



University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Facilities Planning & Management
DRAFT -Preserve Staff Reports – December 12, 2019

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Gary Brown, Director

Thanks to all who have participated in our continuing strategic planning initiative. We will have a final draft available as a link on the Preserve website for review in the coming weeks with the anticipation of starting our update to the Facilities Master Plan in early 2020. This is an amazing step forward for the Preserve and having our stakeholders and, in particular, the Committee's help in moving us forward has been a great success.

My work in FP&M has been also focused on delivery our initial Six-Year Capital Development Plan for 2021-27 to the Campus Planning Committee, university leadership and then on to UW System on December 13th. We had over 70 major capital projects submitted for review and potential rankings within the Six-Year plan which is likely a record request to the State of Wisconsin for funding. We've also requested additional funding through the Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration for several maintenance projects in the Preserve, including repair of the Muir Woods steps, Class of 1918 Marsh bridge repairs, Willow Creek bridge replacement, etc. I hope to hear soon if these projects will be funded for FY20. I'll keep everyone posted as this process moves along.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT – Laura Wyatt, Program Manager

Finishing details continue to be made to the Strategic Plan document. Look for a completed document very soon.

Staff has been busy composing "Day of Giving" and the annual appeal solicitation. Each year the Preserve must raise a minimum of \$70,000 to support current land management/outreach activities. It is important for our stakeholders to understand the UW-Madison does not provide funds to directly manage the lands within the Preserve or to facilitate use and programming. . .they do support our basic staff, office space, and two vehicles. Please look for the annual appeal and please consider sharing with folks you know utilize and appreciate the Preserve.

Staff participated in semester presentations of FIG class of Professor Adrian Treves. The student projects include survey data of Preserve users and trail camera wildlife sightings within the Preserve.

Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture (CPLA-which includes the Preserve) will be providing a tour of Willow Creek as part of the Clean Lakes Alliance Yahara 101 educational series. Aaron Williams, Assistant Planner and Zoning Coordinator is facilitating this tour. Preserve staff will also be participating.

Permits issued since our last meeting:

- 2019-61 – GRAD Research(Henn-Integrated Biology) – Damschen Lab – How climate affects seed dormancy & germination

CAPITAL PROJECTS - Rhonda James, Senior Landscape Architect

Capital Projects adjacent to the Preserve:

- The Natatorium Replacement is in design.
- Vet Med expansion is in design.
- Lot 129/130 consolidation – is nearly complete except for installation of parking lot lights.

LAND MANAGEMENT - Adam Gundlach Field Projects Coordinator

- Eagle Heights Woods – Good Oak Ecological Services completed invasive brush removal on the north slope and staged piles for later chipping/burning when conditions allow.
- Frautschi Point – Planning tree thinning to remove competing trees growing into canopy of white oak cohort around the “second oak” at the south end of the site. Continued to perform buckthorn resprout control along the northern edge of the second oak project area.
- Picnic Point – Thinned young boxelder around perimeter of Indian mounds group.
- Raymer’s Cove/Tent Colony Woods – Continued invasive brush resprout control work with Preserve volunteer stewards Steve Sentoff and Glenn Teschendorf.
- Big Woods – Staff and volunteers continued invasive brush removal in the eastern portion of Big Woods, between the 100s apartments and Housing storage lot. Collaborating with Housing staff to chip and haul away woody debris.
- Compiling fall seed orders for multiple locations. Processing seed collected in the Preserve to supplement purchased seed mixes.
- Fall prescribed burn season not likely given current weather pattern and saturated ground conditions. Potential fall burn units included Willow Creek savanna, Eagle Heights Woods, and Biocore prairie.
- Seasonal staff performed daily Picnic Point fire circle and wood rack maintenance.

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS – Bryn Scriver, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

Outreach activities:

- Co-facilitated Restoration Managers who work with Volunteers gathering with staff from UW Arboretum, 12-3-19
- Giving Tuesday social media appeals on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, 12-3-19
- Annual Appeal

Volunteer activities:

- Ongoing recruiting and communication with potential volunteers
- Volunteer events since November 22, 2019:
 - December 8; Drop-in; Frautschi Point Woods; removed woody invasive plants