composed by Bryn and Adam. The Preserve staff really enjoyed the opportunity to thank so many "friends" for the support that is provided to the Preserve.

The Friends Purple Martin House project is proceeding. The support base for the house has been installed by Grounds.

CAPITAL PROJECTS - Rhonda James, Senior Landscape Architect

Capital Projects adjacent to the Preserve:

- Near West Recreation Fields – more work to be completed this spring as soon as weather and site conditions allow. The landscape work will begin this spring. The swales will be replanted with native species similar to what existing prior to the start of the project.
- Willow Creek Sediment Trap – concrete is in place. Construction is nearly complete and planting will begin in May.

- UW Housing Shed and Recycle Lot – construction to begin the week of April 17.
- Natatorium replacement feasibility study is currently underway. Will share the developing plans in the future.
- Rec Sports is interested in updating the par-course (exercise stations) along the Lakeshore Path from triangle marsh to the Dejepe hall area. CPLA is working with them to discuss appropriate locations.

LAND MANAGEMENT - Adam Gundlach - Field Projects Coordinator

- Prescribed burns conducted in Eagle Heights Woods (10 acres), Biocore Prairie (8.54 acres), Picnic Point (3.31 acres) and Willow Creek savanna (2.43 acres).
- Field Technician Ali Ban-Herr has resumed full-time for the summer.
- Student workers, Hannah and Monica, working on garlic mustard in western portion of Bill’s Woods.
- Invasive Species Specialist, Leo Roth, has started one day per week. Continuing to orient him to the Preserve.
- Boley Tree Service has chipped brush piles staged around the Preserve.
- Led UW Arboretum and AmeriCorps NCCC representative on pre-project site visit to the Preserve. AmeriCorps crew will work in the Preserve the first week of June, focusing on invasive brush removal in the western portion of Bill’s Woods.
- Spring has sprung.

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS – Bryn Scriver, Outreach Specialist

Spring is a busy time of year with volunteers eager to support the Preserve. The Preserve hosted four separate volunteer events over the weekend of April 1 & 2. The Sierra Student Coalition (**UW**-Madison) has adopted Muir Woods and joined with staff for a spring cleanup. The Alternative Break group, organized through the UW Union, participated in a garlic mustard pull in addition to a group from ASME. The weekend was completed with a volunteer drop-in opportunity on Sunday.

Preserve participation was complimented by a PowerPoint presentation and display regarding the support the Friends provide for Eagle Heights Woods.