

## Trust-Wide

### Land acquisition

- 40 acres @ \$10,000/acre = \$400,000
- 80 acres @ \$10,000/acre = \$800,000

### Programs and Personnel

- Staff:
  - ◊ Increase current staff and staff hours: \$25,000
  - ◊ Volunteer Coordinator (new position; 10 hours/week): \$4,500
- Conservation contractor- standing request for multiple properties for as much time as possible: \$1,260/day for a 6-member crew, plus \$90/night for food per diem; request for multiple weeks over multiple years (approximately \$6,600 per week)

### Equipment

- Storage building/shed, 30x40: \$48,000-\$50,000
- Subcompact Kubota tractor: \$25,000
- Trail markers: \$5,000
- Prairie seed combine/seed stripper: \$5,000-\$7,000
- Drone: \$1,500-\$2,000
- Trailer for ATV to pull: \$500
- Two event tents (20 x 40): \$2,000
- 2 Garlic mustard signs (informational signs about life cycle of garlic mustard): \$900 each
- Boot brushes for five properties: \$1,200
- Tools for volunteers at work days: any amount (for example, 13" pruning saws with folding blade, loppers)

### Office

- Table/chairs for "big room" to replace what we have: \$1,000
- Conference room tables: \$1,000
- Volunteer appreciation gifts and recognition events: \$1,000
- Shelving for office: \$100
- 150 pk laminator sheets: \$75
- Case of copy paper: \$50
- Hanging plants: \$50
- Entrance rug: \$50
- Welcome mat: \$15



## Habitat Management and Restoration (by property)

### Belgum Grove

- Streambank stabilization: \$10,000-\$12,000
- New roof for pony barn: \$3,000-\$4,000
- Solar panels to provide more heat in the winter: \$3,500
- Wetland habitat construction: \$6,500
- Removal of invasive reed canary grass and planting native prairie seed: \$2,000
- Bottomland woodland savanna construction (tree planting): \$3,000
- Transportation and installation of bridge: \$300,000

### Big Grove Preserve

- Erosion control on trails: \$5,000
- Prescribed burns on 20 acres of woodland to allow native species to reestablish: \$4,000

### Big Grove Addition

- Clearing invasive species from four acres of land- \$7,000
- Restoring woodland habitat by planting 200 native oak and hickory trees: \$8,200

### O'Mara-Newport Woods

- Build a culvert and install a footbridge for public access to the property: \$10,000

### Pappy Dickens Preserve

- Invasive removal and trail building- ½ mile trail, 2 weeks of conservation contractor \$13,000
- Tree planting (white oaks and shagbark hickory): \$800

### Shimek Ravine

- Pedestrian bridges \$3,000
- Interpretive signs for the walking trail at Shimek Ravine (used by neighboring elementary school)- 4 signs from GopherSign.com- \$2,000

### Turkey Creek

- Trail building- 1 mile of new trail on each side of the creek, 3 weeks of crews: \$15,000
- Invasive removal- 2 weeks of conservation contractors per year for 5 years: \$65,000
- Rental of trailer, skid loader, and brush mower for Turkey Creek autumn olive infestation- 3-4 days of rental: \$1,800
- Transportation and installation of bridge: \$40,000
- Footbridge installation: \$10,000

## Conservation Options For Landowners

Bur Oak Land Trust uses many different forms of land preservation, some have significant tax benefits:

**Conservation Easements (CE):** A legal agreement between a landowner and Bur Oak Land Trust whereby the landowner retains ownership, but gives up the right to develop the land. CEs are permanent and remain in effect when the land is sold or inherited.

**Gift of Land:** A landowner's gift of property to Bur Oak Land Trust is protected and managed in accordance with the donor's wishes.

**Sale of Land:** Bur Oak Land Trust may purchase land with important natural resource values, to permanently protect it.

**Retained Life Estate:** Landowners may donate property to Bur Oak Land Trust, but retain a life interest for themselves and their family. This allows them to live on or use the land for their lifetime.

**Limited Development:** Bur Oak Land Trust can work with the landowner to design a limited development plan, protecting environmentally sensitive areas, but allowing well-planned development in the remaining areas.

**Bequest:** A gift of land to Bur Oak Land Trust through a person's will removes the property from the donor's taxable estate.

## History and Background

Bur Oak Land Trust was founded in 1978 as Johnson County Heritage Trust by far-sighted local citizens who saw a need for a private, nonprofit land trust that could purchase or accept parcels of land when public bodies could not immediately afford them or when owners did not wish to place them in public hands. In 2014, this trust became Bur Oak Land Trust and currently owns nine properties and holds fourteen conservation easements in Johnson County. It was instrumental in the protection of Ryerson's Woods (south of the County Fairgrounds) and its transfer to the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department.

### Get Involved! Here's How:

- **Sponsor** a Bur Oak Land Trust event
  - Prairie Preview
  - Family Days (Spring and Fall)
  - Music on the Prairie
  - Under a Cider Moon...A Celebration of Autumn
- **Volunteer** to help improve Bur Oak Land Trust properties
- **Make** a contribution
- **Contact** us to learn more about land protection or conservation easements!

## WISH LIST



*Mission: To protect and conserve the natural areas of Johnson and surrounding counties for future generations*

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