

**Natural Resource Advisory Group**

**05/06/025 Agenda**

**3:15 pm.**

**City Hall Conference Room**

**Present:**

- I. Review Minutes from April
  
- II. Old Business -
  - A. Stoney Point Forestry Habitat Restoration Project Update
  - B. Update on the tree trimming efforts
  - C. Update on Buckthorn and bittersweet removal
  - D. Garlic Mustard Pulling Efforts - Marge and Betsy
  - E. Tree Ordinance
  - F. Trail Maintenance Guidelines
  - G. CPL Blufflands Grant Application
  - H. CPL Grant Application Phase 2 Forestry Habitat Restoration Project Below Stoney Point Road
  
- III. New Business-
  - A. May Boulevard Tree Plantings - Tree Stewards Education
  - B. SHIP grant dry bluff prairie signs Eagles Bluff
  - C. Residents Establishing Prairie
  - D. Postcards – Stoney Point Project
  
- IV. Other Items
  
- V. Next Meeting:

**Natural Resource Advisory Group****4.2.2025 Minutes****3:15 pm. City Hall Conference Room****Present:** Tyler Benish, Mary Gegen, Ruth Nissen, Betsy Knowles, Marge Loch-Wouters, Jason Ludwigson, Randy Urich, Cindy Wright

- I. Approved Minutes from 2\_18\_2025.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Stoney Point Forestry Habitat Restoration Project Updates. No spraying has been done yet, but signs are prepared for notifying the public when it does occur. Discussed the need to guide hikers in the area. The city web page is updated for the project, and it was suggested that updates be included in the city newsletter if possible.
  - B. Update on the tree trimming efforts. This work is on-going, and there was an effort to complete trimming oaks by early March. Mary has continued to update a spreadsheet to record which years public trees are trimmed.
  - C. Update on Buckthorn and bittersweet removal. On February 26, work to remove buckthorn and roundleaf bittersweet was completed in Eagle Bluff Park by the dry bluff prairie. Additional work on the MacIntosh entrance was done. The season for cut and treat is now over.
  - D. Garlic Mustard Pulling Efforts. Garlic mustard is not yet up in Vetsch. NRAG will coordinate pulling on the following dates: April 22 at 9 a.m., April 23 at 11:00 a.m., April 26 at 10:00 a.m., and April 28 11 a.m. Marge will coordinate with Chris to post on the City facebook, and notify past volunteers.
  - E. Tree Ordinance. This has gone before city council, and a few final changes are being considered.
  - F. Trail Maintenance Guidelines. These were previously read into minutes. NRAG members will periodically evaluate the park trails - downed trees should be called into the city. Discussed the erosion on the gravel surface trail on the south side of Vetsch adjacent to the mowed area and discussed the need for water bars.
  - G. CPL Blufflands Grant Application. This has been submitted and addresses general invasive species eradication of buckthorn and roundleaf bittersweet.

- H. CPL Grant Application Phase 2 Forestry Habitat Restoration. This has been submitted and addresses the area below Stoney Point Road, including removal of Black Locust.

### III. New Business

- A. Boulevard Tree Application. Approximately 38 applications have been received. Discussed evaluating applications and how to overlay with the existing tree survey. These will be electronically forwarded to NRAG members.
- B. SHIP grant park entrance signs. The design has been chosen by the Parks Commission, and each sign will have a QR code that will take users to appropriate city web links. Signs will be installed perpendicular to the roadway and be double sided.
- C. \$103 million Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Funds Request for Proposals. Larry has submitted plans which would eventually be an extension of the Root River Trail.
- D. Cindy shared materials on invasive species prepared by the MN Department of Agriculture and that were shared with township boards.
- E. The Arbor Day tree planting will occur on Friday April 25 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Old Hickory park.

IV. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Knowles

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator

DATE: April 16th, 2025

SUBJECT: Postcards– Stoney Point Forest Habitat Restoration Project

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Attached are postcards the city has received that recognize the efforts to restore the hardwood forest in Stoney Point. From what information we can gather these messages come from Postcard Underground. This nationwide group of people who pick an inspiring person, group or organization and send them kind words through an age-old medium — postcards. After all, who doesn't love a little "snail mail"? It's nice to see the cities efforts are being recognized far beyond the limits of the city.

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you're the part  
of it.

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Dear Jason,  
Many thanks for  
working to reclaim a  
handwood forest. Every  
bit helps. Removing  
invasive works toward  
the betterment of the  
planet. — Sue



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Sustainability Coordinator  
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Jason~

Anyone who has had  
the opportunity through a forest free from  
Buckthorn and barberry  
knows how important -  
and difficult - your work  
is. I'm proud to call  
Minnesota home - thanks to  
people like you.

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Amy

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Thank you for  
great work reclaiming  
forests and species  
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Congrats and Thank You for your work to restore the forests in your community. May your project be an example for other locales to do the same. You've made a difference for all of us. Wishing you much success.  
Postcard Underground  
Annie

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Jason,  
Thank you for all you are doing for sustainability - especially the re-forestation of Stony Point - Reclaiming a forest!  
Tina



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Jason -

Thank you for your  
work at Stony Point.  
It's a gift to the whole  
planet, not just the  
local. Thank you!

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Steve

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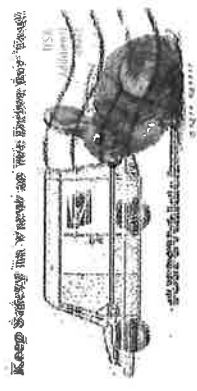
Birds by Charley Harper  
Eskimo Curlew

Hello,

Thank you for your  
hard work & leadership  
to reclaim & restore  
the forest in LaCrescent!  
Your work benefits the  
community and the  
planet.

With gratitude,  
Steve

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