



Rattlesnake Bluff Trail



Trail Restoration Project

Friends of Wacouta volunteers and neighbors have taken the following steps to beautify the trail area and preserve wildlife:

Controlled burns to get rid of weeds, improve nutrient uptake for native plants and trees, and aid seed germination by exposing soil to sun earlier in the spring.

Planting of over 100 wildflowers, 25 balsam fir, 25 dogwood and 9 pin oaks. This spring the bench area on Lakeview will be planted with native shrubs and grasses.

Installation of 10 wood duck houses and numerous bluebird houses. This spring a chimney swift tower will be built near the Wacouta Town Hall.

Maintenance of trail plantings and bird houses.

During the past two seasons it has become clear that the amount of work needed to maintain and improve the 4.5 miles of trail is beyond the capacity of volunteers.

Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL) was asked to provide a proposal that would support ongoing volunteer efforts.

MNL proposed a 3-step process to begin in spring 2014:

1. prescribed burn
2. herbicide treatment
3. installation of additional wildflowers and native grasses

The cost of the MNL project is \$11,230.

Donate to the Trail:

We are asking for your support to fund the work proposed by MNL. There will be a presentation with more project details at the Wacouta Township annual meeting on March 11. A copy of the MNL presentation will also be available at www.wacoutatownship.org. Click on Friends of Wacouta.

Friends of Wacouta is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations for improvements to the trail are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Count me in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird | \$50 and below |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | \$51-\$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrin Falcon | \$101-\$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle | \$201 and above |

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