



FRIENDS GROUP PROGRAM

IDNR VOLUNTEER NETWORK PROGRAM

The Friends Group Program is important within the IDNR Volunteer Network Program. Friends Groups are developed to enhance, preserve and protect IDNR sites, including interpretive and educational activities. Each Group's mission or part of their mission is to assume responsibility for an IDNR Site, Division or District to help achieve high quality. The Groups consist of dedicated organizations, businesses and individuals who support a specific project or raise awareness of a site's value. All Friends Groups support public recreation and resource protection.

An IDNR Volunteer Supervisor will work with the Group on duties to be performed. Some groups are independent 501(c)3 non-profit organizations formed by citizens to provide and support our sites. Friends Groups with this status also help support projects by raising funds and sell memberships, write grants and receive donations. The Volunteer Network Program promotes improvement of existing Friends Groups by helping to achieve mutual goals and objectives and it helps establish new Groups where feasible.

For more information on a Friends Group's current projects or membership opportunities, you may contact the Group directly. If you have questions about establishing a new Friends Group, you may contact Dianne Blasa, Volunteer Network Program Manager at dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov.

*** FIND A LOCAL IDNR FRIENDS GROUP NEAR YOU***

STEPS TO ESTABLISH AN IDNR FRIENDS GROUP