

FRIENDS OF  
**POPE FARM**  
CONSERVANCY



August 15, 2019

Town Board, Town of Middleton  
7555 W. Old Sauk Rd  
Verona, WI, 53593

Attn: Cynthia Richson, Chair

RE: Future efforts of the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy

Dear Cynthia,

The Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy, Inc. ("Friends") have made a decision to concentrate our efforts on "Education" in the future. With the Advent of the new Pope Farm Elementary school, and the subsequent middle school, it presents a golden opportunity for the Friends to make a difference helping the school system teach students about the natural world and the stories of the land. In the past, the Friends have worked on building Pope Farm Conservancy into an educational facility. With the School at our doorstep we are going to concentrate on content, and help the school, staff, PTO, and others with understanding the lessons at Pope Farm Conservancy. We will also continue our efforts in educating the public at large. The Friends are a volunteer organization, and we believe working to help the school educate students and teaching the public will be very rewarding for our membership. We will continue to look at ways to help you improve the Conservancy to advance its educational mission.

However, we will be discontinuing our maintenance efforts at the Conservancy. This includes but is not limited to the following Prairies; Blackhawk, Hillside, Oak Savanna, Wheatfield. It also includes any non-prairie areas that we have managed for the Town of Middleton ("Town") in the past. The Friends have had too many differences with the Town in recent years, and those differences have increased to a point where the Friends no longer wish to be involved with the physical maintenance of the property and the interaction with the Town that it requires. We will also carry to completion any projects and activities which we currently have in process for the year 2019.

This is not necessarily a permanent position on the part of the Friends and we hope there is the possibility of re-establishing a positive working relationship with the Town in the future.

We are very excited about helping Pope Farm Conservancy become a greater educational resource for the MCPASD, and the general public.

Very truly yours,

The Board of Directors

Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy, Inc.