

**TO:** DEER PARK VILLAGE BOARD  
**FROM:** PAT WINKELMAN/VEHE FARM FOUNDATION  
**SUBJECT:** MONTHLY REPORT  
**DATE:** JULY 2008

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### **Presentation—Information Only**

*Leave No Child Inside* Vehe Farm Foundation tri-community initiative.

### **Action Item**

Chicago Wilderness requests the Village of Deer Park's approval of the Resolution of Support for the Leave No Child Inside Campaign. Chicago Wilderness is making this request of all its members.

### **Additional Information Items**

#### ***Public Relations and Partnerships***

Foundation members are donating time weekly to Citizens for Conservation's prairie restoration efforts in exchange for CFC's continued donations/partnership.

A VFF member attended a special historical tour and luncheon given by the Long Grove Historical Society. Docents provided educational "lessons" at the barn and schoolhouse. This is a future activity for consideration at Vehe Farm.

The Foundation's website continues to be updated. ([vehefarmfoundation.org](http://vehefarmfoundation.org))

#### ***Community Service and Education Programs***

Eagle Scout work continues on the Leave No Child Inside Nature Trail project.

New IDNR posters and informative/educational brochures are now available to the public in the barn.

Local students (5) and parents, as part of personal community service requirements, are helping to add mulch to the walking paths and to the butterfly garden (7 hours per student and certain of the parents)

#### ***Grounds Maintenance***

The Foundation is working with Jim Connors to assess the safety of trees by the farm entrance, Cuba Rd, the wetlands, and the east side of the property. Written assessments and quotes for tree removal are being obtained from four arborist companies. A recommendation for specific tree removal, vendor to be used, and funding will be presented at the August Village Board meeting.

Saturday afternoon 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. work detail continues on the grounds. Work this month actually expanded beyond the 12:00 to 2:00 period. Invasive plants being focused on are: reed canary grass, phragmites, Canadian thistle, and cattails. The following additional grounds work has been done:

- Watering of the new orchard trees and oak trees
  - Butterfly garden maintenance
  - Mulching
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### **Prairie Update**

July is a beautiful month for the prairie. Over 30 prairie plant species are blooming and the grasses are in full growth. Showy plants include the compass plant, brown-eyed susans, coneflowers, rattlesnake master, and milkweed.

Summer interns from CFC will be working at Vehe Farm sometime during the next month.

### **\$1,000 Donation Received**

The Little Garden Club of Barrington has made to the Foundation a generous \$1,000 donation. The donation is restricted to being applied towards a handicap accessible path from the barn sidewalk to the butterfly garden. The Foundation is working with the Village engineer regarding the timing of the installation and logistics to coincide with the re-grading of the barnyard. Donations and Foundation dollars will fund the cost of the path.

### **Action Item**

Request Village Board approval to install an ADA path from the barn sidewalk to the butterfly garden and coordinate the installation of the ADA path with the re-grading of the barnyard.

### **Farm Antiques Donated to Foundation**

The Stohr Farm, a centennial farm, in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin has generously donated numerous antiques (household and farming) to the Foundation. Family members are Barrington area residents.