

GRAND PRAIRIE FRIENDS
SITE STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide stewardship assistance to landowners who agree to enhance, restore, or protect natural habitats to benefit native plants and animals. *As part of this stewardship agreement* the landowner agrees to allow implementation of the approved stewardship practices which are intended to maintain or restore habitats for native plants and animals on the landowner's property. The approved stewardship practices will be implemented and maintained in accordance with the attached Site Stewardship Plan which by reference is incorporated as part of this Agreement.

By signing this agreement I agree:

1. That I own the property described (attach copy of legal description or form with property location description and map of location).
2. To allow the stewardship practice(s) to remain in place for ___ years from the date of this Agreement, or for a period longer than ___ years, if mutually agreed upon by the landowner and Grand Prairie Friends (GPF).
3. To allow representatives of Grand Prairie Friends reasonable access to the described property for the period of this Agreement in order to complete the agreed upon stewardship plan and to make periodic inspections for monitoring purposes. (individual representatives can be specified by name, if desired).
4. To notify Grand Prairie Friends in writing at least 30 days before closing of any planned sale or other change in the ownership of the described property.

This stewardship agreement grants no right of access to the area to any person, except to qualified representatives of Grand Prairie Friends for the purpose of conducting the agreed upon stewardship activities and monitoring the condition of the area. Each party retains the right to terminate this agreement at any time, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date of termination.

In recognition of the significance of _____ (name of site) as a part of our precious and diminishing natural heritage and the intent of the owners to maintain it in its natural condition, Grand Prairie Friends has developed a Site Stewardship Plan (attached) for the area and will provide technical advice and assistance to the owners on the conservation, management and protection of the area, to the extent possible.

This Stewardship Agreement between _____ (Landowner),
and Grand Prairie Friends is made this _____ day of _____, _____.

Landowner(s)

Landowner

Date

Landowner

Date

Grand Prairie Friends

Date

Property Description:

Landowner Name:

Street Address:

City/Town, State, Zip Code:

Phone Number:

County:

Township, Range, Section:

Acres:

Detailed description (Location within section, parcel number, etc.):

The above described area (outlined on the attached map) contains and exhibits natural communities of plants and animals or other natural features of exceptional scientific, educational, and cultural value, representing the natural condition of land in Illinois.

This stewardship agreement involves no change of title or loss of ownership rights, but expresses the intentions of the owners to continue to conserve and protect the natural communities, features, plants and animals of the area and to refrain from making or permitting changes that negatively affect the natural values of the site.