

2022 Year in Review

Administrative/Finance

- \$8,086.94 was added to the endowment from new contributions made over the past year.
- A strategic planning process was completed highlighting priorities and goals for the next 5 years.

Education

- The Fox Valley Bald Eagle Nest Watch program was coordinated by staff again for the second year. We helped to monitor 26 nests with 91 volunteers.
- Another year of our Tree Seedling Sale was sponsored by Kaukauna Utilities. We sold over 4500 tree seedlings for a total of \$6395 and \$210 in additional donations.
- The Pancake & Porkie Breakfast returned after a couple of years off. 175 people took part in the breakfast and the Kaukauna Kiwanis raised \$1000 for 1000 Islands.
- 1000 Islands was chosen as a site for a Motus Receiver which will collect data on migrating birds. The costs for this are covered by a grant received by the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory. The receiver will be installed in the next year or two.
- Focus on the Fox, a new public event was held in September to great success. Many other organizations participated to provide a lot of different learning experiences focused on the Fox River. This event will become an annual event.
- A documentary titled "The Power of the River" premiered which focused on 1000 Islands and the eagle populations.
- Goat browsing sessions occurred in both spring and fall again this year. The project continues to make impacts on our invasive plants but also generates a lot of visitor traffic, donations and gift shop sales.
- Donations from Quinney Elementary, Scheels Sporting Goods and Eagle Scout, James Furhman have been made to start replacing old snowshoes with new modern equipment

Building & Grounds

- New tables and chairs were purchased for the North American Room. Old tables and chairs were sold and proceeds added as donations.
- Over 20 ash trees were removed from the picnic area thanks to help from the City Street Department and Kaukauna Utilities and stumps were ground out. Two new trees were planted.
- Steps between the river trail and the Upper Woods were replaced with new concrete steps thanks to donated funds.
- Rock the Block helped to organize volunteer help to complete many different tasks around the property. Highlights include replacing boards on our picnic tables, spreading woodchips and preparing goat browsing enclosures.

- \$200,000 was secured through the American Rescue Plan Act for replacing the boardwalk trails. Work is expected to be completed within the next few years.
- Countless hours and donated funds were spent on removing buckthorn and planting native plant species throughout the year.
- Two new furnaces and air conditioning units were installed; one replacing existing equipment and an additional furnace and air conditioning unit were installed to better control the temperature in the Conservation Room.
- A large crack in the foundation was cut and removed from the front entry area. New concrete was poured by the Street Department. New flooring will be installed early in 2023.