

Johnson County Heritage Trust Properties

Belgium Grove. 40 acres of wetland and prairie reconstruction; west of Hills.

Big Grove. 40 acres of woodlands; near Coralville Reservoir.

Dickens Property. 16.5 acres; adjacent to Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City.
(In conjunction with the Friends of Hickory Hill Park)

Hora Woods. 20 acres of mature oak-hickory woods, rich in ferns and wildflowers; NW of West Branch.

O'Mara-Newport Woods. 30 acres of woodland; north of I80 in Iowa City.

Shimek Ravine. 13 acres of oak-hickory forest; in Iowa City.

Strub Prairie. 1.5 acres with a rich diversity of native plants; north of Solon.

Turkey Creek Preserve. 105 acres, with woods and reconstructed prairie; in north Corridor, between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids.



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*Help Raise the
Johnson County
Heritage Trust
To the
Next Level*



Property Management Campaign

The Johnson County Heritage Trust

What started in 1978, as a small group of far-sighted local citizens who saw a conservation need, has grown to an established organization with over 500 members.

The Johnson County Heritage Trust (JCHT) now owns eight properties throughout Johnson County.

As a member of JCHT, you have helped us reach our current level.

Now it's time to take the JCHT to the next level. Will you join us in better conserving and protecting our natural landscape?

What is our Plan?

We are in the process to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, the national association of land trusts.



As part of that process, we are working towards a stronger property management program, including more thorough management plans for all of our properties and a professional property manager.

As you might expect, it takes time and resources to protect and manage land and water. We are embarking on a \$150,000 three year campaign to raise the seed money for a sustained professional, proactive property management program.

What is Property Management?

Property management is like a long-range strategic plan for each property, designed to protect and preserve the natural areas and native species on JCHT land.

A property management plan can involve such things as prescribed prairie burns; seed propagation; managing woodland timber to allow native species to grow; and controlling and eliminating invasive species, such as multi-flora rose, autumn olive, honeysuckles, oriental bittersweet, and garlic mustard. It can also involve existing plant propagation and seed collection for distribution to other natural areas.

Effective property management is complex. It cannot be done entirely by volunteers since they have jobs and other responsibilities. To have a strong management program for our eight properties we must have a professional property manager.



Property Manager Responsibilities include:

- *Organize and supervise work teams of professionals and part-time volunteers.*
- *Plan and supervise prairie seed collection and propagation.*
- *Walk and monitor the condition of properties; provide trail and fence maintenance.*
- *Provide forest management, such as Forest Stand Improvement, removal of weed trees, crown competition, invasive species, and other vines.*
- *Manage and organize prescribed burns in forest and prairie areas; write burn plans; organize burn crews.*
- *Research and implement the best and latest management practices.*
- *Focus on meeting land management requirements for accreditation standards.*

How Can You Help?

We NEED your gift. Gifts of all sizes will help us in this campaign.

For every two dollars donated, an anonymous donor will give an additional dollar to the JCHT.



Please review and complete the enclosed pledge card today! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Richardson, Executive Director at 319-338-7030 or

TAM4741@aol.com; Dick Schwab, President, at dschwab@southslope.net; or any member of our board of directors.

This campaign is to ensure that the JCHT maintains high standards of stewardship for our land.