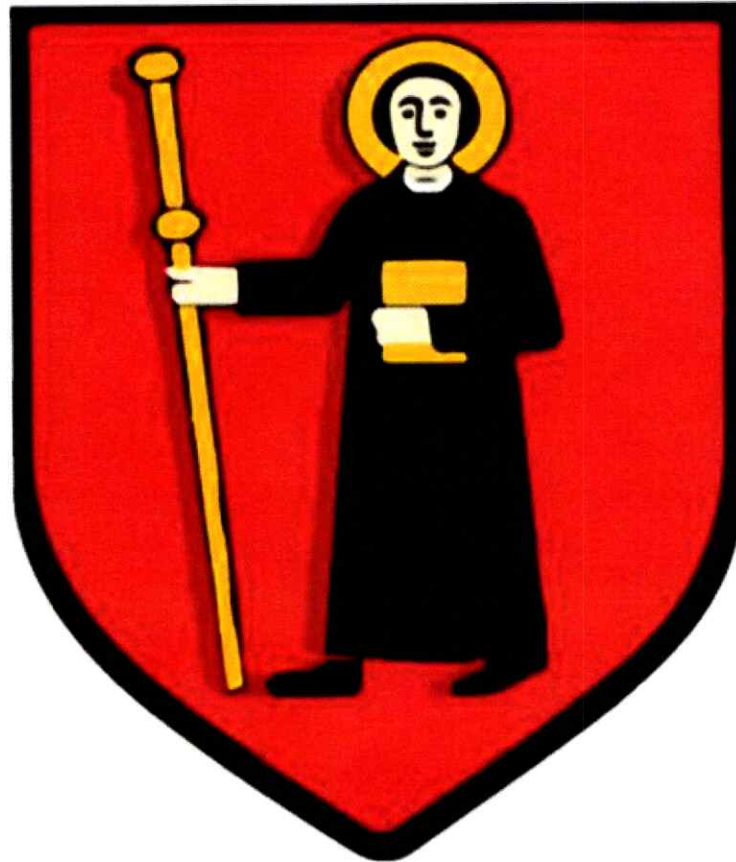


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Information Packet

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SEARCH RESULTS FOR "SIGN"



Seeds



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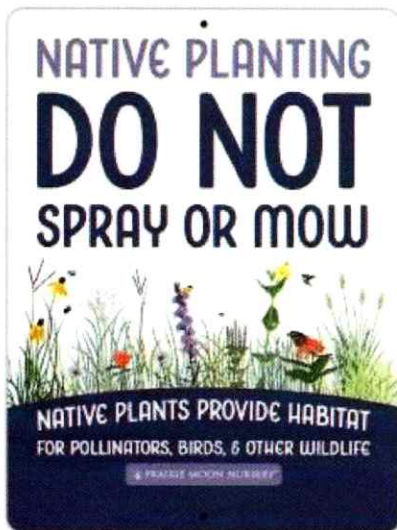
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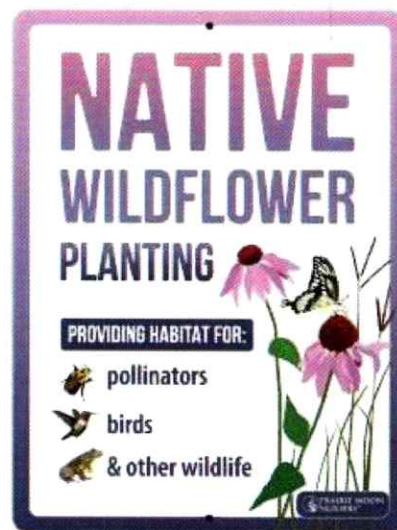
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Do Not Spray Or Mow Sign

\$32.00

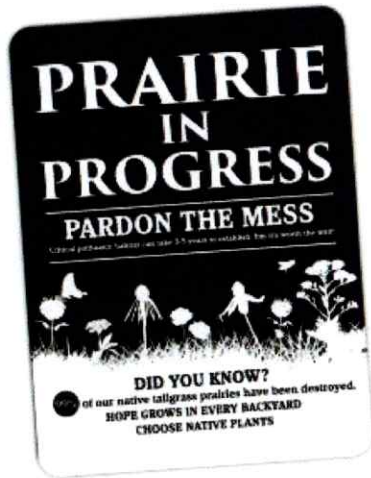
NEW



Native Wildflower Planting Sign

\$32.00

EXCLUSIVE



Prairie In Progress Sign

\$28.00

SALE



Do Not Spray Or Mow Sign

\$24.00 ~~\$32.00~~

Friends of Legacy Prairie Park

Organizational Charter

Adopted: _____

Article I – Name and Identity

The name of this organization shall be the Friends of Legacy Prairie Park (hereinafter referred to as "the Friends Group" or "the Organization").

The Friends Group is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization formed to support, enhance, and advocate for Legacy Prairie Park and its natural resources for the benefit of the community.

Article II – Purpose and Mission

The Friends Group is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, the Organization exists to:

- Support the long-term stewardship and preservation of Legacy Prairie Park, including its restored prairie, orchard, and natural habitats.
- Organize and coordinate volunteer efforts for park upkeep, including the removal of invasive species and care of native plantings.
- Plan and host community events, fundraisers, and educational workshops that connect people with the natural environment.
- Raise and manage funds donated for the benefit of the park, its projects, and its ongoing maintenance.
- Foster a sense of community ownership and pride in Legacy Prairie Park.

No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

Article III – 501(c)(3) Status

The Friends Group shall operate in conformance with all requirements necessary to maintain its status as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under that section.

Upon dissolution of the Organization, any remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more qualifying organizations as determined by the Board of Directors, consistent with 501(c)(3) requirements.

Article IV – Activities

The Friends Group will organize and support a broad range of activities in service of Legacy Prairie Park. These activities include, but are not limited to:

Stewardship & Volunteer Days

- Organized park upkeep days where volunteers contribute time and effort to removing invasive species within the restored prairie.
- Care and maintenance of native plantings, trails, signage, and park amenities.

Educational Workshops

- Hands-on workshops focused on skills and practices connected to the park's natural environment, such as orchard care and fruit tree maintenance, beekeeping and pollinator support, and building and installing bluebird houses and other wildlife habitat structures.
- Nature interpretation programs, guided walks, and informational sessions for community members of all ages.

Community Events & Fundraising

- Fundraising events such as trail runs, nature festivals, and community gatherings to support the park's needs and ongoing projects.
- Seasonal celebrations and community-building events that highlight the park's natural beauty and mission.

The Board of Directors may authorize additional activities consistent with the Organization's mission and 501(c)(3) status.

Article V – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Membership in the Friends Group is open to any individual who supports the mission of the Organization. There is no residency requirement.

Section 2 – Membership Tiers

The Board of Directors may establish membership categories and any associated annual dues. Membership shall not be required to participate in park volunteer activities or public events.

Section 3 – Rights of Members

Members in good standing shall have the right to attend general membership meetings, vote on matters brought before the membership, and be eligible to serve on committees or stand for election to the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Capacity

The Organization is designed to accommodate and grow to a membership of 60 to 70 or more individuals. The Board shall periodically review the organizational structure to ensure it remains effective as membership grows.

Article VI – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Authority

The affairs of the Organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for the general oversight of the Friends Group, its finances, programs, and adherence to its mission and legal obligations.

Section 2 – Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) Directors. The Board shall include, at minimum, the following officers:

- President – Presides over meetings, represents the Organization, and provides overall leadership.
- Vice President – Assists the President and assumes Presidential duties in their absence.
- Secretary – Maintains records, meeting minutes, and official correspondence.
- Treasurer – Manages the Organization's finances, maintains accurate financial records, and provides regular financial reports to the Board.
- At-Large director – Participates in board meetings and steps in to assist with specific duties if other board director is not able to attend.

Section 3 – Election and Terms

Directors shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Directors shall serve two-year terms and may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term. Terms shall be staggered to provide continuity of leadership.

Section 4 – Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. A Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 5 – Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four (4) times per year. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board. A quorum shall consist of a majority of seated Directors.

Article VII – Finances

Section 1 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Organization shall run from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2 – Donations and Funds

The Friends Group is authorized to solicit and accept donations, grants, and other contributions in support of Legacy Prairie Park, its projects, and its upkeep. All funds received shall be used solely in furtherance of the Organization's charitable mission.

Section 3 – Financial Controls

The Treasurer shall maintain accurate financial records and provide a financial report at each Board meeting. Expenditures above a threshold set by the Board shall require approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Audits

The Board may authorize an annual review or audit of the Organization's financial records as deemed appropriate or required.

Article VIII – Committees

The Board of Directors may establish standing or ad hoc committees to assist in carrying out the work of the Organization. Committees may include, but are not limited to:

- Stewardship & Volunteer Committee
- Events & Fundraising Committee

- Education & Programming Committee
- Membership Committee

Each committee shall be chaired by a member appointed by the President, subject to Board approval. Committees shall report their activities to the Board on a regular basis.

Article IX – Amendments

This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any Annual or Special Meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to all members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Article X – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Organization in all cases where they are applicable and not inconsistent with this Charter or any special rules of order the Organization may adopt.

Article XI – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Friends of Legacy Prairie Park, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and that qualify as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Certification of Adoption

We, the undersigned founding members, hereby certify that this Charter was duly adopted at a meeting of the founding membership of the Friends of Legacy Prairie Park on the date indicated above.

President: _____	Date: _____
Vice President: _____	Date: _____
Secretary: _____	Date: _____
Treasurer: _____	Date: _____