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Summary of Arboretum Task Force and earlier work.

1. The arboretum mission statement and statement of purpose were developed and accepted by the committee. (President Dietrich asked Cheryl Knox and Clark Hendley to review statements for potential funding. We looked at some revisions, but the mission statement remained the same and the Chapter approved the statements.)
2. There is a threefold mission of the arboretum: First of all, the arboretum integrates the land back into the charter of incorporation for; educational, scientific and ecclesiastical purposes—it promotes stewardship and sustainability of natural resources/habitats—and finally continue habitat restoration work on the property.
3. The arboretum task force recommended that the whole of Saint John's property in Collegeville be included in the arboretum. Areas would be managed differently, but all fit together in a unit. (The corporate planning committee and abbey accepted this.)
4. Values statement were developed and accepted by the task force. The corporate planning committee and abbey accepted statements.
5. Steve Saupe and Ernie Diedrich developed list of on campus educational uses of the outer campus. No proposal evolved to evaluate/restructure sju/csb educational uses.
6. K-12 area school use of the natural resources. Saint Olaf's SNAP and NSET programs were proposed to be on campus beginning in the spring of 1998. Due to NSF not funding the proposal, this project is not on line. Funding opportunities and other models of education models should be evaluated.
 - a. There will be a NSET meeting at Saint John's in June, 1998.
 - b. There will be a TCTT workshop at Saint John's in July, 1998.

7. Leadership

The mine field is sorting out University funding and the Order of Saint Benedict resources. The land is held by the Abbey. Thus governance is a confusing issue. The Arboretum program is under the Provost and run by the University. The resources/land, however, remain under the Abbey. Question to be resolved is how does the inner campus relate to the arboretum. In particular with Physical Plant, Grounds, Design Committee, Land Manager.

The Arboretum Advisory Council is responsible in:

- a. help develop the mission and vision of the arboretum with the director
- b. brainstorm about the development of programs
- c. advise and help shape policies
- d. evaluate the direction of educational programs
- e. evaluate implementation of the vision and programming
- f. evaluate how programs meet goals
- g. evaluate how the arboretum serves constituents
- h. help raise money

7. Funding opportunities.

The Science Center addition and renovation provides an opportunity to include the field sciences/arboretum.

The University will fund the salary of the director and office expenses.

Currently projects funded are:

Oak savanna restoration \$1,500.00 (anon)

Oak savanna restoration 5,000.00 LCMR(St. Olaf)

Tree tour brochure \$1,000.00 (anon)

Kiosk \$6,100.00 (U Empec)

-- Book store opportunities?

Short term and long term:

Habitat Restoration Project:

- Informational Kiosk, garden, bus drop off and 6 acres of prairie 27,000 DHC
- We currently have funding for 5 acres of savanna restoration from LCMR
- Goal is to restore 15 acres of savanna by 2,000
- Build another dam in wetlands to be able to flood upper areas to restore hydrology and assist controlled burns of savanna and upper parts of the prairie
- Continue prairie from road to the Gemini Lake.
- Build a board walk from prairie to savanna to assist study of wetlands and savanna.

Hardwoods

- Design nature trail in Big Woods area.
- Design and implement kiosk for Big Woods Habitat.
- Improve wildflower diversity.
- Sugarbush explanation and tours.

Documentation

- Continue documenting flora and fauna in habitats
- Increase opportunities for internships