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February 4, 2014

Maggie Cole
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
2050 W. Stearns
Bartlett, IL 60103

Dear Ms. Cole:

On behalf of the Rockford Park District, I want to thank the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #13-020W that allowed us to purchase and install 6 interpretive signs for Natural Areas.

I have enclosed our final report complete with our Payment Request Certification form, the billing details, and photos of the completed signs. If you are in need of any other information to complete this grant and allow for payment, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you so much for your assistance. We look forward to partnering with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Wendy Adams

Wendy Adams
Grant Writer



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Final Report

Grant Agreement Number: 13-020W

Grant Name, address, and telephone number:

Park Interpretive Signs for Natural Areas
Rockford Park District
401 S. Main Street
Rockford, IL 61101
815-987-8695

Time-Frame of the report: 7/18/12 to 12/31/13

Name, telephone number and email of Grantee representative completing the report:

Wendy Adams, Grant Writer
815-987-8695
wendyadams@rockfordparkdistrict.org

Project objective as described in the application and grant agreement:

Creation and installation of 2 large interpretive signs at Sinnissippi Park and Shorewood Park along the Rock River Recreation Path. The signs describe the Rock River (Shorewood Park) and a backwater marsh (at Shorewood Park) along with their natural features, benefits, plants, inhabitants, etc. with the goal of educating park patrons on what they are seeing. The Rock River Recreation Path is known as the “backyard of our community”. Visitors can see sculptures, the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, Rose Gardens, quiet spaces and small mammals, and birds along the river and in the park. Fishermen enjoy casting from the shores and Bald Eagle are often seen soaring over the river. Nearly one million people a year visit the riverfront to enjoy it’s natural beauty. This project continues the Rockford Park District’s interpretive sign efforts that were started in 2011 with the Upland Prairie sign placed in Atwood Park. Other signs are planned as funding is available.

Summary of the Project accomplishments:

Six signs were designed with text and high resolution images and placed at Sinnissippi and Shorewood Parks. The signs were fabricated for outdoor display with a ten-year warranty against fading and mounted on powder-coated aluminum bases. The Rockford Park District staff assembled and mounted the signs. Concrete was used to anchor the signs in post holes.

The interpretive signs describe the natural areas features, benefits, plants, animals, birds, etc. with the goal of educating park patrons on the natural features and habitats they are seeing along the Rock River in Sinnissippi and Shorewood Parks.

WETLANDS

Searls Park Prairie Nature Preserve

*"I enter a swamp as a sacred place,
a sanctum sanctorum."*

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

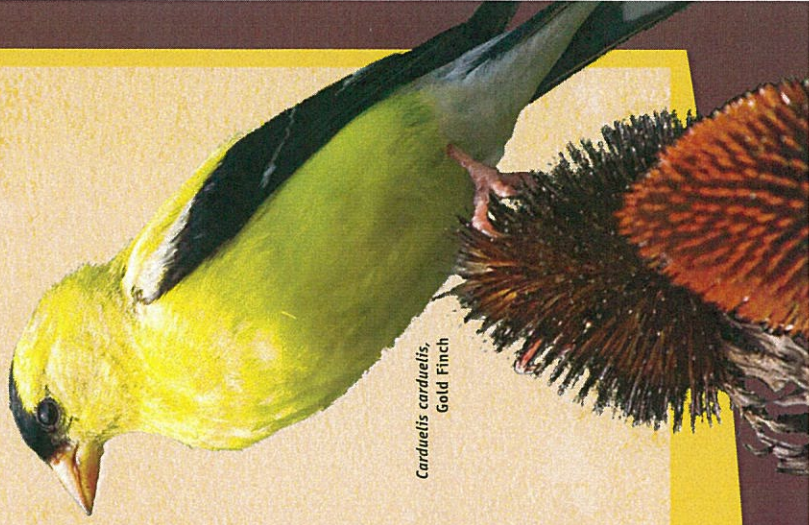


What is a wetland?

A wetland is generally defined as an area that is part land and water. This combination creates a hydric, or wet, soil that is able to support vegetation that can only grow in or on water. Searls Park contains three types of wetlands: wet prairie, sedge meadow, and marsh.

What is an Illinois Nature Preserve?

An Illinois Nature Preserve is an area of land that has been formally dedicated and protected as a sanctuary for native plants and wildlife. It is maintained in its natural condition so that present and future generations can see an example of the historic Illinois landscape.



Carduelis carduelis,
Gold Finch



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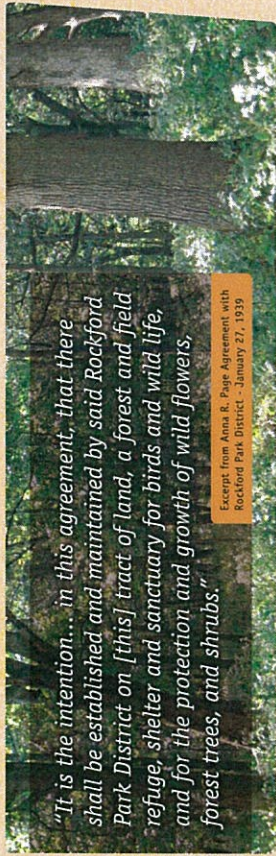
Anna R. Page Conservation Forest



Quercus, White Oak leaf



Corylus americana, Shagbark Hickory



"It is the intention... in this agreement, that there shall be established and maintained by said Rockford Park District on [this] tract of land, a forest and field refuge, shelter and sanctuary for birds and wild life, and for the protection and growth of wild flowers, forest trees, and shrubs."

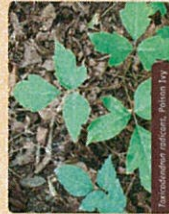
Excerpt from Anna R. Page Agreement with Rockford Park District - January 27, 1939

What is a forest?

Forest habitat is a closed canopy woodland dominated by trees that seasonally lose their leaves, with an under story of shade tolerant shrubs and plants.



Quercus macrocarpa, Big Oak



Prinosyris radicans, Pinon Ivy

Invasive species

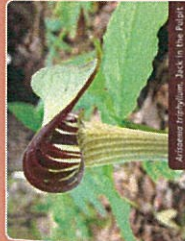
Plants found in a forest that are not native are called invasive species, or weeds. They can diminish the population of native plants that are crucial for the sustainability of our natural areas.



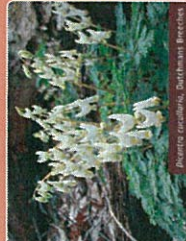
Linnaea meadia, Golden Pincushion



Erythronium albidum, Trout Lily



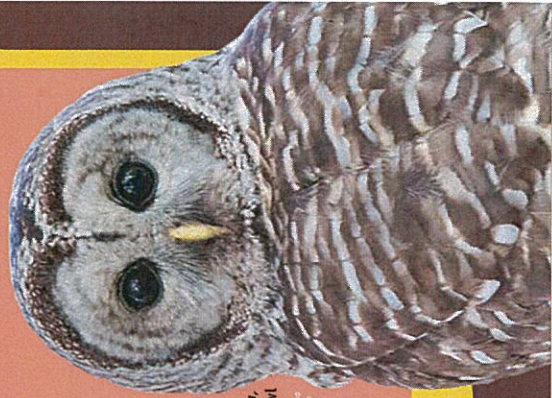
Arisaema perfoliatum, Jack-in-the-pulpit



Rubus occidentalis, Multiflorus Blackberry

Ground layer activity

Spring wildflowers thrive in a forest during the early part of spring, before the canopy of tree leaves fully develop. This allows the sun to cut through the trees and give extra light to the wildflowers for rapid growth. By late summer, wildflowers become dormant, resisting drought and giving late-blooming plants the opportunity to receive more sunlight and populate the ground layer.



Strix varia, Barred Owl

The Barred Owl stays mostly in the forest, but may occasionally be seen in open areas.



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Tamias striatus, Eastern Chipmunk

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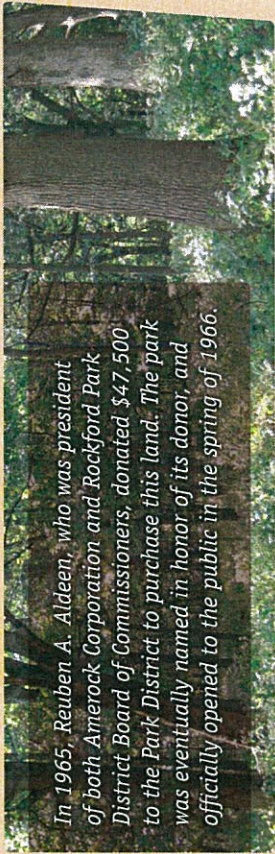
Reuben A. Aldeen Park



Acer saccharum, Sugar Maple Leaf



Corylus americana, Shagbark Hickory



In 1965, Reuben A. Aldeen, who was president of both Amerock Corporation and Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners, donated \$47,500 to the Park District to purchase this land. The park was eventually named in honor of its donor, and officially opened to the public in the spring of 1966.

What is a forest?

Forest habitat is a closed canopy woodland dominated by trees that seasonally lose their leaves, with an under story of shade tolerant shrubs and plants. Aldeen Park holds 88 acres of maple-oak woodland, prairie, and creek habitat.



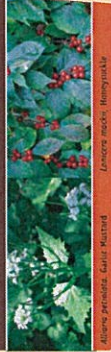
Quercus macrocarpa, Bur Oak



Toxicodendron radicans, Poison Ivy

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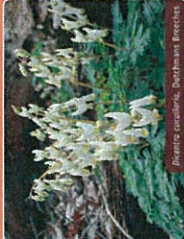
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Pyrolis rotundifolia, Heart Lily



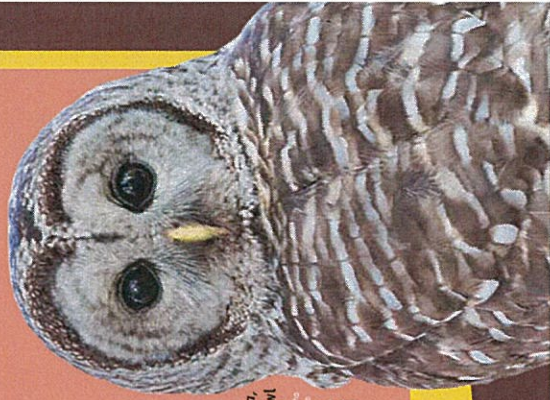
Arisaema tripartitum, Jack-in-the-pulpit



Asplenium platyneuron, Softstem Spleenwort

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Strix varia, Barred Owl

The Barred Owl stays in your area most of the year, but it can be seen in the winter months.



Sciurus hudsonicus, Eastern Chipmunk



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One of six interpretive signs


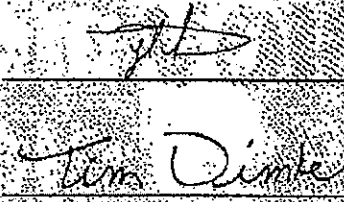


Total Project Expenditures:

Vendor	Address of Vendor	Description	Quantity	Date Purchased	Amount of purchase
Vacker, Inc.	948 Sherren St.W., Roseville, MN 55113	NPS traditional style base with 24"x42"frant for ground installation,	6	12/2/13	4,214.00
Prographics	4404 Boeing Dr., Rockford, IL 61109	Large Format Rec. Path Map Interpretive Signs	6	12/19/13	\$767.86
Schmeling Lumber	1031 School Street Rockford, IL 61101	50# bags of Concrete	8	6/19/13	\$35.34
				Total	\$5017.20

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948 Sherren St. W., Roseville, MN 55113
 Phone: 651.487.3100 Fax: 651.487-0304
 www.vackersign.com

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Rockford Park District
 Nathan McDonald
 401 S Main St
 Rockford, IL 61101



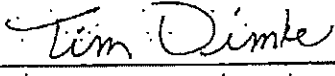
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Thanks for the project!	Total	\$4,214.00
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New Park Signage Helping Us Appreciate Nature

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ROCKFORD - The Rockford Park District is hoping new signage will make us a little more aware and appreciative of mother nature.

A \$2,000 grant will pay for six interpretive signs highlighting features of the natural area, which plants, birds and wildlife might be found at each location. For example, the sign along the Rock River Recreation path will describe the bald eagles in their natural habitat.

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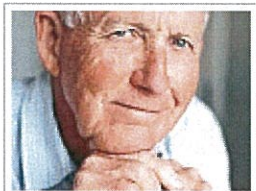
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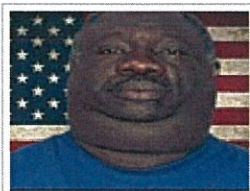
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ROCKFORD — The Rockford Park District will put up new interpretive signs with grant money from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Wildlife Fund.

The \$2,000 grant will allow six large signs to be installed at Sinnissippi Park, Shorewood Park and the Rock River Recreation Path. Using pictures and definitions, the signs will educate residents on plants, birds and wildlife at their location.

For information: 815-987-8800, rockfordparkdistrict.org.

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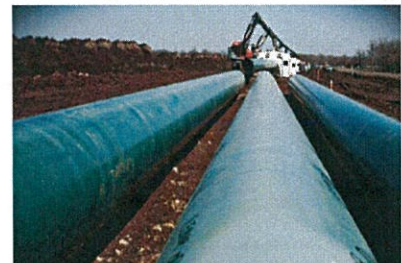
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Grants funds interpretive signs for Rockford Park District

Posted: Jan 17, 2014 10:14 AM CST

By Samantha Jeffreys - email

ROCKFORD (WREX) - The Rockford Park District received a \$2,000 grant to install new interpretive signs in area parks.

The grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund will help the park district install six educational signs that will teach residents about the natural features of the parks, including native plants, birds, and wildlife.

Signs will be placed at Sinnissippi Park, Shorewood Park, and the Rock River Recreation Path.

"Receiving this grant is a great way for the Rockford Park District to continue to increase public awareness about environmental issues and practices of sustainability," Rockford Park District Grant Writer Wendy Adams explained.

The park district began interpretive sign efforts in 2011. More are planned as funding becomes available.

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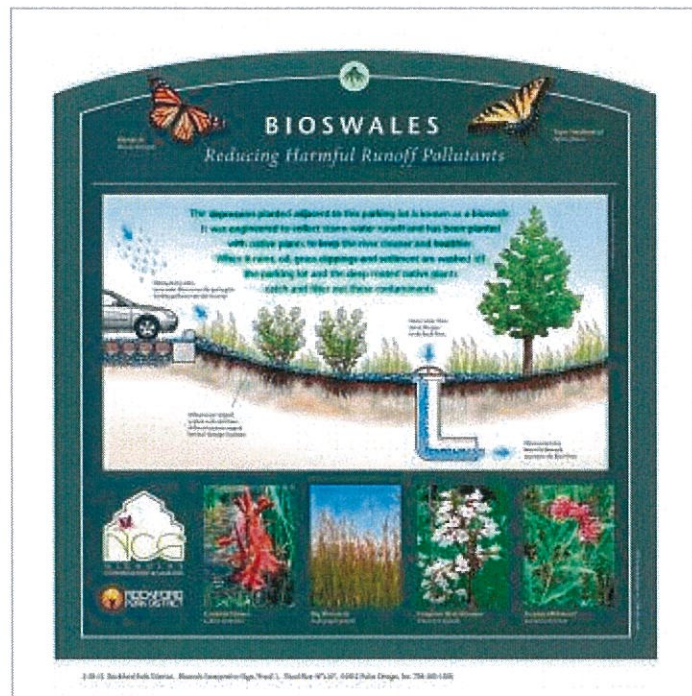


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Grant Funds Signs in Rockford Park District

By: WIFR Newsroom

Posted: Sun 8:50 AM, Jan 19, 2014



ROCKFORD (WIFR) – Be on the lookout for new interpretive signs in the Rockford Park District. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund awarded the Rockford Park District \$2,000 to install six large interpretive signs like the one shown below. Interpretive signs will help educate residents through illustrations and definitions about the features of natural areas, and which plants, birds, and wildlife might be found at the location.

New signage is being placed at the following locations:

- Sinnissippi Park, 1401 N. 2nd Street, Rockford
- Shorewood Park, 235 Evelyn Ave., Loves Park
- Rock River Recreation Path

The Rock River Recreation Path is 10 miles long, and winds along the Rock River. Signage will help describe the natural beauty found along the riverfront, a place where small mammals and birds such as Bald Eagles enjoy their natural habitat.