

Friends of Vernon Marsh
PO Box 1361, Waukesha WI. 53187-1361

2025 Annual Report

2025 Accomplishments

Completion of the Vernon Marsh Boardwalk Trail Circle Loop.

Trail officially designated by WI DNR.

Membership definition and financial support structure successfully transitioned to a donation based system of membership.

Membership: 156 Members.

Began Trail Signage work, preparation to place trailhead signs.

Estimated Time dedicated to Marsh Activities: 227 hours

Placement of Trail Cam and post photos on Facebook page

Continuation of Friends of Vernon Marsh Oral History Project Interviews
(recordings on website)

2025 Events

Vernon Marsh Spring Cleanup: May 3, 2025.

9 participants, 3 hours

Inaugural Natural Resource Foundation Hike: June 7, 2025

20 participants

Vernon Marsh Fall Cleanup/ Trail Maintenance: November 1, 2025

14 participants, 4 hours

Friends of Vernon Marsh Annual Dinner Meeting: December 1, 2025

33 participants, 3 hours

Event Planning (grant, annual meeting, clean-ups, events)

Board Members, 35 hours

2025 Finances

December 31, 2025 Account Balance: \$40,041

Major 2025 Expenditures

Gravel for Boardwalk Trail low areas: \$1007

Annual Meeting: \$1399

Major 2025 Revenues

DNR Grant - Final Reimbursement: \$10,000

Annual Meeting: \$1500

Northwestern Mutual Grant: \$500

Board of Directors

Allen Stasiewski, President, astasiewsk@gmail.com, 414-507-8358

Steven Schmuki, Vice President

Rachel Oemig Kline, Treasurer

Lynn Preston, Secretary

Tom Sherman, Board Member

Erin Mckoen Ricchio, Board Member

Pete Gardner, Board Member

2026 Calendar

Our 2026 calendar is to be determined over the winter 2026. Events will most likely include a Spring and Fall Clean-up, Trail Maintenance event, Annual Meeting, Hike, etc.

A continuing major 2026 activity is to create trail head signage, place benches, and interpretive signage to support the new Boardwalk Trail within the Vernon Marsh. Friends of Vernon Marsh is supporting the project financially and with volunteer assistance to maintain the trail once built.

Board Meetings are scheduled as needed. Normally 3 - 4 per year.

Non-liquid Assets

Friends of Vernon Marsh owns a Display Board, no other assets. The Display Board is stored at the president home.

