



HNPA's Mission

Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve in Westland, Livonia and Canton, Michigan.

The Preserve consists of 500-plus acres of forests and wetlands that run along tributaries of the Rouge River.

The HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique natural resource by hosting walks, conducting maintenance improvement projects with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve in improving the quality of life in Western Wayne County.

Our activities are free. Find out more at hnpa.org.

Membership Dues (Still) Due

Five bucks. That's all we ask each calendar year for your continuing support of our organization and its mission (see above).

If you haven't had the opportunity to send in your support of HNPA, please use the form on page 4 and drop it into the mail.

Your donation is much appreciated.



Rouge Rescue comes early this year. It will be held the first Saturday in May and includes painting over the graffiti under Wayne Rd. bridge. Fixing this eyesore has been called for by a number of members.

Upcoming Activities

Take a walk through the Preserve with HNPA volunteers. The pace is leisurely and the atmosphere informal. Our walks last from an hour to 90 minutes and are held regardless of the weather,

so please dress for conditions (often wet) and often uneven ground.

Walks are family friendly and kids are welcome. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Questions? Contact us at Holliday Association@hnpa.org.

➤ Spring Wildflower walk

Sat., April 20, 10 a.m.

Hix Park & Koppernick section

Hix Park entrance (Hix Rd. north of Warren Rd)

➤ Rouge Rescue 2013

Sat., May 4, Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Work: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wayne Road Bridge area

(South of Joy Rd. Park at Timothy Lutheran Church)

Creek cleanup, invasive plant removal, paint over bridge graffiti.

Early Bird Rouge Rescue

Different Day. Different Location. (No Mosquitoes)

Please circle Saturday, May 4, for our annual Rouge Rescue in Holliday Preserve. The Friends of the Rouge orchestrates the traditional Rouge Rescue cleanups across the watershed on the first day in June--and they still will this year--but HNPAs is having our event a month earlier than normal. That should mean cooler temperatures and few, if any, mosquitoes!

The City of Westland will again partner with us to pick up trash and haul away chipped honeysuckle, so this will be their official Rouge Rescue event, as well. We are also happy to announce we have support from Wayne County Parks this year. We also are supported by Friends of the Rouge.

Along with a new day, we are taking on a new challenge that requires paint and rollers.



Many of our members have expressed their concern with the conditions of the area around Wayne Road Bridge, so we decided to target this section this year.

We have not worked there for a long while, primarily because it is difficult to safely access and stage an event there.

However, that has changed. Thanks to Timothy Lutheran Church that has offered us their parking lot, and Mrs. Herta Furbacher who will allow us use of her driveway, volunteers will be able to safely access the site; so now we can give that section the attention it so badly needs.

Tasks on May 4 include:

- Removing shopping carts and trash from the creek.
- Cutting invasive honeysuckle shrubs and hauling to city wood chipper.
- Painting over the graffiti underneath the Wayne bridge.

To get done all that needs to be done, we need approximately 60 volunteers.

We will provide gloves, trash bags, water, tools, paint supplies, wash up station and free Friends of the Rouge t-shirts.

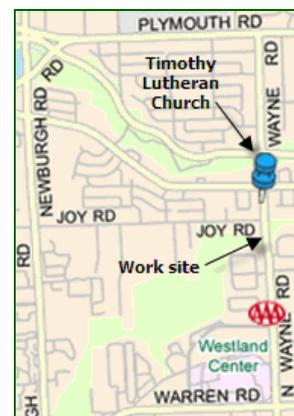
After registration (and all must register), volunteers can choose whatever project they want to work on—and hopefully have some fun doing so.

For more information contact Westland's Kevin Buford, at kbuford@cityof-westland.com or Cyndi Ross, Friends of the Rouge at cross@therouge.org.

Rouge Rescue: Parking and Access

On Saturday, May 4, please park in the Timothy Lutheran Church lot on east side of Wayne Road when you arrive for Rouge Rescue.

For safety's sake, go north to Ann Arbor Trail and cross Wayne Road at the traffic light. Then walk south to the private drive on the west side of Wayne Road, just south of the 7-11. Signs will be posted. Remember we ask that you be extra courteous than usual when entering and exiting the work area and clean up afterward since the driveway is private property and we were graciously given permission to use it.



Building Bridges With Wayne County Parks

HNPA Sends Letter to Parks Urging Cooperation

In our last newsletter, we asked members what priorities and plans they would like to see addressed by Wayne County Parks. Here are some of the replies:

- “do something about tents and shelters made by homeless people” — Jennifer
- “address inappropriate behaviors – vandalism, vagrancy, logging” — Brandon,
- “[do something about condition of] the old Wayne Road bridge” — Joel

The HNPA Board took membership input, combined it with our own and drafted this list:

- Better communication with Wayne County Parks.

- A clear procedure to follow to address illegal activities in the Preserve, such as logging, trail-cutting, vandalism, bikes and motorized vehicles and vagrancy.
- Taking actions to improve the look of the Wayne Road bridge underpass area.
- Improved signage informing users what activities are (and are not allowed).
- Partner with Wayne County Parks during Rouge Rescue.
- Partner with Wayne County Parks on trail maintenance.
- Partner with Wayne County Parks on invasive plant control.
- A Wayne County sponsored fall trail maintenance event.

- Improve parking at Koppernick and Newburgh entrances.
- Actions to remove the remains of trail shelters.
- Increased patrols by Wayne County Sheriff and Wayne County Parks to improve safety and discourage illegal activity.
- Take steps to add Livonia School property on Hix Road to the Preserve.
- Discuss HNPA's position on bridges and trail system in the Preserve.

The HNPA Board has sent the list to the Parks Director, and asked for a meeting.

Progress has already been made with some of these points, including the HNPA/Wayne County Parks partnership for Rouge Rescue at Wayne Road bridge, addressing graffiti, invasive plants, trash and illegal shelters.

Wayne County Parks Takes Action

Sometime after our January hike, Wayne County Parks and the Sheriff removed a tree house and camper tent near Ann Arbor Trail entrance.

Wayne County Parks also sent a letter to an individual on Jermaine Street who was illegally cutting wood in the Preserve. Wayne County Parks made it clear that it is illegal to do any cutting

without permission or damage the Preserve in any way. A copy of Wayne County Park and Preserve rules were included.

We also recently received notification that Parks removed a shelter being built by Wayne bridge and two individuals were ticketed by the Sheriff.

At the same time, there are indications that bikers are

cutting trails in the Newburgh/Hix section, so vandalism continues. Please contact Parks at (734) 261-1990, if you ever spot any illegal activity.



The tree house before its removal by Wayne County Parks. HNPA appreciates their swift action.

Walk in the Woods

A few photos from a winter walk. Sorry if you weren't there. Hope to see you at a hike or activity this spring!



Thanks to our Supporters



The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations this winter. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support they and you give us, along with the trust they put in us. We use the funds for the overall benefit of the Preserve.

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Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per year (Jan. 1—Dec. 31). Your support makes it pos-

sible to distribute our newsletters, host a website, support Rouge Rescue, offer walks, educate the community and promote the Preserve.

Any additional funds over and above are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

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