

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

Action Item—Village Owned Archived Materials

The Vehe Farm Foundation has chosen the Barrington Area Library as the site to store our archival materials and recommend the library for the Village owned items. The library has a new archival facility, allows archived items to be removed by owners for short periods of time, provide Internet access to the material, and will provide an electronic form of the items. Please see attached inventory list.

Action item: Village approval to store Village owned archived materials at the Barrington Area Library.

Presentation—Information Only

IDNR trunk.

Additional Information Items

Public Relations and Partnerships

Foundation members continue to donate time on a weekly basis to Citizens for Conservation's prairie restoration efforts in exchange for CFC's continued donations/partnership.

Foundation members continue ongoing prairie restoration/maintenance efforts on Saturday afternoons. Once again, work expanded beyond the 12:00 to 2:00 periods. Invasive plants being focused on are: common teasel, phragmites, Canadian thistle, cattails, buckthorn, wild rose, and wild grape. Additional grounds work has been done in the form of watering the new orchard and oak trees, and butterfly garden maintenance.

The Foundation will present Vehe Farm's amenities to the members of Prairie Woods Audubon Society on September 18th.

The Foundation's website continues to be updated and expanded. (vehefarmfoundation.org)

Community Service and Education Programs

The Historic Vehe Farm is now the holding site of seven Illinois Department of Natural Resources Educational Trunks. Along with the Illinois Trees, we have Illinois Insects and Spiders, Illinois Aquatics, Illinois Wild Mammals, Illinois Birds, People and Animals of Illinois' Past, and Illinois Fossils. Local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, other children's organizations, and parents who home school their children are excited to have these teaching aids available at the farm.

Residents, non-residents, Scouts, and Foundation members will harvest seeds at the Vehe Farm prairie on Saturday, September 27th and Saturday, October 4th from noon to 2 p.m.

Seed cleaning and sowing will take place in the later part of October.

The Foundation presented the *Leave No Child Inside* tri-community initiative to the Barrington Village Board on September 8th.

The Foundation is developing the *Leave No Child Inside* Steering Committee.

Prairie and Butterfly Garden Update

The fall colors are showing in the garden and the prairie. Monarchs and hummingbirds are storing up for their southern migration. Soon many of the northern birds will be seen at the farm during their winter migration to warmer weather. Plants that were in bloom last month now look quite different with their seed heads forming.