

March 2024 Naturalist Report

Admin/Finance

- Staff was informed that a CD held at East Wisconsin Savings Bank totaling \$21,594.53 reached maturity. The CD was closed, and funds were released to 1000 Islands. A request was sent to the City's Accounts Payable staff to transfer the funds to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley – 1000 Islands Endowment Fund.
- All CDs held at East Wisconsin Savings Bank have now been updated to remove Maureen Feldt and Deb Nowak as signors and William VanRossum has been added as a signor.

Building/Grounds

- With the warm weather, Brad Garrity is looking forward to spending more time out on the property doing restoration and invasive species work.
- Thankfully, there was no damage on the property with recent snowstorms. Only a couple of small trees fell, and they didn't damage the boardwalks or trails.
- Ballasts, outlets, and electrical equipment totaling \$306.38 were purchased for the nature center, pavilion, and sugar shack and installed by volunteer Kevin Hietpas. This work saved a significant amount of money for the nature center.

Education

- 3rd grade students and parents from Park Community School attended an open house tour of the facility and trails to learn about our partnership. Despite a snowy afternoon, 22 showed up.
- Sarah and Nathaniel led Riverview Middle School students on a new geology-focused hike. Around 219 students came out over the course of three separate days for a 45-minute program. It was well-received by both teachers.
- I have started to put together some ideas to evaluate the exhibits in the nature center. As we start to think about adding new exhibits or repairing existing ones, it's important to know how the existing space is currently viewed and used by visitors.
- I'm in the process of setting up a meeting with Mike Slowinski to figure out what our partnership might look like in terms of programming, barriers, etc.