

# Prairie Garden Trust

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### **New Master Plan**

We are preparing to do a national search for a landscape architect to help create a Master Plan for the PGT. They will help design the layout of future trails and related structures. A key feature will be a mile-long high-quality (asphalt?) loop trail from the PGT Center.

### **New Website & Logo**

We've hired the New York design firm [For Office Use Only](#) to redesign the PGT website and logo. The new website should be ready this summer.

### **Second Groundskeeper hired**

Duncan Foss was hired as our second groundskeeper last fall. He and Matt Barnes spent much of the winter clearing, cutting and burning trees along the forest edges of the Dogleg Prairie and at The Savanna. Controlling invasive and exotic species will be part of what keeps them busy this spring.



## **New Viewing Platform**

The treehouse at the Lotus Ponds was successfully converted into a viewing platform. This change was required because the treehouse tree died. The viewing platform offers great views of the lotus ponds, forest and prairie.



## **Spring Bird Walk**

67-species of birds were identified on our spring Bird Walk. Jim D. Wilson led the group on a perfect spring morning.



## Millions of Seeds Planted

88 kinds of wildflower seeds were planted this winter by broadcasting them on top of the snow.



## Daily Pictures of the PGT

Spring here full-force and it is being documented daily on the PGT blog:

[www.pgtnaturegarden.org](http://www.pgtnaturegarden.org)

## Garden Conference

Lorna and I are going to Philadelphia in June for the APGA (American Public Gardens Association) conference. The conference will help teach us how to manage public gardens.

## Improvements at the PGT Visitor Center



Drapes and carpeting have been added to the main room of the PGT Visitor center. Noise was a problem when there were a lot of people in the room. The drapes and carpet help the acoustics.

## Upcoming Event

The summer butterfly walk is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>