Greetings from the David Canny Rountree Branch trail

In these times of chaos and uncertainty, it is wonderful to have things of beauty and serenity to ground us and for us to gravitate to. The DCRBT is just that. Trail use has been amazing as our users are looking to get safely out of their homes with a lot of their normal destinations closed. The sound of the river, our mission is to connect the Platteville community to the Rountree Branch corridor, through recreation, conservation, and environmental education.

Join our Wonderful 100 Volunteers:

Volunteers are the backbone of the PCA. Our volunteers maintain the trail and gardens and put on recreational, educational and fundraising events. There are countless ways volunteers can get involved at the PCA. We’d love to put your expertise to work! Please get in touch below if you’d like to join one of our volunteer teams or have other skills to contribute. Our volunteers love the social networking and healthy activities.

VOLUNTEER ROLES:
Join our Green Team: Maintenance teams meet at recurring 2-hour workdays to restore habitat, remove invasive species, plant native species. Current teams meet Tuesdays 8:30 am, Wednesdays 9 am or Wednesdays 5:30 pm.

Join our Brown Team: Meets at recurring 2-hour weekly workdays to work on bigger projects like construction projects or tree removal. Current team meets at 8:00 AM Mondays.

Gardening Team: Gardeners maintain garden plots along the trail.

Join a Committee:
- Activities Committee
- Ecology Committee
- Finance Committee
- Marketing & Membership Committee
- Planning Committee

Get in touch if you’d like to start volunteering with us at https://www.plattevillearboretum.org/volunteer
The Volunteers...
who we depend upon!
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The PCA is truly a community effort, as all activities, projects and maintenance are fully supported by community volunteers, donations and memberships. Become a member or make a donation at any category level, to help support such efforts.

Memberships may be purchased or donations made securely online through PayPal by clicking https://www.plattevillearboretum.org/membership

or mailing a check to:

PCA
PO Box 302
Platteville, WI 53818

*Multi-year contributors of $250+ are known as “Trail Blazers” and recognized on trail information media.
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the birds and the beauty of nature can really be healing as well as fresh air.

We had been postponing our normal volunteer trail maintenance as PCA has been following the guidelines of the State of Wisconsin. But our volunteers could not wait to get their hands dirty again and last week we began much needed mulching, weeding, mowing, and removal of weeds and invasive species. If you have not gotten out to the trail yet, we are behind but catching up quickly. Katie’s Garden already looks amazing as does the Butterfly Garden. Our master gardeners are not just masters but also incredibly hard workers. Our volunteers are following safety guidelines as we hopefully make our way back to a new normal.

The City of Platteville with the help of grant money is looking to start river bank restoration to repair some of the damage from last year’s floods. This will begin in August as we need to wait out the mating season for both the Ozark Minnow and the Cricket Frog. This is a much-needed project. And 5 areas have been prioritized with ongoing repair/restoration in the future as well.

If you are feeling anxious or depressed regarding what you are seeing on the news, make your way down to the trail for some peace and some piece of mind. Please remember that the DCRBT is fully maintained and made beautiful by our volunteers and if you are interested there are always volunteer opportunities available. Please reach out to me at 608-852-7887 or our new volunteer coordinator Clay Shaffer at 608-348-7587. If you can’t volunteer but maybe you would like to support the trail with a tax-deductible donation, please call me.

Enjoy these photos from the trail, a community and family within itself. Happy trails,

Bob Hundhausen-PCA
Board President