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## Our 7th Annual Meeting Highlights Our Urban Forests and Natural Areas

“**Enjoying and Protecting Our Natural Resource Heritage**” is the theme for the Seventh Annual Meeting of Pierce Downer’s Heritage Alliance. Please join us on Monday evening November 18, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Room 503 of Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue in Downers Grove. Come to hear about some special ways to protect, enhance and appreciate urban forests and other natural areas in and near Downers Grove.

After a short business meeting, three people with experience and interests in the management, restoration and interpretation of natural areas will discuss with us a wide range of natural-area projects. **Thomas Ennis**, P.E., Principal in charge of Civil Engineering at the Conservation Design Forum in Elmhurst, will tell us how various plantings can support water management and restoration projects. **Steve Ruffolo**, Certified Arborist and active member of the Illinois Arborist Association, will describe his vision of urban forestry. **Michelle Groves**, Manager of Natural Resources and Interpretive Services for the Downers Grove Park District, will talk about the management of natural areas and the future of the Lyman Woods Preserve. She will also answer questions about the new Lyman Woods Interpretive Center scheduled for completion in January 2003.

Please join us on November 18<sup>th</sup> to enjoy refreshments and conversation as well as to find out more about enjoying and protecting your local natural areas.

## Midwestern University Restrictive Covenant and Trail Easement

In June 2002 after three years of negotiations, Midwestern University, the Downers Grove Park District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County reached an important agreement. This agreement grants a restrictive covenant and trail easement to benefit the Lyman Woods Forest Preserve. As a result of the agreement the Park District can construct a permanent trail improvement around the east side of the Lyman Woods marsh. In addition, a significant landform, called a kame, that is on University property can now be properly managed and visited in connection with the Park District’s interpretive programs.

The restrictive covenant establishes a buffer zone on the western edge of the university, i.e. along the eastern edge of Lyman Woods. The Park District, with financial help from the Forest Preserve District, will construct a split rail fence along the eastern boundary of this West Buffer Zone in order to separate it from the rest of the university campus.

The covenant stipulates, “Midwestern University shall not place any structures, buildings or improvements, nor conduct any physical construction activity on the West Buffer Zone.” Additional restrictions on university activities within this buffer zone include “no actions to destroy, cut or alter the trees topography, vegetation, flora and fauna” as well as “no utilities, either above or below ground”. Correspondingly, the Park and Forest Preserve Districts agree that they have no special rights or interests with respect to any development activities on the rest of the university campus outside of this West Buffer Zone. *(continued on Page 2)*

Calendar of 2003  
 PDHA Meetings  
 Wednesdays:  
 March 5  
 June 4  
 September 3  
 For Time and  
 Location:  
 Visit our website  
 or call Laurel  
 Bowen at  
 (630) 852-5490

Highland  
 Avenue  
 CLEAN-UP DAYS  
 2003

Saturdays  
 April 12  
 June 21  
 October 11

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A significant feature of the agreement stipulates, "The Restrictive Covenant shall immediately terminate, without any further action of the parties, if either the Forest Preserve District or Park District elect to condemn any portion of the West Buffer Zone or the Developable University Property at any time in the future."

Work is now moving forward on the installation of the fencing and construction of the trail. Originally these projects were expected to be finished during this fall season. Due to the lengthy process for obtaining permits involving wetlands, it is now anticipated that the projects will be completed next spring. Before long therefore, we will have a new, permanent trail loop and access to an important kame at Lyman Woods as the result of cooperation of Midwestern University officials with officials of the Forest Preserve and Park Districts. Members of Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance attended countless meetings to remind these officials of the importance of their cooperation. 🍃

## Nomination and Election of Board of Directors

Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation that the Internal Revenue Service recognizes as suitable for charitable contributions. Its Board of Directors manages activities of the Heritage Alliance. Bylaws of the corporation provide that the Directors are to be elected each year at Heritage Alliance's Annual Meeting. At present there are twelve directors, but the Bylaws permit up to fifteen Directors to be elected.

A nominating committee is working to find people who have a strong interest in local natural areas and want to become more active in the Heritage Alliance by serving on its Board of Directors. If you or some one you know would like to be considered for nomination, please talk with one of the nominating committee members: Laurel Bowen (630) 852-5490, Gordon Goodman (630) 964-0245, or Rita Martin (630) 969-2939. 🍃

## Highland Avenue Adopt-A-Highway Program

Look for the Adopt-A-Highway signs along Highland Avenue. Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance claims this section of highway for all future clean-ups.

We are helping to eliminate litter, but hope that litter fine signs will be posted to help get the message out. You are welcome to join Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance clean up efforts along Highland Avenue. We schedule three organized workdays each year. Saturday, October 12, 2002 was the last scheduled date this year.

Highway Clean-Up Days for 2003 are Saturday, April 12, Saturday, June 21, and Saturday, October 11. We meet at 33rd Street entrance to Lyman Woods at 9:30 AM. Expect it to take no longer than 2 hours to clean up from 31st - 39th Streets.

We hope to have you along to help us combat the litter along the gateway to Downers Grove. Please mark your Year 2003 calendars now! Thank you for your continued support. 🍃

## Current Officers and Directors Of Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance

Gordon L. Goodman, Chair, Jane E. Amorosi, Chair Pro-tem, and Laurel Q. Bowen, Secretary/Treasurer are the current officers of Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance. Other Directors of the Heritage Alliance are Aspasia Colias, Lee A. Forsythe, Matt LeCren, Rita Martin, David Pfeifer, Donna J. Retzlaff, William M. Runyon, David Schulz and Mark D. Sklair. Donna Retzlaff and Mark Sklair live in Westmont and all other Directors live in Downers Grove. 🍃



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Bring Your Friends to Enjoy Our Panel Presentation and Discussion,  
**Enjoying and Protecting Our Natural Resource Heritage**  
at Our Annual Meeting  
Monday November 18, 2002, 7:00PM  
at Lincoln Center in Downers Grove

Your membership in the Alliance helps in our efforts to petition the Villages and County to preserve our natural resources. Your participation in our programs demonstrates to our community the strength of our coalition to protect Downers Grove's forests and wildlife.

Please join Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance or renew your membership now as we continue to work for protection of the natural heritage of Downers Grove.

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Yes, I want to begin/renew my membership in Pierce Downer's Heritage Alliance

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can also **Volunteer some time** \_\_\_\_\_

A TAX DEDUCTIBLE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION of \$10 or more will help the Alliance defray expenses, but is **not** required for membership. Your email address will allow us to keep you informed of future events.