



# 2023

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# ANNUAL REPORT



# Executive Summary

We met 2023 with excitement and dedication, focusing on our mission to work collaboratively with Minnetonka city officials and staff to restore key nature spaces in our parks.

The city's new master planning focus, as well as the recently approved **Natural Resources Master Plan**, guided our joint work. Much of the heavy lifting was initiated by the city with its new forestry mower that can accomplish a lot more buckthorn removal than a group of volunteers. City staff and contractors focused their efforts in Hilloway and Purgatory parks, the two parks with recently approved restoration master plans. In 2024, new parks will be added to this park master planning process.



## science-based restoration methods

In 2023, we saw a vast improvement in park conditions in the parks we were restoring due to the quality of volunteer work to eradicate buckthorn, garlic mustard, and other invasive plants in 2022. We relied on the latest **science-based restoration methods** we emphasize in our monthly Park Stewardship meetings. Because of the exactness of plant removal and sowing seed mixture where the invasive plants were removed, we reduced the number of invasives that tried to return. Based on our success, we have moved into more of a maintenance mode in some of these key areas in 2023, allowing volunteers to shift their work to new, adjacent areas, new natural amenities like the **Playground Pollinator Walk** area in Lone Lake Park, and public outreach and education.



Volunteer Appreciation Event

We held a **public education event** in May entitled *Oaks, Fire, and Climate Change* in Minnetonka led by Heather Holm, our Technical Officer, which sold out at 100 attendees. We also handed out educational materials and talked with visitors at our **Farmers Market** table throughout the summer, produced a spring and fall newsletter, and added educational materials to our website. An especially popular addition to our social media efforts was our native plant-of-the-day picture and plant description.

The Friends of Minnetonka Parks’ board of directors hosted a FoMP social on January 12, 2023 to celebrate the year’s success, renew friendships with like-minded park restoration advocates and volunteers, and discuss the year ahead. We also held a **Volunteer Appreciation event** on September 7. For more events, FoMP park efforts, and website additions, see other parts of this report.

In 2024, we will be working to increase our volunteer base and develop and implement criteria for FoMP membership. Stay tuned for updates on these two initiatives.

***Come volunteer with us. See you in our beautiful parks!***



# Board of Directors

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*Shady Oak Park Isthmus Restoration Event*

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# By the Numbers

**247**

organized  
restoration  
events

**1,583**

volunteer  
restoration  
hours

**150**

pounds  
of seed  
broadcast

**70**

hours  
surveying  
birds

**37**

acres under  
restoration

**12**

park  
leaders

**159**

restoration  
volunteers

**36**

hours  
surveying  
plant plots





# Vision

*Big Willow Park*



We envision a park system that honors and builds on our city's heritage of preserving, restoring, and managing our distinctive high-value natural spaces that enhance Minnetonka's quality of life and distinguish it from other cities.

# Mission

Our mission is to work with the City of Minnetonka to ensure that all park visitors can experience high-quality, biodiverse places that provide a multitude of positive nature-based interactions, thereby improving the quality of life and the sustainability and ecological resiliency of our parks, park system, and community.

## *We will accomplish this by:*

- investing in the restoration of our parks and preserving the park system's ecologically-significant areas because natural landscapes in a suburban context require ongoing stewardship to maintain their ecological quality and integrity,
- transforming degraded landscapes to high-quality, biodiverse ecological plant communities,
- educating park visitors that the investment in and restoration of our natural resources provides the community with distinctive amenities,
- growing the size and involvement of Friends groups to assist with education, restoration, and preservation activities,
- helping to streamline communication with the city to coordinate and manage volunteer restoration activities, and celebrating the outcomes.



# Values

## *We value a park system that:*

- is inclusive for all residents,
- is sustainable both financially and environmentally,
- anticipates, funds, and plans for climate change effects,
- provides both active and passive recreational opportunities,
- facilitates a long-term investment in the restoration, management, and preservation of our natural resources as a defining and distinctive characteristic of our city, and
- communicates, monitors, and enforces clear expectations and rules for use so that everyone is respectful and feels safe and welcome.



*Meadow Park*

We consider our natural landscapes to be an amenity that can be enjoyed and appreciated by everyone and also need to be protected from negligence, misuse, overuse, and overt or benign degradation. Each park and / or preserve in the city may have its own unique, natural, biodiverse features and should have its own unique restoration management plan and guidelines for use guided by a comprehensive city-wide vision and plan for our park system.



# Our Work in 2023

## Habitat Restoration

During 2023, we continued with our significant habitat restoration efforts, implementing our habitat management plans that were approved in collaboration with the city's Natural Resources staff. We plan to continue to work in our high-priority restoration areas and update our long-term habitat goals with key restoration actions in Big Willow, Cullen, Hilloway, Lake Rose, Lone Lake, Meadow, Purgatory, Shady Oak Isthmus, and Victoria-Evergreen parks. We also added three parks to our restoration efforts: Boulder Creek, Jidana, and Woodgate. We held 10 events at these three parks, and have identified project areas to work on, even though these parks will not have a master plan for a few years.



*Meadow Park Wetland Edge Restoration - Before / After*

We anticipate providing input on the upcoming park-specific master plans currently in development by a city-hired consultant for Big Willow, Cullen, Lake Rose, and Meadow.





## Volunteer Framework / Recruitment

We have reported our volunteering to the Natural Resources Division using the Volgistics reporting tool. Additionally, we keep detailed records so that we can carefully monitor the work we do, the target plant community, the species we remove, the seeds we sow, and the volunteers who work with us in each of our parks.

We recognize that we must not only maintain our volunteer base, but also recruit more of them. We are using a variety of tools to help us reach potential volunteers: the Farmers Market booth, our newsletters, videos, and social media activity. We have formed a subcommittee to help us plan for the future so that we can gauge our capacity appropriately.



We continued to meet monthly for 60-90 minutes so that our Park Stewards and city staff have the opportunity to communicate, collaborate, and coordinate our efforts in the parks. The meetings are co-facilitated by FoMP and city staff, and they are open to any staff, City Council or Park Board member to attend when they are working on park-related plans. These meetings are instrumental in prioritizing restoration work, organizing our volunteer events, and planning for the future.



## Education and Outreach

An important part of our mission is to help educate the residents and park users in Minnetonka so they understand the restoration projects. We do this using a multi-pronged approach. We talk with people while we work in the parks. Often, park users are curious about what we are doing. We're happy to explain both what and why we are removing certain species, what seeds we are sowing, and what the project goals are. We also talk with people who stop at our [Farmers Market](#) booth. We encourage those visitors to visit the parks to enjoy Minnetonka's natural amenities. We have a [news-letter](#) that goes into more depth about park restoration projects and directs the public to our website for more information and resources. And, finally, we use our [Facebook](#) page to engage with the public.



*Farmers Market Booth at Ridgedale*

We were invited to speak at an Earth Club meeting at [Minnetonka High School](#), and we enjoyed talking with the students about our work. Several of the students are interested in Natural Resources as a career.

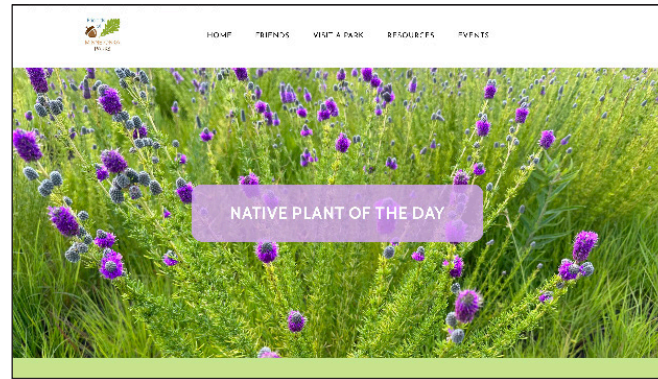


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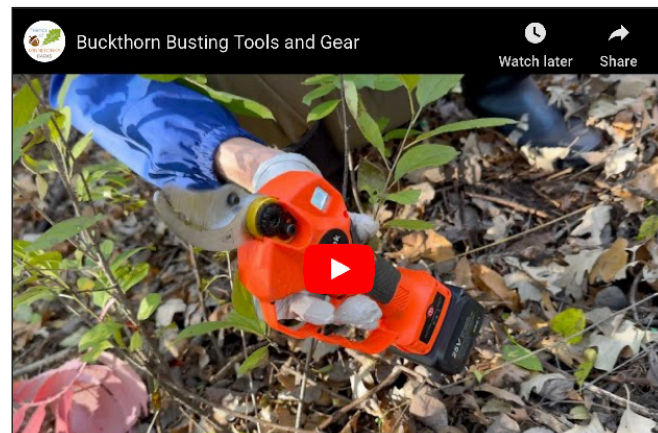
Friends of Minnetonka Parks developed several new resources in 2023, and our website brings them all together in one place. The website provides information that is helpful for homeowners as well as those interested in restoration efforts and opportunities in the parks.

In 2023, four new tabs were added under the **RESOURCES** tab on the main page. **NATIVE PLANTS** includes photos of native plants from late May through late October. Each plant is identified by its common name and scientific name. These plants were featured as 'Native Plant of the Day' on our Facebook page, which includes additional information about the habitat, features, and pollinators of each plant.

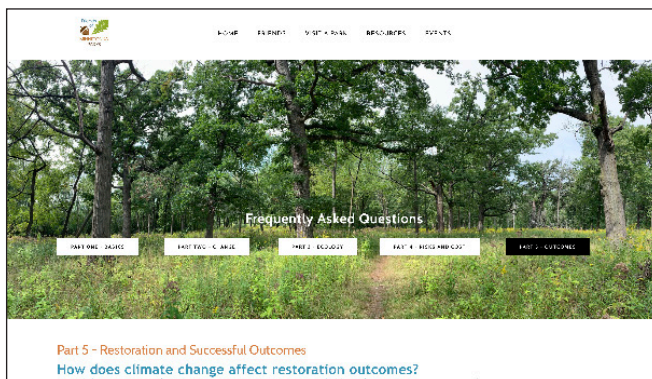
Another new section for 2023 is **VIDEOS**. These videos were developed as we worked in the parks covering topics such as buckthorn busting gear, the Lone Lake Pollinator Walk, forestry mowing, and several others.



Native Plant of the Day



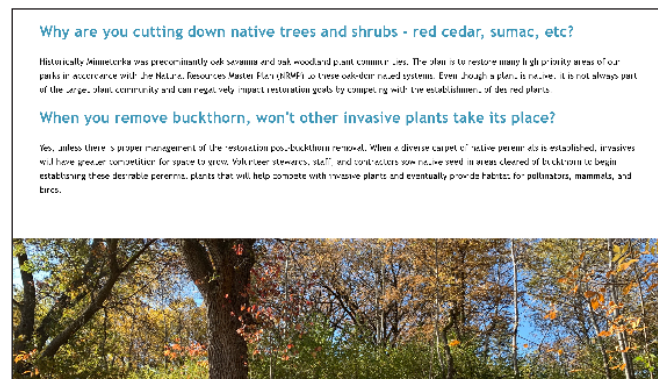
Videos



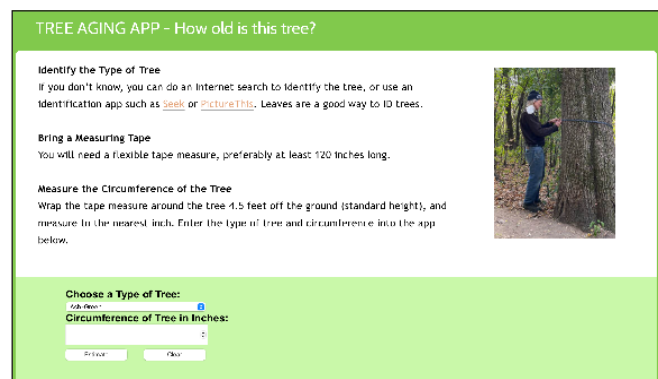
FAQs

The new Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQs**) section was developed based on questions we received while hosting blitz events. This section provides answers to questions regarding the reasons, plans, processes, risks, and outcomes of ecological restoration.

Finally, have fun with the **TREE AGING APP**, which helps you determine a tree's age by its species and size.



FAQs



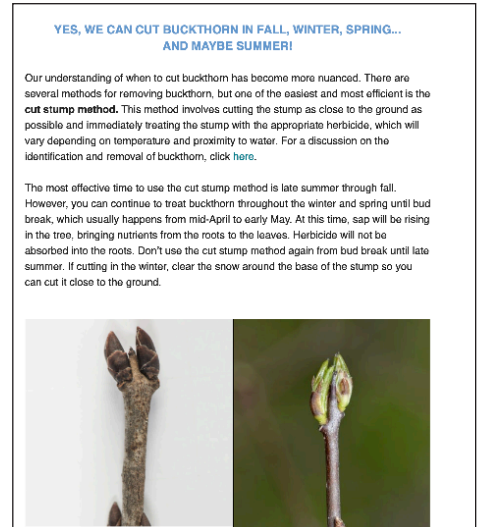
Tree Aging App



### Newsletter

FoMP published its first newsletter in Spring 2023. The newsletter will be published twice annually and emailed to everyone on our mailing list. Each issue will include timely information on nature in the parks, native and invasive plants, upcoming events, how you can support restoration in parks and on your property, and a featured park. The website **NEWSLETTER** section will compile all published issues.

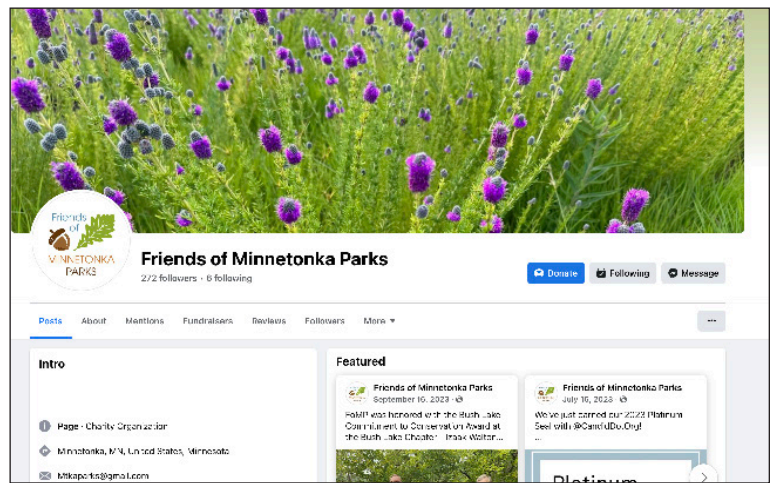
We hope these resources will increase your enjoyment of our parks and your engagement in restoration. If you would like to contribute to these resources, or have suggestions for additional resources, let us know!



Newsletter

### Social Media Presence

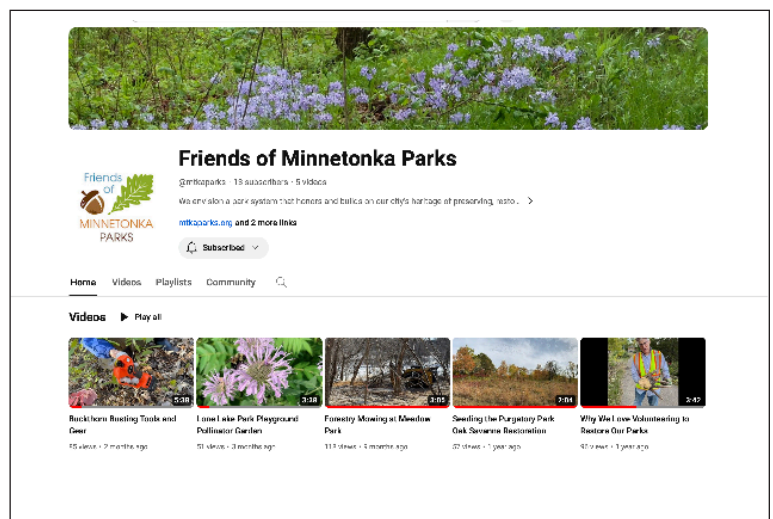
We have used our **Facebook** page to announce our events and share our work, but we tried a new form of engagement in 2023. Heather Holm provided a “native plant of the day” photo and information. This was very popular! Many people asked further questions about the plants and looked forward to the next day’s selection. All of those posts are also on our website so people can find them when they need to.



Facebook Page

We have also earned our 2023 Platinum Seal with @CandidDotOrg that indicates the degree to which the Friends of Minnetonka Parks organization is transparent. We display those badges on Facebook and our website to let the public know that we take our nonprofit status seriously, and we strive to be clear and transparent about our finances.

We also established a **YouTube Channel** to showcase our videos featuring our restoration, education, and outreach work.



YouTube Channel



## Community Events

### *March Historic Park Restoration Photos Slideshow Event*

In March, FoMP hosted a slideshow event for staff and park volunteers at the Ridgedale Library. Twenty-five people attended. A treasure trove of old slides was discovered at Public Works, and together, Heather Holm and staff member Matt Kumka put together an interesting retrospective of photos of the Natural Resources division's efforts in our parks over the past 30 or so years. The photos included forestry mowing, buckthorn management, prescribed burns, and research plots. We enjoyed seeing the various projects and restorations that have been accomplished over the decades.



*March Historic Restoration Slideshow Event*

### *May Educational Event*

Our major public event in 2023 was a sold-out educational event and presentation held at the Ridgedale Library. Heather Holm spoke on ***Oaks, Fire, and Climate Change*** as it applies to Minnetonka's parks. This informative presentation helped all of us understand the role of fire in the restoration and maintenance of prairies, oak savannas, and oak woodlands.

Matt Kumka, Park and Trail Project Manager, and John Mirocha, FoMP President, presented opening remarks. Attendees were provided refreshments, and at the end of the evening, a book giveaway. Proceeds from the tickets sales will be used for future park restoration projects.



**Farmers Market at Ridgedale**

Our second year at the Farmers Market included a relocation to the new market site at the Ridgedale Commons. We enjoyed engaging with market visitors, talking about our parks, and educating folks about invasive species, seeding, and other restoration and nature topics. We have some plant and bird ID games that kids and adults enjoyed too. We plan on continuing to have a presence at our local market.

**September Volunteer Appreciation Event**

FoMP held its first annual Volunteer Celebration on September 7 at the picnic shelter at Lone Lake Park. Thirty-one volunteers attended. Heather Holm and Linda Russell led informative walks along the lake and to the future pollinator garden. Tom Stockert and Ann Gershone provided a delicious meal.

Afterward, volunteer contributions were acknowledged, culminating with the presentation of the prestigious abused SAWZALL® blade, the trophy for the **North American Award for Brutally Busting Buckthorn**, which was awarded to Mike Rossing.

**Awards**

FoMP was honored with the **Bush Lake Commitment to Conservation Award** at the Bush Lake Chapter - Izaak Walton League Of America’s annual meeting in September.

The award is given to an individual or organization inside or outside of the organization that has contributed to restoration, habitat, and conservation in Minnesota.



*Guided Tour of the New Lone Lake Park Pollinator Garden*



*FoMP Recipient of a Conservation Award*



# Park Stewardship

In 2023, we added three new parks—Boulder Creek, Jidana, and Woodgate—to our stewardship, welcoming new park leads Blair Sander, Cindy Eyden, and Mary Steinbicker. We expanded upon our established stewardship areas, motivated by our successes from previous years' efforts. The Natural Resources Master Plan and staff consultations continue to guide our work, strategies, and goals. We received frequent comments from residents and park visitors who were pleased with the work and changes.

## Big Willow

Substantial sections of old-growth buckthorn were cleared in the south section of the park near the old homestead site. A steep section along the west side of the main trail was cleared of buckthorn a day before bud break in April, benefiting from a rare spring, warm, sunny day. Our devoted volunteers removed garlic mustard and other invasive plants throughout the growing season. The extended fall season allowed volunteers to remove buckthorn from the north side and eastern side of the old homestead site, and the south section near Minnetonka Blvd. Additional select (non-oak savanna) species were removed, including a few species to open the canopy. Volunteers throughout the year contributed over 189 hours by 25 discrete signups.



Goals for 2024 include seeding the 2023 cleared areas; clearing buckthorn on the west side of the old homestead site and along the footpath from the creek bridge to the boat landing; continued garlic mustard and other invasive removal; and increasing the volunteer base. *Diana Houston*



## Boulder Creek

In the fall, we initiated restoration efforts holding three buckthorn removal events at this neighborhood park. Twelve volunteers including new neighborhood residents and council member candidates contributed over 55 hours working along the namesake creek that was choked with buckthorn, mulberry, and other invasive plants.

After the buckthorn removal events, we met with city forestry staff to discuss the removal of hazardous trees that are leaning over the park trail. Those will be removed this winter. We seeded the upland cleared areas with buckthorn replacement and the creek edge with a wetland edge mix. We will continue the restoration efforts next year, beginning with the removal of garlic mustard and other undesirable perennials in spring, followed by more buckthorn events in the fall. We look forward to restoring the creek corridor and highlighting this park's natural amenity. *Heather Holm and Blair Sander*



## Cullen Nature Preserve

We are nearing the end of the grant-funded, two-year contract for the initial restoration of 13 acres of the Preserve. Although we had hoped to perform a prescribed burn of the restoration area this year, drought conditions and lack of fuel (leaves and vegetation) have delayed that key restoration action. As such, we are moving forward with sowing the rest of the native seed to begin establishing the prairie-like perennial ground layer vegetation that was largely lost / eliminated over time from the invasion of invasive species and undesirable vegetation. Once the diverse perennial plant population is established, it will begin to perform its magic—hosting a multitude of pollinators and insects that are critical food for nesting songbirds, wild turkeys, and other key wildlife species we'd like to welcome back to the Preserve.

We eagerly look forward to 2024 when park master planning for the Preserve officially begins. The Friends will be working with city staff planning trails, structures, and interpretive signage. This is a big step and hopefully, for all of you who have been so patient, the Preserve will open to the public sometime in 2026. In the meantime, a great way to see the Preserve is by participating in a spring bird survey. Last spring we observed nesting bluebirds on the site—the first time since we started the surveys.

We have just posted a new timeline graphic on our website [www.CullenNature.org](http://www.CullenNature.org) that summarizes all of the wonderful work of the Friends and staff, and the next steps in the restoration effort. Please refer to it to stay current on the timing of forthcoming restoration actions. *Jerrold Gershone*





## Hilloway

Hilloway Park was designated as top priority for restoration work in 2023 by the City of Minnetonka and so received significant attention from volunteers, city staff, and contractors. Twenty-five volunteers provided over 216 hours of service removing garlic mustard, buckthorn, and other invasive plants in the park. Volunteers revisited the area near the fen that we cleared in previous years to remove buckthorn regrowth and expand the cleared area. We also sowed an oak savanna seed mix in this area.

In the spring, city staff mowed a total of 7.5 acres near the center of the park, removing buckthorn and prickly ash and sowing a buckthorn replacement seed mix. Several species of native wildflowers bloomed in this area over the summer.



*View of the Fen After Forestry Mowing*

In late fall, Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL) mowed buckthorn and other small undesirable plants throughout the pine stand and the oak aspen woodland west of the main trail. Almost the entire park is cleared of large buckthorn at this point, but regrowth will have to be managed. MNL will sow buckthorn replacement seed in the areas they cleared in the spring.

City staff will continue to thin the pine stand over several years to improve the health of the remaining trees. The target plant community for much of Hilloway Park is oak savanna, so future restoration work will focus on establishing that ecosystem. *Sabrina Harvey*



## Jidana

Jidana is one of the new parks we added to our active restoration list in 2023. Although in a prior year we were involved in an effort to reduce compaction under the oak trees by the campsite, we hadn't developed a project area until now. In the meantime, city staff and a contractor have done buckthorn removal.

We successfully recruited volunteers by posting signs in the park ahead of our events. We held two buckthorn events clearing approximately 1/2 acre of undesirable vegetation, as well as one seeding event. In September, 14 volunteers contributed a total of 23 hours, and on October 8 volunteers contributed 16 hours. In November, four volunteers spent four hours seeding the area with buckthorn replacement mix. *Cindy Eyden*



## Lake Rose

Lake Rose is continuing on its positive restoration trajectory requiring only periodic monitoring and maintenance. Garlic mustard and narrowleaf bittercress were removed in spring; thistles and leafy spurge in summer, and eradicated any remaining buckthorn on a fall pass through the park. The groundlayer vegetation from seed sowing in the last six years is establishing well. This fall, more savanna seed mix was sown on the sunny slopes and buckthorn replacement on the shadier side of the park. Two new neighborhood residents volunteered twenty hours removing all of the fencing in the park. This fencing will be reallocated to other park efforts. Volunteers contributed over 60 hours to upkeeping this neighborhood gem. We look forward to the neighborhood engagement process and to participating in the 2024 park master planning for Lake Rose. *Heather and Brent Holm*



## Lone Lake

In 2023, Lone Lake Park volunteers continued to expand the work area (it is now 0.61 acres), pulling garlic mustard (spring) and cutting European linden seedlings (fall) in the area north of the entrance road and just west of the soccer field. We also asked the Minnetonka Forestry staff if they would remove the mature European lindens that are responsible for all the seedlings. One of those trees was marked for removal in late fall. Overall, we had 21 volunteers work 45 hours in the park.

We also seeded both that new area and reseeded bare spots in the Aspen Grove with buckthorn replacement mix. We are waiting for city staff to prepare the south edge of Aspen Grove for short grass prairie seeding / planting, as our approved Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (RPBB) Pollinator Habitat Plan requires.



*Playground Pollinator Walk Garden*



The second Pollinator Habitat project was the Playground Pollinator Walk. This garden was planted in early October 2023. About 1,200 native plants were installed, including flowers, and short and tall grasses. It was watered and tended until cold weather, and was looking very good going into winter. For more information about the garden, check out our YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/mDxIOIgbnt4>.

We also learned that the picnic shelter that had been removed to build the pickleball courts will be re-installed in 2024. This was promised to us a few years ago, so we are happy to be able to see that come to fruition. The park will then have two picnic shelters. *Linda Russell*



## Meadow

2023 was the season of letting in the light for Meadow Park. The weather worked against some of our volunteer events so we didn't accomplish all we had hoped to, but we made progress toward our long-term goals. Twenty-one Meadow Park volunteers donated a total of 330 hours to reduce the impact of garlic mustard and buckthorn in the park.

### **North: 2023 Triangle Transitioned to a Rectangle**

In north Meadow, we continued to open up more areas to the light. We cleared next to the marsh where the views had not been seen for a number of years. In the area where several volunteers have been working since 2021, we made a dramatic push forward. A total of 1.2 acres was cleared of buckthorn and sown with buckthorn replacement seed. A savanna mix was sown in last year's blitz area.



### **South: 2023 Playground Aspen Woods**

In south Meadow, we revisited the aspen hill to open it up so light could enter and grasses and flowers could flourish. Now one can actually see through the back part of the hill to observe the playground equipment. A total of .35 acres was cleared of buckthorn and prickly ash to make the playground area more hospitable. Buckthorn replacement seed was sown and the savanna mix was sown in last year's blitz area. *Mary Hammill*



## Purgatory

Due to the mild weather into late fall, the Friends of Purgatory Park were able to accomplish more restoration work than anticipated. Over the 2023 year, the Friends worked 429.5 cumulative volunteer hours at a total of 53 events. They expanded the prairie remnant footprint towards the east and south blending habitat into the oak savanna and oak woodland.



*Red Rock Fire Services Conducting Burn*

In November, the Red Rock Fire Services conducted a prescribed burn within the 2021 prairie remnant and 2022 oak savanna areas. Burning creates excellent seeding conditions as seed-soil contact is enhanced. In December, the Friends seeded all of the areas under volunteer active restoration including the prairie remnant and oak savanna / woodland areas.

In 2024, the Friends will continue pushing the restoration towards the eastern wetland and school forest border. *Angela Moreira and Heather Holm*



*Prairie and Savanna Area After the Burn*

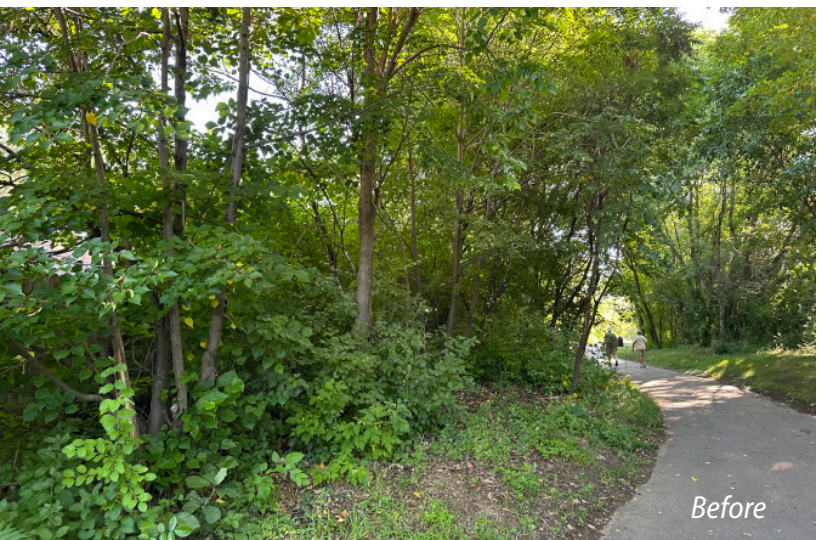


## Shady Oak Isthmus

We made significant strides in our restoration progress in 2023, more than doubling the acreage worked from 1/3 to 2/3 acres. We continued to work along the Isthmus uncovering oaks that were being choked by invasive vines and buckthorn. We also worked with a neighbor and forestry staff along the neighbor's 325-foot-long fence near the Dominick Drive park entrance removing invasives. Minnetonka's Natural Resources Division contributed several unclaimed native trees from its yearly tree and shrub sale and FoMP volunteers contributed several other trees to help restore the neighbor's privacy.



We completed the project by planting the trees and shrubs, mulching and caging them, and watering them. A buckthorn replacement seed mixture was spread where we worked to fill in and create a cover crop of grasses and sedges. FoMP volunteers contributed 79.5 hours of restoration work. In 2024, we will work the other side of the Dominick Drive entrance and continue to uncover oaks along the Isthmus. Future work will center on working to restore the shoreline along the Isthmus where significant erosion is taking place. *John Mirocha*



Before



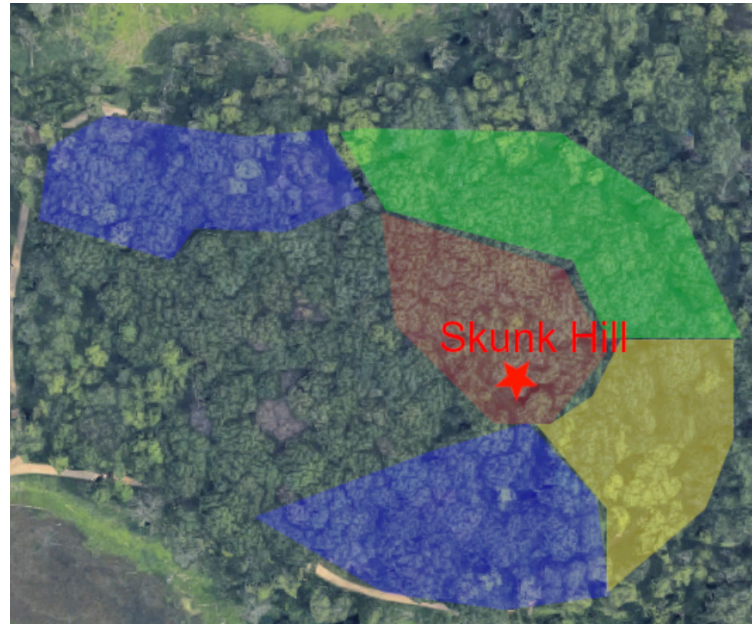
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## Victoria-Evergreen

We focused our efforts around the kame, known as Skunk Hill, for the past two years. The purple area was completed in 2022, and the green area was completed in 2023. In 2024, we are going to work on the yellow area. Volunteers worked 98.5 hours in 2023. Many of those hours were spent eliminating invasive plants that had re-sprouted in the previously restored areas. We did not do any seeding this year because the oak savanna seed mix would not work in the shady areas that we cleared.

*Larry Wade and Nate Thornton*



## Woodgate

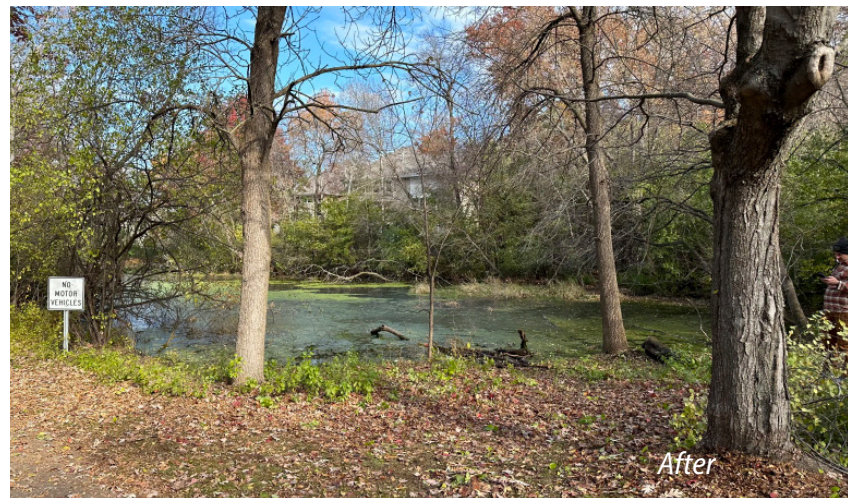
In 2023, Friends of Minnetonka Parks, Natural Resources staff, and neighborhood volunteers worked to remove 0.9 acres of buckthorn from Woodgate Park, and in a small common area at Woodgate Pond. Our focus was to open up the view of two small ponds, common in this hilly part of Minnetonka. Minnetonka’s Natural Resources staff shared “best practices” with Woodgate neighbors, inspiring them to conduct buckthorn removal on their properties adjacent to Woodgate Park.

Participants logged 50 service hours at the two buckthorn events and individual efforts contributed 40 more. It’s been inspiring to see areas that were once a “wall of buckthorn” open up to encourage the growth of native plants and enhance wildlife observation.

*Mary Steinbicker*



*Before*



*After*



# Treasurer's Report

FoMP truly appreciates our many contributors since our founding. Contributors include cash and in-kind donations as well as significant volunteer hours. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit accepting tax deductible contributions.

Where does that money go? There are no paid employees. So far, we've spent money on small administrative fees such as sharing a Zoom account with the Friends of Cullen Nature Preserve and producing / sponsoring educational materials. Our main vision consists of building a balance sheet that allows us to front money for grants to improve our many parks.

Most of the costs for our education and voluntary appreciation events have been covered in-kind by members. One of FoMP's goals for 2024 will be forming a budget committee to identify goals and priorities. In May 2023, we held an education and fundraising event at Ridgedale Library. The following is a financial summary for the year.

## Income

Individual Cash Donations	\$4,576.44
Education and Fundraising Events	\$1,112.83
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$5,689.27</b>

## Expenses

Educational Programming	\$800.00
Administrative (shared Zoom and two years of web hosting)	\$335.59
Fundraising (credit card / platform fees)	\$38.17
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,173.76</b>

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Change in Financial Position	\$4,515.51
Beginning Cash Balance	\$1,547.00
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$6,062.51</b>

*Whether you support us financially or by volunteering to serve on our board and / or in the parks, you help make FoMP the great organization we're celebrating with this annual report.*





## Thank You to Our Donors!

We truly appreciate the following individuals contributing to our financial health. Though we didn't actively fundraise prior to 2022, we've been fortunate to have a handful of people donate in 2021, 2022 and 2023. As this is the first time we're naming donors, this list includes every donor since our founding in 2021.

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