

Preserve Hickory Wish List

Professional Forestry Services: The development of amenities at Hickory Hills includes continued work on the new Nordic trails as well as expansion of disc golf (9 new holes). A professional forester would assist with the sound management of minimal and necessary tree culling with the goals of erosion prevention, natural environment sustainability, maximization of view shed and the preservation of a 'natural' park setting – all goals crucial to the public and project donors.

Professional Landscape Architectural Services: Involvement of a landscape professional will positively impact on-going human interaction with the park's natural environment and ensure that amenities suit the site design and park setting.

Organic plant/tree material: The unavoidable necessity of removing certain trees and other plant life during park renovation requires remediation. We have identified a need to add native plant species to enhance the park's new amenities and improve user experience. Volunteer assistance in planting new trees later this fall would be welcomed.

Videographer support: To assist with marketing of the park, we have a need for video shooting/editing to be used for social media and website promotion.

Graphic design services: Assistance with designing new promotional materials and/or t-shirt designs would be welcomed as a new retail operation is launched at the park.

Retail setup/planning: A volunteer consultant to assist with setup/planning and operations of the retail operation at the park is a need this fall.

Construction/building help: We plan to rebuild the Buck tow shack as well as build a new wood storage area to store the fire wood. Volunteers with construction/building backgrounds are needed to assist with this project.

Print services: While Preserve Hickory remains a volunteer organization with minimal overhead costs, the nonprofit continues to communicate with project collaborators, partners, donors, and park users – necessitating at times hard print costs. To date, no in-kind print services have been donated to the nonprofit, but would be welcome and used responsibly to promote the project and park.

For more information or to offer volunteer services, please contact Laura Ness at 231.883.4475 or Derek Melville at 231.922.4910 ext. 114.