



Anderson Park Friends

Serving Southern Dane County

Purpose

The purpose of this non-profit charitable organization is to render support to Anderson Farm County Park through programs and activities that promote and enhance the components outlined in the related park master plan produced by the Dane County Parks Department, and to provide input to the implementation of the elements and tasks of that plan.

Join Us...

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Park Location

The park is located at 914 Union Road and extends south to County Highway A in the Town of Oregon; it contains the Arthur Sholts Memorial Wildlife Area.

Background

Dane County collaborated with Patricia Anderson and her family to create a new community park to commemorate former County Board Supervisor Lyman Anderson. He was a farmer active in town, county and state government for over forty-three years. The farm has been in the Anderson family since 1866.

The park started in 2009 with a purchase of 127 acres. Additional acreage was added in 2013. Current total is 380 acres. When all acquisitions are completed the park is expected to exceed 500 acres.

Proposed Park Features

The park is designated as a multiple-use park linking environmental and historic resources with education, small-scale agricultural development, and recreation.

The master plan (posted on the park's kiosks) includes these potential features:

- Day use area-parking, shelter, restrooms, play area, open lawn areas, informal baseball diamond, and sledding hill
- 40 acre "off-leash" dog area
- Restored woodlands, prairies, and savannahs
- Trails: hiking, equestrian riding, biking, cross – country skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing
- Market farm plots and agricultural learning center
- Primitive camping site

Board of Directors

Roe Parker, President

Andy Hoernemann, Vice-President

Barb Hill, Treasurer

Nancy Murphy, Secretary

Sue Eagle, Member-at-Large

News

Created in September 2013, our organization is actively working on a woodland restoration project and has developed close to a mile of trails. We collaborate with Dane County Parks in the development and implementation of additional parts of the Master Plan – including the dog park and agricultural venues. See our website for more information.

Why Volunteer?

The organization facilitates the engagement of civic, church, and other community groups in the development of the park.

Volunteers will play an important role in the development of the park over the next 10 years. Various roles will include:

- “Hands-on” restoration of resources-woodlands/prairies
- “Hands-on” building of park assets-planting trees, etc.
- Direct input into the Dane County Park Department for future development
- Organizing community resources and volunteers

Membership

Our membership options include:

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| Individual | \$15.00 |
| Family | \$25.00 |
| Student | \$5.00 |

Make checks payable to **Anderson Park Friends** and send to:

Barb Hill, Treasurer

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(Please include your email address)

Donations

Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. The organization was granted a 501 (c) (3) designation from the IRS in 2014 and is registered with the WI Department of Financial Institutions as a non-profit corporation. Membership dues and donations are tax deductible at both federal and state levels.

Website

www.andersonparkfriends.org

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