



CITY OF MADISON PARKS DIVISION

Friends Group Application



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION					
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Park Name & Location:	Kettle Pond Conservation Park of Madison 5805 Old Middleton Rd				
Number of Members:	12				

Please provide a Mission Statement:

To protect, steward, and maintain the Kettle Pond Conservation Park by recognizing the importance of ecosystems within- prairie, wooded wetland, and oak savannah.

Please provide a summary of your goals/objectives, frequency of volunteering and projected work plan:

Goals-

Invasive removal and re-seeding native plants- removal of garlic mustard, dame's rocket, ground ivy/creeping Charlie, buckthorn, porcelain berries, burdock)

Prescribed burns every 3-5 years- ideally an area of the park would be burned every year, the cycle of burning would be completed every 3-5 years. In previous years the park has had areas burned. This year nothing was, just clear cut, but if we had the budget to burn consistently, we could maintain the park's current savannah and wooded wetlands.

Identification and protection of vulnerable or endangered species- this past winter during the clear cutting an endangered juglans cinerea (common name butternut or white walnut) was removed. We would like to avoid this wherever possible in the future by identifying flora often, and by keeping in contact with the parks department.

Continuation of the park as a conservation area and whole ecosystem. This includes prevention of establishment of invasive or non-native species, protection of native plants, including aggressive or unpopular plants like ragworts, stinging nettles, virginia creepers, etc., encouraging people to stay on the paths, discouraging foraging, continued support for maintaining the savannah including the removal of some saplings and prescribed burns as mentioned above.

Use of as little glyphosate/herbicide/pesticides as possible with manual removal efforts

Work Plan-

Spring prescribed burns yearly for 1 area of the park, we have members with experience and are permitted
Manually pulling invasives from April-September

Seed collection in August-October and re-seeding in autumn and spring

Plant identification from April-September, monitoring for new species both native and introduced

Pond monitoring with Pond Pals with UW Limnology

Prairie restoration and removal of black walnuts periodically in the prairie and oak savannah as recommended by parks department

Frequency of Volunteering-

As a group we are hoping to start with 10-15 hours/week, with the projection of expanding to 20 hours as the group solidifies and grows.

Please provide a summary of your leadership structure and governance model (*this is a best practice and NOT a requirement*):

Lead- Hannah Jackson

Pond Pals Ambassador- Hannah Jackson

Administration- Zach Attax & Hannah Jackson

Please fill out and return: 1.) Email: jweichelt@cityofmadison.com 2.) Mail: City of Madison Parks Division c/o John Weichelt, 330 E. Lakeside St., Madison, WI 53715