



GREAT NEWS! The Henteleff Park Interpretive Area is Becoming a Reality!

The Henteleff Park Interpretive Area to be constructed at Henteleff Park between the parking lot and St. Mary's Rd. is becoming a reality.

A Request for a Project Proposal was made to Architectural and Design firms in Manitoba. After considering the many excellent proposals our Jury selected HTFC Planning and Design of Winnipeg as designers and managers of the Project, with Glen Manning as its partner in Charge.

The content area will, through a variety of means interpret and tell the stories of 4 themes:

- The park's natural roots,
- Metis roots,
- Market garden roots,
- and Henteleff family roots as well as other Jewish farmers in Manitoba.

This wonderful project, which will provide to all a unique look at largely untold and important aspects of our history, is a work in progress. In addition to interpretive elements, the project will provide accessible site infrastructure as well as a visitor amenity such as a shelter.

Wendy Molnar of Cultural Visions Consulting is in charge of interpretive content development . The draft site development plan has been submitted by HTFC to the City of Winnipeg for its consideration. We hope to commence construction beginning of April 2015 and to have a grand opening the beginning of August 2015. More updates will follow from time to time and posted on our website at Henteleffpark.org.

HPF Foundation is a registered charity and all donations to this project are most welcomed and will be recognized. Be part of this extraordinary project!

Volunteer Tree Planting 2014

The annual Volunteer Tree Planting event was carried out on May 31. As usual the date was selected to avoid the Normand Park garage sale (held the first Saturday in June) and to maximize participation by Cubs and Scouts. This year the Scouts had already done a sleep out and tree planting, so not as many attended as usual.

In total there were about 50 people who participated in some way at the planting and over 100 trees and shrubs of various sizes were planted, watered, and mulched. Most of the larger trees were caged as well. Walks were conducted by members of Nature Manitoba. Thanks to everybody who participated!

Green Team 2014

The main tasks for the Green Team last year were planting, mulching and watering trees, weed removal, and trail maintenance.

Along with these main tasks, the Green Team also planted flowers in the prairie restoration, maintained the wildflower planters, maintained the entrance to the park and the parking lot area, maintained areas around previous plantings, cut down Lombardi Poplar suckers and Siberian Elm trees, collected garbage, and delivered the spring newsletter.

Interpretive Walks

Nature Manitoba sponsored 2 interpretive walks in 2014. A Bird Hike was held at 8 am on May 31 before the Volunteer Tree Planting, and was led once again by Nature Manitoba members Gordon and Jaye Grieff. Nature Manitoba member Marilyn Latta led the Plant walk on July. Thank you to our guides and everybody who came out!

What We Did in the Park in 2014 ...

Riparian Plantings

In total, 105 purchased trees (from Jeffries, Prairie Originals, St. Mary's Nursery and Lacoste Garden Centre) were planted (45 basswood, 40 Manitoba Maple, and 20 Showy Mountain Ash). Purchased shrubs totaled 56 and included 22 black current, 20 grey dogwood, 4 nannyberry, 4 wood rose, 3 wild plum and 3 mountain maple.

All purchased materials were paid for from a grant from the Manitoba Bluebird Fund. Additional trees and shrubs from the HP nursery were also planted. This was the last year for the PFRA program which has been eliminated by the Federal Government. This program has provided several thousand small bare root trees for park. Currently 134 trees and shrubs remain in the nursery for planting in 2015 (50 Manitoba maple, 26 red-osier dogwood, 26 chokecherry, 16 snowberry, 8 buffalo berry, 7 trembling aspen, and 1 elm).

Prairie Restoration

Approximately, 35 plants, donated by Marilyn Latta, were added to the prairie restoration site this year. These were planted by the staff under Marilyn's supervision. Over 500 plants, mainly forbs, have now been transplanted into the prairie which looked amazingly beautiful throughout the summer. A little education was required as some people considered that this was a good place for them to come and pick wildflower bouquets.

Although some flower species have increased their patch size through underground roots, this was the first year that it was observed that some species were now propagating from seed. The three species noted were black-eyed Susan, false sunflower and tall sunflower. It is hoped that other species will be found in the future.

Weeds, are an ongoing problem. Tufted vetch, sweet clover, and fox tail barley have caused some localized problems and were removed by hand. A much bigger problem is Reed Canary grass, a large aggressive grass which has taken over the east end of the prairie and has sprung up in some other places. Staff cut off and disposed of the seed heads; plants were also cut back to near ground level to help suppress their growth. Canada thistle is also invading from around the perimeter of the prairie and starting to form colonies, which will be of ongoing concern.



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