

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

Activities

Leave No Child Inside June 22 update: verbal report

Public relations: Foundation members attended BADC dinner at Vehe Farm. Compliments to Yvonne whose efforts resulted in a successful showing of the barn and farm as venues for community events. The Foundation spoke on the history of Vehe Farm project and the many partnerships that have contributed to the barn/farm success.

Public environmental education programs and activities:

- Butterfly garden is beautiful with newly planted annuals, seeds planted, and plants in bloom. First monarchs and swallowtails have been seen in garden.
- Eagle Scout work continues on the Leave No Child Inside Nature Trail project.
- Work is completed regarding the Eagle Scout project on the paths to and around the pillars.

Grounds maintenance:

- A very large construction dumpster was donated by Groot. Volunteers filled it to the maximum with large debris and other items, resulting in the following being removed from the property: 1) the large old milk cooler and the heavy cement mixing vat, 2) most of the hog pen remnants, and 3) much of the contents of the large corn crib. Our thanks to Jim Connors for arranging with Ela Township their lifting of the milk cooler into the dumpster.
- Saturday afternoon 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. work detail continues on the grounds. Work this month included and actually expanded beyond the 12:00 to 2:00 period:
 - Garlic mustard removal
 - Transporting, planting, mulching and protecting four new oak trees
 - Mulching and watering of the seven orchard trees planted last month
 - Planting and watering of flower barrels in front of the barn
 - Butterfly garden maintenance
- Prairie: June growth is excellent with numerous plants presenting fully

New and expanded partnerships:

- Partnership with Citizen for Conservation expanded to include Foundation member's personal participation in CFC's restoration efforts to reciprocate CFC's donation of materials, seed, and expertise.)
- Foundation participated in the International Migratory Bird Day Event at Lake Arlington with Prairie Woods Audubon Society, Field Museum, Illinois Ornithology Society, and more.

Coordination with Event Coordinator on cohesive communications' design: Foundation is working with Yvonne on a consistent graphic design for all Vehe Farm marketing/communications materials.

Publicizing Vehe Farm, its partnerships, and volunteer opportunities: the Foundation's website (vehefarmfoundation.org) has received a number of updates.
