

TO: DEER PARK VILLAGE BOARD
FROM: PAT WINKELMAN/VEHE FARM FOUNDATION
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT
DATE: JANUARY 2010

Grounds Stewardship

Prairie/Wetland Restoration

Volunteer December efforts focused on ensuring 1) all oak and orchard saplings were protected from the deer with heavy gauge wire cages, 2) maintenance supplies and tools were readied for winter, 3) all remaining prairie seeds were sown, and 4) the prairie, wetland, and butterfly garden were prepared for winter. Removal of buckthorn and other invasives has begun and will continue through the winter months.

Community Service, Historical and Education Programs

Outbuilding Restoration

Discussions continue with potential donor.

Lake Zurich Roundtable on Children's After-School Activities

The Foundation, representing the Village and the LNCI Consortium, continues to participate with the Ela Township Middle School Youth Coalition.

Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance

The Foundation, representing the Village, will attend the January meeting at the Mother Rudd House and Museum in Gurnee. Restored by the Village of Gurnee, this original house was built in 1844 and once a tavern, stagecoach stop, post office, candy store, and town hall. It has been rumored to be have been part of the Underground Railroad where slaves would be hidden in the basement or barn.

LNCI Consortium Update

The LNCI Consortium took part in a workshop hosted by Chicago Wilderness in Waukegan for the development of a new Leave No Child Inside initiative for the areas of North Chicago, Waukegan, and the Great Lakes Naval Station. The Consortium shared ideas, marketing, and other strategies with the many interested participants.

The Consortium gained three new member organizations: BACOG, The Garden Club of Barrington, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 927 (Blackhawk Area Council).

The Consortium has been designated a UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs/Department of Public Administration "Capstone Project". Four UIC Master in Public Administration students will work with the Consortium from January through early May 2010 to assess 1) the Consortium's level of success in implementing its comprehensive plan and 2) whether there is a broad community need/desire to continue the Leave No Child Inside initiative beyond June 2010 and, if so, to determine the best organizational form for the Consortium.

Transition

As the first step in the transition process, the Foundation provided Trustee Evans with a transition document. We are hopeful the document will be a tool for constructive dialogue as the Village Board decides which of the listed activities it wishes to continue as part of the smooth transfer of Foundation responsibilities to the Village.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent November-December 2009

\$451.50 Great American Insurance Group...1st quarter payment of comprehensive liability insurance premium
\$38.84 Pat Winkelman...reimbursement for cost of perlite for prairie seeding and restoration
\$179.00 Forest Agency...policy service fee (comprehensive liability insurance renewal handling)