

SPRINGS

Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Newsletter

Stormwater Utility Coming to Middleton?

By Jim Bachhuber and Herb Garn

Last fall the Middleton City Council voted to place a referendum on the November 2014 ballot for establishing a stormwater utility as a mechanism for funding stormwater runoff control. What is a “stormwater utility” and why should you and FOPB care?

What is a Stormwater Utility?

A stormwater utility is like any other utility system (water, sewer, electrical, etc.) in that a fee is charged to customers for services provided. We are generally familiar and comfortable with water and sewer utilities and we understand that we pay for the water we use and the proper treatment of sewage. A stormwater utility system would be new to Middleton, but this funding approach is being used by

over 80 communities in Wisconsin, such as Fitchburg, Madison, Monona, Sun Prairie and Verona, and has been around in Wisconsin since the early 1990s. Under a stormwater utility funding approach each property owner in the city pays a fee for the proper conveyance, management,



Bioretention feature in the UW Medical parking lot.

and pollution treatment of stormwater runoff. The fee paid by each property owner (customer) is based on how much runoff their property generates. Under this approach, properties with large amounts of hard surfaces (roofs, parking lots, etc.) generate more runoff and thus pay a higher fee than properties with less impervious area. The key criteria is that everybody pays their fair share for this service. Also, if a property owner installs measures to reduce stormwater runoff, they will be eligible for a reduction in their fee. It is important to note that under a stormwater utility system, all budget and spending decisions are still controlled by the Common Council – the elected officials will retain their responsibility to oversee the program.

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Friends Education Program Reaches New Heights

By Colleen Robinson Klug, FOPB Education Coordinator

The Friends adopted a 5-year strategic plan in 2012. The main goals for the education program were to maintain school field trip offerings, expand learning opportunities to new age groups both in the schools and in the community, and to improve upon our high school service-learning program. 2013 was a huge success in all of these areas and the

Friends’ education program is growing like wild fire. Well, maybe more like a beneficial prescribed fire that promotes regeneration, new growth and supports new life!

Conservancy Day Programs

Now playing 10 months of the year and with strong new partnerships! Winter programs at the Middleton Senior

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Protect. Restore. Enjoy.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Friends,

Some of the work of the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy is right in front of you. If you're in the Conservancy this year on Work Days, you'll see volunteers attacking invasive species like burdock, sumac, honeysuckle and buckthorn. (Come back next year, and you'll see volunteers attacking burdock, sumac, honeysuckle and buckthorn: there's no armistice in this fight.) The controlled burns we conduct annually, essential to the management of our prairie, can be seen for miles on a windless day. Conservancy Days brings topics in biology, wildlife ecology and natural resource management into Middleton schools, libraries and senior centers. Field trips for area school districts bring swarms of young people to the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, where land, water, plants and animals become teaching tools.

And then there's the Invisible Organization.

In March, Susan Gruber, long-time

chair of the Restoration & Management Committee, was the featured speaker at the Cabin Fever Lecture series in Baraboo, hosted by the Baraboo Range Preservation Association. Together with a Baraboo middle school and the UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, the association is restoring a natural area adjacent to the two academic campuses. In preparation for creating an arboretum with habitats for migratory birds and trails for people, they asked the Restoration & Management Committee to share their land management strategies. The committee's expertise in seeding, invasive species control, prescribed burns and infrastructure development and maintenance in prairie, wetland and oak savanna environments was made to order for the task. Several committee members assisted with the presentation and attended the event.

Earlier in the month, Friends board members met with developer Terrence Wall and engineers working with him

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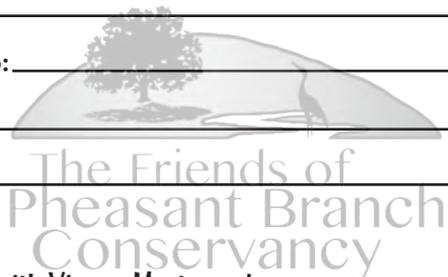
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Mike McDowell's Birding Trip Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Birds	Habitat
May 1	6:00 AM	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Warbler Walk	Creek Corridor
May 13	6:00 AM	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Warbler Walk	Creek Corridor
May 15	6:00 AM	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Warbler Walk	Creek Corridor
May 22	6:00 PM	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Grassland Birds	Prairie
June 14	8:30 AM	Middleton Airport	Grassland Birds	
June 17	7:00 AM	Pheasant Branch Conservancy	Grassland Birds	Prairie
June 21	7:00 AM	Pope Farm Conservancy	Grassland Birds	



All field trips are free and open to the public and all ages are welcome! See more at: <http://birddigiscoper.blogspot.com/#sthash.zZd48dge.dpuf>

Education Program Expanding...

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Center, Middleton Glen Retirement Community and Heritage Assisted Living have gathered 156 seniors and other community members together to learn about birds, pollinators, the importance of Conservancy land and other topics. Program attendance also doubled in the last year.

Intergenerational Experiences

The Middleton Cross Plains Area School District and the Friends are working together on a grant project funded by American Girl. Fourth grade art students are visiting with and interviewing seniors in our community to discuss nature, green space, wildlife and much more. After hearing their stories, the students will visit the Conservancy to make their own observations and learn about the amazing habitats, water features and benefits the Conservancy provides. Then, students will create an art project inspired by all they have learned and the product will travel around the community for all to see and share. "This connection across generations and the opportunity for life-long learning is such an exciting thing to be a part of," says John Daly, Education Committee Member. "It is not surprising that the Conservancy has inspired such a valuable experience for so many."

High School Service Learning

Our biology and photography service learning programs are now streamlined, formalized, more efficient and effective with the help of a Wisconsin Environmental Education Board grant. We also added an advanced composition service-learning program. So far, over 1,200 students have participated, contributing content for the Friends' annual phenology calendar and over 800 hours of restoration work at the Conservancy and two partner sites. Students also collected thousands of dollars worth of seeds for Dane County prairie restorations.

School Field Trips

On top of everything else, word is getting out and our curriculum-linked field trips for grades K-5 are in higher demand than ever before. This spring we will serve twice as many students as last spring and they are visiting not only from Middleton and Cross Plains, but from surrounding communities such as Mt. Horeb, Verona, Baraboo and Madison. Even homeschool groups are learning in the Conservancy!

Outdoor, real-world learning opportunities are rare for most students today. Experiences like these help increase student attention spans, help students learn and retain information

more deeply, help students practice teamwork and build social bonds among their peers, and provide physical health benefits unmet indoors in the classroom. Field trips are not just a day in the park – when carefully linked to curriculum, like Conservancy field trips are, they result in better education, healthier students and youth who are more connected and invested in their community and its resources.

Future Thinking

Sustaining all of this great work and its beneficial results is the education committee's main focus in 2014. As we've grown, we have also been mindful of creating only what we can sustain and continue to offer our community. Amazing success has offered us a challenge in this regard and we are already working to meet it!

Your support by being a Friends member and any other donation of time or funds that you provide to the education program are needed and appreciated now more than ever. Providing outdoor education in every grade K-12, life-long learning opportunities for seniors and quality public programming in the community are amazing accomplishments for this relatively tiny program. Thanks for all you do, and will do, to be a part of it all!



NATURALIST NOTEBOOK: News of Nature in the Conservancy

The Wild Heart of the Conservancy

By Dale Klubertanz

The anticipation of spring has become far more restless by the middle of March, when the equinox has let in as much daylight as there is night and the dark melting urban snow has piled up along our city roadways. In recent years we have grown accustomed to January offering a mix of unseasonable weather and fickle Februarys that grant respite from the resident cold.

However, the last of this year's winter temperament has teased everything that is near waking with but a few brief warm-day promises. The frosty winds have quickly returned and swept back over the dried remains of last year's undertaking peeking through the fading snow, long after giving up its seed and now holding vigil for a new generation to come. Yet with each turn of weather, there is new resolve that the biding will soon be over.

As Conservancy walkers wait with bated breath, the sound of the first migrant Sandhill Cranes have already declared

a reaffirming "ode to spring" from the emerging waters within the wetlands. The sound is echoed within the native hearts of those who are close enough to have heard. It is the sweet cry of hopeful joy in its purist timbre, for crane and human alike. The deep abiding aspirations of these creatures summon our readiness to be free, at least momentarily, from everyday things of our own making and to be carried home in an instant.

Just outside the Conservancy, not far from the crane's call, our human communities have been keeping nature's indomitable spirit at bay. Nearby in the Conservancy, the impulse of everything has been to yield and move with the wild heart of nature, a motion kindred in spirit with the prevailing wilderness.

The solace and comfort of the Conservancy's native communities are expressed in this Wendell Berry poem:

"The Peace of Wild Things"

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least

sound
in fear of what my life and my children's
lives may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the
great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with
forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still
water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am
free.

When spring has assured us that it will
finally stay, the winter-weary will step off
the asphalt onto the gravel of Pheasant
Branch Conservancy. Once again, visitors
may be drawn into the call of cranes,
Canada geese, robins and red-winged
blackbirds inviting us to melt into the
common wilderness. Such comfort as
Wendell Berry's will surely be waiting,
and hence, freedom for a time.

President's Message...

and the city to discuss sewer and water infrastructure for his 790-acre Bishops Bay development, northeast of Middleton. We talked for several hours about where these utilities could be sited to avoid impacting the Conservancy. Our mutual goal was to prevent controversy before it started.

Members of our Watershed Committee are researching the issues surrounding a referendum on a Middleton stormwater utility that voters will face next fall. This

ballot is of major importance to Pheasant Branch Creek, the Conservancy, Lake Mendota and the Yahara chain of lakes. We feel a strong obligation to help our members (and others in the community) make an informed decision before voting. There is more on the referendum and city stormwater issues in an article in this newsletter written by two board members, Jim Bachhuber and Herb Garn, who provide professional perspectives on stormwater management. Please read it

carefully. Then let us know your feelings on the referendum. Send us an email at office@pheasantbranch.org or leave us a message on our Facebook page (Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy.)

You, too, are part of the Invisible Organization.

Sincerely,

Bruce Froehlke

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Annual Report



The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy works through three principal committees - Restoration & Management, Education and Watershed - supported by three administrative committees - Governance, Finance and Development & Marketing. We depend completely on the generosity of our friends - for which we are more grateful than we can say. Here is a brief report on the committee work of 2013.

Development and Marketing Committee

Memberships and contributions reached an all-time high in 2013. The response to our annual appeal was very strong, as were memorial gifts. We were honored to receive these donations, especially those on behalf of beloved former Friends. Our first-ever local business appeal generated \$1,100, and

hopefully raised awareness of the Friends in this community. Follow-up efforts, including personal visits to targeted businesses, are planned for 2014. Other successful fundraisers included an appeal to Woodcreek Condo residents by Ann Peckham, Friends co-founder and former board member, and an insert placed in the Middleton Times Tribune.

Have you noticed the Friends new logo and look? It incorporates our full name, as well as the elements associated with the Conservancy and our mission - Frederick's Hill, the springs, a burr oak tree and a crane. To date the logo has been incorporated into a new brochure, our stationery and the newsletter.

	2013	2012
Income from Memberships and Contributions	\$80,028	\$40,322
Number of Members	470	419

Our popular phenology calendar also has a new look this year, incorporating photos and poetry from Middleton high school students. With expanded sales to 8 organizations, including 6 local retailers, the calendar is making a profit vs. breaking even. It continues to be a great marketing tool for the Friends.

At last - The Friends facebook page was introduced in July of last year. Our page features upcoming programs and events, current activities and other happenings in the Conservancy. We invite you to keep in touch by "liking" us and sharing your Conservancy stories.

Balance January 1, 2013	\$98,445
<u>Income</u>	
Unrestricted Contributions	58,458
Contribution to Endowment	975
MCPSD Ecology Club	500
Contribution for Spring Burn	500
Memberships	21,570
Calendar Sales	3,041
Annual Meeting & Silent Auction	2,557
Other Income	<u>3,355</u>
Subtotal	90,956
<u>Grants</u>	
Bock Foundation	15,000
REI	5,000
Pheasant Branch Water Monitoring	1,927
Aquatic Invasive Species Implementation	15,023
DCEC	<u>1,700</u>
Subtotal	38,650
Total Income	\$129,606
<u>Expenses</u>	
Administrative(annual meeting, postage, printing)	5,858
Core Expenses (insurance, accountants' fees)	6,656
Madison Community Foundation	975
Fundraising Program	2,158
Education Support	20,478
Restoration & Management Support	20,634
2012 Bock Forest Restoration Grant Work	15,000
AIS Planning & Implementation Grant Work	21,320
2012 & 13 REI Grant Projects	11,462
2010 Water Monitoring Grant Project Work	1,235
Total Expenses	\$105,776
Balance December 31, 2013	\$122,275

Governance Committee

Our rapid growth over the last several years has challenged the board to keep up. As part of the strategic planning process, the Governance Committee is focused on board structure, as well as processes, procedures and practices to help us run more efficiently and effectively. While committee work is not always glamorous, it is essential to the current and future operation of the Friends.

Key accomplishments for 2013 include:

- A final list and timetable of required policies, procedures and practices per the Strategic Plan
- New policies, procedures and practices, including records retention, advocacy, conflict of interest, board self-evaluation, job descriptions and new board member training/materials
- A more structured process for recruiting new board members and an ongoing roster of candidates
- Board redesign work, including benchmarking and workload analysis

Education Committee

During 2013 the education committee expanded efforts and outreach with the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District by offering increased learning opportunities for K-5, middle school and high school students. The high school service-learning program, focused on biology curriculum, was enhanced with a new literacy support class and increased opportunities for photography and advanced composition. We co-sponsored grant projects such as a middle school water-quality monitoring project and an intergenerational art project that links seniors, 4th grade students and the Conservancy.

Participation in our Kids for the Earth field trip programs increased 30% for K – 5th grades, 20% for high school level classes, and 150% for non-MCPASD classes, including two trips for schools more than 10 miles from Middleton. We sponsored guided walks to introduce teachers to the Conservancy and our education programs, one for new teachers and one during the new school-year orientation for all teachers.

In 2013, we created a new partnership with the senior citizen communities in Middleton, Madison and Waunakee. This resulted in expanded Conservancy Day Programming that was very well attended by this audience.

Activity directors at these senior venues are now strong partners who advertise our events through their newsletters and websites. Directors have also discussed other ways to support the connection among seniors and the Conservancy in 2014, such as displaying poetry from our high school service learning projects.

The Education Committee also had a significant role in the launch and maintenance of the Friends Facebook Page, the organization's first social media tool, which generated 200 hundred "likes" in less than six months.

Restoration and Management Committee

In 2013, the Restoration and Management Committee was involved in a variety of activities. Volunteer days were conducted twice a month. Invasive plant management – targeting species such as giant ragweed, burdock, buckthorn, sumac, mulberry, sweet clover and bird's foot trefoil - was carried out in prairie and wetlands according to the county plan, as was seed collecting, cleaning and storing. Committee members attended a joint meeting with county and city officials to

discuss priorities for 2013.

The committee participated in the prairie partnership intern program. This included interviewing, fiscally supporting, mentoring and supervising 5 interns for 10 weeks (one day/week). The committee also supported a county employee (Tom Klein) as coordinator for fieldwork in the Conservancy. Priority areas of the prairie were burned, in collaboration with the county and a contractor hired for

planning and implementing the burn.

In cooperation with the Education Committee, R&M members participated in planning for and executing service-learning days with Middleton High School teachers and students. They also worked together to plan and host a summer celebration event at the Conservancy to highlight restoration accomplishments.

Watershed Committee

The mission of the Friends, founded in 1995, is "to restore, protect and promote the Pheasant Branch Conservancy and watershed for today and tomorrow." However, over the years, focus on the 26-square-mile watershed receded due to the many issues, demands and threats involving the 500-acre Conservancy. As a result of the board's strategic planning process in late 2012, a watershed committee was created in January 2013. The committee's charge is to help the Friends understand, support and advocate for the Pheasant Branch Watershed

by identifying and prioritizing resource needs and finding ways to address them effectively through appropriate action.

In 2013 the committee wrote the advocacy policy, which was approved by the board in December 2013. Committee members began investigating the types of data already existing for the watershed and identifying other stakeholders in the watershed. We reviewed state and local plans involving resource management of the watershed and networked with some of our watershed

partners including DNR, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department, the River Alliance, and the Dane County Watershed Network. We created an informational archive in Dropbox containing technical documents on water quality from local, state and federal agencies; planning documents; and news articles. Recognizing the need for effective working maps, we started creating data-specific maps of the watershed with the help of a GIS expert. These maps will enable us to target pockets of resource need, such as recharge areas or sensitive vegetation areas.

Middle School Friend Holds G.R.E.A.T. Fundraiser

By Dawn Meyer

Katie Frye, a Friends member and student at Krome Middle School, recently raised funds as a school project for the G.R.E.A.T. program. G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) is a gang and violence prevention program that focuses on providing life skills to students.

For her project Katie made custom bookmarks, which she sold to friend and family. She raised \$80, which we were

delighted to receive. The Friends are very fortunate to have many members like Katie who work tirelessly to support our mission. To quote Katie's mother, Nancy Goyings, "We can't save the world with our small efforts, but we can be part of all the efforts to make things better for future generations."

Katie Frye raised \$80 for the Friends by selling the bookmark below.



Stormwater Utility...

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Why is Middleton Considering this Approach?

At this time the city funds its stormwater management program under the general revenue budget, which is mostly supported by property taxes. The city's stormwater management responsibilities have changed dramatically over the years and the general revenue budget is not a reliable, equitable way to pay for the program. Stormwater needs have increased for many reasons including: 1) there is a growing backlog of maintenance needed for numerous existing stormwater structures in addition to construction of new ones, and 2) new state and federal environmental regulations are requiring the city to improve its stormwater pollution control programs. The burden of these increased services lead the city to seek a revenue source dedicated to stormwater management, and that is equitable among users. The stormwater utility is the best option for reliable, annual funding.

Why Should You Care?

Stormwater runoff from urban lands (streets, parking lots, lawns, etc.) contains high levels of water pollutants such as sediment, nutrients, heavy metals,

bacteria, salt, etc. In addition, urban lands generate runoff rates that can cause streambank erosion. Pheasant Branch Creek and the Conservancy receive stormwater runoff from nearly the entire City of Middleton, plus areas of Madison and adjacent rural lands. Pollutants in the runoff from these areas travel to the Conservancy and some settles out in the wetlands, while the rest is deposited into Lake Mendota. The



Confluence Pond near the Spectrum Brands building.

City of Middleton has already invested a lot of money in building stormwater detention ponds, infiltration basins, and other pollution treatment practices. More practices are needed, and the existing practices need maintenance to be kept functional. Inadequate funding for this

work results in failure to meet required water quality standards, possible fines, and deteriorating water quality. In order to protect the Conservancy, Pheasant Branch Creek and Lake Mendota, we need to protect the watershed.

How Can You Help?

This November 2014 there will be a referendum regarding the adoption of a stormwater utility for Middleton. If the referendum passes, the City will implement the utility. If the referendum fails, funding the stormwater management activities will continue to be subject to the uncertainties of the annual budget process.

On April 16, the Friends board approved a motion to advocate for the creation of a stormwater utility in Middleton, in the best interests of maintaining or improving water conditions within the Pheasant Branch Watershed. We welcome your thoughts on this important issue. Please feel free to email us at office@pheasantbranch.org or leave a message on our Facebook page. The Friends will provide more information in coming months as this issue develops.



EDUCATION CORNER:

Kids for the Earth Program News

By Colleen Robinson Klug, FOPB Education Coordinator

Join us for FREE Conservancy Day Programs every third Thursday of the month.

Birds have been the main topic of the year so far. Bluebirds, hummingbirds and a bird hike have us looking skyward and listening closely as we spend time in the Conservancy, which provides critical habitat for these and other wildlife. Middleton Glen Retirement Community and Heritage Assisted Living hosted programs and 85 people enjoyed them before we hiked outside in March.

Spring has plenty more in store so stay tuned at www.pheasantbranch.org or through our Facebook page for details on upcoming programs. Request monthly email reminders by sending a message to: education@pheasantbranch.org. Here is a sneak peek of what is coming:

A better home for Northern Pike

May 15, 2014
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Meet on Marina Drive in Middleton, on the north side of Century Avenue just east of Allen Blvd.



Guides: Jens Jensen and Aaron Steber of Cardno JFNW
Children willing to walk up to two miles are welcome.



Above: Patrick Ready of the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin led a Conservancy Day program held at Middleton Glen earlier this year.

Right: The "resource" slide from Patrick's powerpoint presentation.



The Conservancy can now serve again as a natural safe haven for Northern Pike from Lake Mendota to lay eggs and for the small fry to grow up before venturing out into the lake.

Night hike – experience the Conservancy in a new, dim light

June 19, 2014
8:30 – 9:30 PM

Meet at the gravel parking lot at fire number 4864 Pheasant Branch Road. This is across the street from one, lone house.

Guides: Naturalist Allison Palser
Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather – it might be chilly or buggy. Children welcome.

What can you see and hear outside when you really pay attention at night? Owls, frogs, crickets, night-

loving mammals... it is a whole new world! Come and practice using your senses without the benefit of daylight and discover your nocturnal potential!

Turtles?

Stay tuned as we work to confirm our annual turtle release program for July 17th!

Naturalist volunteers needed!

We need you now more than ever if you enjoy working with children, leading groups, or teaching about nature and would like to help with field trips at the Conservancy. Please contact Colleen right away! We provide orientation and training on our field trip lesson plans and all materials needed for leading field trip stations are provided.

Your membership, donations and volunteer time and skills are always appreciated. Remember to like us on Facebook! Use "goodsearch.com" as your internet search engine to watch your donation grow with every search!



A high school biology class explores the prairie as part of their service learning last year. To learn more about this program, read the education feature article on pages 1 and 3.



GET OUT THERE: Restoration Volunteer Opportunities

By Jane Cummings-Carlson, FOPB Restoration and Management Committee

Winter Restoration Work on the Conservancy

The weather did not cooperate with winter workday plans this winter until just recently, when volunteers were finally able to burn many piles of brush on the hill produced by last year's removal of invasive woody plants. This is one important step in preparation for a spring burn of the hill.

Contractors hired by the Friends through an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant again made great progress this winter in clearing invasive willow and red-osier dogwood in the marsh.

Tom Klein, working independently, also contributed to AIS work in the marsh, in addition to clearing invasive plants (sumac and buckthorn) on the south side of the hill

Prairie Partner Interns Hired

Five interns have been hired to work on the Conservancy. They are: Lauren Bradshaw, Victoria Fuller, Kathryn Prince, Madeline Van Cleve, and James Wagner.

They will begin working one day per week in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy on May 21 and finish working on August 6. This crew will be under the supervision of Tom Klein (supported by the Friends) and Wayne Pauly, Dane County Naturalist.

Spring Prairie Burn Planned

A burn of the prairie just east of Frederick's Hill and west to Pheasant Branch Road is planned for this spring.

The burn is carefully timed to reduce excess leaf litter and duff, release nutrients from the ash, expose the dark soil to the warmth of the sun (to increase the length of the growing season) and damage woody invasive plants.

Burns, along with the restoration and management committee's

tireless effort at removing invasive plants, have produced a stunning and productive prairie for all to enjoy.

Please come often to the Conservancy this spring and summer and watch the ever-changing display of prairie grasses and flowers.



Above: Tom Klein ignites a brush pile this winter.

Below: High School volunteers, like this group from last fall pictured with Susan Gruber, play an important role in restoration efforts.



UPCOMING WORK PARTIES

Join a fun group of like-minded, hard-working people to care for this very special place.

Responsibilities include invasive plant control, seed collecting & spreading, etc...

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - noon
May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6

Saturdays, 9:00 AM - noon
May 3* & 17*, June 21, July 19, August 16

**with Middleton High School students*

Additional work days are periodically scheduled.

No experience needed, just a desire to clear invasive plants and give back to a place you enjoy and use in many different ways.

Meet at the Pheasant Branch Dane County Parking Lot

4864 Pheasant Branch Road
1.2 miles north of Century Avenue

Contact Susan Gruber at sgruber42@gmail.com or call 836-3848 if you would like to be added to our email list to receive a reminder of work sessions. Volunteers are notified via email and signs along the trail. These workdays are weather and project dependent, thus the importance of being on the email list.



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PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY SPRING-SUMMER 2014 EVENTS



CONNECT WITH NATURE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

MAY

- 3rd, 7th, 17th - Restoration Work Party (page 9)
- 15th - Conservancy Day (page 8)

JUNE

- 4th, 21st - Restoration Work Parties (page 9)
- 19th - Conservancy Day (page 8)

JULY

- 2nd, 19th - Restoration Work Parties (page 9)
- 17th - Conservancy Day (page 8)

AUGUST

- 6th, 16th - Restoration Work Parties (page 9)
- 21st - Conservancy Day (page 8)

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