

**Unnamed Dane County Park**

**Natural Areas Annual Work Plan, Jan-Dec 2023**

**2023 Plan contributors:**

**Dane County Staff: ...**

**Volunteers ([List of volunteer contributors here](#))**

Schedule	Activity	Field Lead	Location*	Notes
Jan-Mar	Cut, stack, and burn invasive brush and trees according to veg plan. Feb 24 DCP volunteer workday.	Volunteer Land Steward 1	Vols to prioritize work along slopes of lake; DCP hosted work days in flat areas along field.	Firewood to be removed when possible. Brush piles need to be burned by the time snow disappears to prep site for spring Rx Fire. OFS can assist.
Mar-Apr	Coordinate planting of 40 ft. herbicide buffer along edge of woods	DCP Staff	Edge of woods in transition with organic farm fields	Staff to coordinate details on planting and maintenance with farmer and Friends group.
April or May	Final prep of fire breaks—leaf blow breaks and around snags, wood piles	Volunteer Land Steward 1	All units	
April or May	Prescribed Burn	DCP Staff	All units	Highly weather dependent--Advanced notice may be minimal. Targeting second half of burn season after weed seeds have germinated. Overnight volunteers may be needed.
April-May	Seed natives provided by DCP after burn.	Volunteer Land Steward 1	Focus seeding in areas with fewer invasives	
May-June	Removal of garlic mustard	Volunteer Land Steward 1	All units; mow if needed.	Focus efforts around priority areas such as patches of desirable natives and trail sides, to minimize the spread. Contact DCP if assistance is needed.
May-June	Retreat leafy spurge along Co Hwy	DCP Staff	Co. Hwy right of way	Population is small and should treat to keep from spreading.
May-June	Monitor/retreat reed canary grass	Volunteer Land Steward 2	SE Unit in bowl	

May-August	Mow/treat weeds and brush seedlings	Volunteer Land Stewards 2 + 3	Where needed	DCP can supply Billy Goat mower. Use caution around rock and stumps.
June-July	Search for and remove garden valerian population	Volunteer Land Steward 1	SW Unit	Revisit known locations of garden valerian and remove/treat.
June-July	Routine treatment of invasives: burdock, <u>hedge parsley</u> , sweet clover, crown vetch, parsnip, thistle, brush seedlings and resprouts, etc.	Volunteer Land Steward and DCP Staff	All units; DCP to assist with treating hedge parsley under Siberian elms	Hedge parsley is a priority to prevent further spread. Broadcast applications can be made where invasives are thick and natives have not been seeded. Contact DCP if hose sprayer is needed for larger infestations.
Aug-Sept	Treat phragmites	DCP Staff	Boat launch area and Hinchley land	DCP staff to get aquatic permit.
Sept-Dec	Cut, stack, and burn invasive brush and trees according to veg plan.	Volunteer Land Steward 3	Vols to prioritize work along slopes of lake; DCP hosted work days in flat areas along field.	OFS may assist if requested.

**\*See**

**Unnamed County Park Target Natural Community Map (attached map)**

- Unnamed safety issue to be handled by Parks operation staff
- GM in north unit to be accessed by boat, not through neighboring land owner's property