

## **”Kick-off Meeting for: “The Broughton Nature Preserve Stewards”**

An open house to learn about stewardship at the Broughton Nature Preserve.



**Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1-3PM.**

*At the open picnic area next to the Community Center*

Agenda:

- Welcome and brief history of the Broughton Nature Preserve (George Broughton)
- Review the native ecosystems at the preserves.
- What is ecological restoration; what does that look like at the Preserve?
- Hike to view areas we will focus our restoration work.

*Our goal is to create a community of volunteer stewards at the Preserve to restore and maintain the native landscapes on the Preserve.*

What will do:

- Remove invasive plants from the natural areas of the Preserve.
- Collect native seeds to plant/restore native plants on the Preserve.
- Maintain the native prairie planting at the Preserve.
- Address problems like erosion of streams and trails.
- Have regular restoration workdays throughout the year.
- Lead volunteers wanting to help maintain the natural beauty of the Preserve.

What stewards will learn:

- The native plants (grasses, sedges, flowering plants, shrubs and trees) and ecosystems of the Preserve.
- How to identify and successfully remove invasive plants.
- How to identify and collect native seeds, and how to propagate them in the areas we restore.

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