

Lashbrook Park, Recent Stewardship Activities:

This is a summary of activities I (Ken Kirton) have performed during the past two years as a volunteer working in the park. The intent of this summary is to point out the magnitude of the task needed just to care for the native vegetation presently in park.

I have spent about 250 hours cutting and treating Common Buckthorn and other invasive species, Canada Thistle, Garlic Mustard, Reed Canary Grass, Wild Parsnip, and Poison Ivy. I have donated about \$175.00 in supplies to accomplish this task.

More recently I have spent about 30 hours removing quack grass & foxtail grass, adding mulch, and replanting native flower species in the rock garden near the entrance on Highland avenue.

I have trimmed the grass near the park benches, and applied a wood preservative to the benches.

In the interest of promoting the Park I have conducted tours of the park to residents of KPP, 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, and the Prairie Edge chapter of Wild Ones. I have interviewed Phil Parsons and Duane Olsen, long time members, to explain current Friends activities.

I am presently watering the 18 new trees planted by Knechts' nursery.

Ken Kirton

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