

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee  
Facilities Planning & Management -FPM  
Preserve Staff Reports – March 10, 2023

March 28 -29



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

**Permits issued since our last meeting on February 10, 2023:**

- 2023 – Integrated Biol 101 - Oakes
- 2023 – BTNY 460 – Zhang \_ Forest Comp.
- 2023 – 7 – Groundswell Fire Circle Event
- 2023 – 6 – DNR – Kaarakka – Bat Survey
- 2023 - #5 – BTNY 460 – Webert – Bark Foraging Birds
- 2023 - #4 – BTNY 460 - Webert - Gradient Analysis
- 2023 - #3 - Intesc 375 -Pauli - Winter Living

This is a busy time of year as we continue working on Preserve budgets. Missy has been providing excellent leadership in guiding requests for additional 101 funds to support Preserve supplies, services and additional staff. Once we have a better idea of where the Preserve stands, we will be hosting a stakeholder meeting to present our FY4 work plan and budget to the public for comment. We have recently moved our fiscal year to coincide with that of the University; July 1, 2023.

I was excited to meet Christopher Kilgour, Outreach Manager at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. Christopher works on a variety of projects including “We Outside”, a student organization geared towards getting more student engaged with and in outdoor spaces AND is founder of Color in the Outdoors.

January 2023 visitor count of individuals walking along path to tip of Picnic point – **4,654**.

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

**Capital Projects adjacent to the Preserve:**

- The Natatorium project nearing completion and Rec/Well is moving in during March 2023. The temporary shed west of parking lot 130 should be removed in 2023. The exterior work will continue in 2023.
- Vet Med is under construction.
- Design work for creating a bridge across the lake side of Limnology Building is on-going.
- At Well 19, the City of Madison Water Utility is planning a building expansion to house a new filter system. This will expand their easement and construction is expected in 2024-2025.

**Capital Projects within the Preserve:**

- Lakeshore Nature Preserve Master Plan, we are editing text and graphics.
- Lakeshore Nature Preserve Outreach Center – second public meeting will be held the evening of March 28, 2023, to discuss a proposed site option

## **LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE** – Adam Gundlach, Field Projects Coordinator

- Student Natural Areas Assistants continued invasive brush control work in portions of Bill’s Woods, Picnic Point, and Willow Creek Savanna.
- Picnic Point – Boley Tree Service completed additional removals of hazard ash trees along the main path.
- Seeking to schedule additional hazard tree removals around Picnic Point mounds with UW Grounds Dept.
- Completed remaining brush pile burns at the base of Picnic Point.
- Submitted seed order, compiled seed mixes and sowed seed across management areas.
- Started initial discussions regarding the potential to support expansion of [LA 581](#) (Prescribed Fire: Ecology and Implementation) to include live fire exercises in Biocore prairie in spring 2024.
- Continue to identify priorities, partners, and protocols to establish a formal Preserve monitoring program.
- Looking ahead: Preserve seasonal staff hiring, spring Rx burn planning, 2023 field season planning, and garlic mustard!
- Performed Preserve-wide site checks and Picnic Point fire circle and wood rack maintenance.

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

### Outreach activities:

- Day of the Badger (DOTB) March 28-29
  - Please promote giving to the Preserve on social media with [#DayoftheBadger](#)
- Spring Semester Public Service Fair, Jan 31, 30 students
- Environmentally focused CALS Connector event, Feb 21, 14 students
- Center for Ecology and the Environment undergraduate Job Fair, Feb 23, 46 students

### Volunteer activities:

#### Cut and pile invasive brush in Frautschi Point Woods:

- Feb 11, Drop-in event, 2 volunteers (1 student volunteer)
- Feb 25, Drop-in event (Tau Beta Pi and Triangle Fraternity), 8 student volunteers
- Feb 26, Lambda Phi Epsilon, 5 student volunteers

