“Chiwaukee Prairie would no longer exist without human care, without the kinship between humans and nature.”

Dear Friends,

This kinship is a reciprocal relationship. We care for nature and nature sustains us. For Chiwaukee Prairie, this relationship began 55 years ago with the realization that this special piece of nature would not persist without human help. We aim to foster that help by our mission to acquire, restore, manage and preserve Chiwaukee Prairie and support research and environmental education.

**Land Acquisition**
Caring begins with preserving nature by acquiring the land. The Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area (CPSNA) reaches from the Dunes on the north to the state line. Between 1920 and 1960, most of the area was platted into lots, most of those being less than ¼ acre. Some lots have been claimed by Lake Michigan and many have been developed. Of the approximately 1000 in the area reserved for conservation in 1985, fewer than 90 vacant lots remain in private ownership. This year CPPF purchased two more parcels for a total of 19 in the three years since we began taking title. It can be a slow process with sellers changing their minds or not having clear title after 2-3 generations of ownership. Our Land Chair continues the slow process of research, contact (letters to owners of 12 lots in November), negotiating, clearing title, and closing. The remaining high priority lots are assessed at over $750,000. With your support, we will continue our efforts to preserve the privately held remaining open land in Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area!

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**Restoration & Management**
Once purchased, caring continues with the removal of invasive trees and brush that have been growing for many decades. That done, it does not take long for the dormant prairie seed bank to blossom, but it has lots of competition. An extensive list of invasive species requires all the volunteer caring we can put together, including monthly workdays, eight weeks supervising the Youth Conservation Corps, Neighbor Stewards, corporate days, oodles of independent volunteer efforts, thousands of hours worked, and thousands of miles driven, all to be part of this Prairie community, this Chiwaukee kinship. We had the most volunteer hours among all the State Natural Area groups!

In 2020, all of these volunteer activities will continue. The Neighbor Steward Program will be expanded and the seed collecting group, which did not quite get on the ground this year, will be initiated. If either of these activities appeals to you, contact us!

**Science & Research**
The Prairie community also includes those who measure, count and care. Kay McClelland’s crew of volunteers monitored eight rare native plant species, some with multiple locations, and scouted for five others. Nathan Robertson and John Krerowicz report that the many houses they tend around the Prairie produced only 8 bluebird fledglings, but that is 8 more than last year. And the intrepid hawk monitors banded 123 raptors this Fall!

**Education & Outreach**
Kay’s bimonthly plant identification walks, information tables at “Spring into Gardening” and Gateway “Earth Day”, and the many informational hikes conducted brought new Friends and volunteers to the Prairie community. So did the Four Seasons Garden Club’s annual Garden Walk, which included the Chiwaukee Prairie as a “bonus garden”. Over 200 people visited with 40 signing up for our Monthly Update email. It now reaches over 540 recipients with news, events and volunteer opportunities.

The caring community includes all of us. Folks who moved to the area because of the Prairie, long time Neighbors who love and appreciate their surroundings, Visitors who have been here once and continue to support CPPF, all the wonderful Volunteers who help to manage and monitor, DNR Staff who care much more than they are paid, the CPPF Directors who deserve much thanks, and all of you, the Donors, whose caring contributions over the decades have supported the whole mission.

Thank you everyone!

Pam Holy, President
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Monthly Update

PLEASE, send CPPF your email address and once a month we will send you Prairie news and photos, upcoming events and plans for the workday. cppf@chiwaukee.org

CPPF does not share its address or email lists

Workdays

No experience necessary. On the job training.

Mark your calendars! All year long, volunteers come to Chiwaukee Prairie on the 3rd Saturday of the month to do whatever is needed. We work from 10AM to 1PM. Come for all or part of the time. Find plans and location in our Monthly Update, Facebook and website.

ALSO in 2020 …

Naturalist-led Walks
Native Seed Collection
Chiwaukee History Walk
Heritage Plant Monitoring
Neighbor Steward Program
Equipment Training/Maintenance
Invasive Species Identification Training

…for information on volunteer activities and opportunities, special events, photos, flora and fauna lists, history, and to view the Prairie map, please visit:

www.chiwaukee.org
www.facebook.com/chiwaukee
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$ FOR $ MATCH

Longtime patrons of Chiwaukee Prairie, including Jack and Terry Shouba, will match up to $20,000 of donations received from individuals by January 31, 2020.

All donations are available for acquisition of land in Chiwaukee Prairie. Please consider marking the “Discretionary” line to give us the flexibility to do “whatever is needed” to acquire and manage the Prairie.

The Basic Membership remains at the bargain price of $10, but more is always welcome! Donate $100 to be a Blazing Star. Donate $500 to be a Life Member. And the category of Sustaining Member acknowledges life members who donate another $500 or a new $1000 donor. Any amount is very much appreciated!

OPTION: DONATE ONLINE WITH A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD
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You can earn $$ for the Prairie List Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund Inc with Goodsearch and Amazon Smile

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Many Thanks

We are grateful to Festival Foods for letting us use their community room for our monthly Board meetings, to the folks at Landmark Title Corporation for all their help with our land acquisition efforts, and to the Minuteman Press crew, our Newsletter Angels.

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Seed Collecting
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