

Springbrook Nature Center Foundation
2010 ANNUAL REPORT
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Cover photo: Springbrook has 127 acres of native prairies, oak and aspen forests, oak savannah and extensive wetlands.

2010 REPORT TO FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER FOUNDATION

FOR OVER 40 YEARS, Springbrook Nature Center has been a jewel for residents of Fridley and visitors from the region and nationwide to learn about Minnesota's magnificent natural environment. It is a place where visitors can find solace in a pristine natural area; where natural wetlands provide a crucial protective barrier to the Mississippi watershed; where bird watchers and researchers have collaborated to create a 23-year database of songbird behavior patterns serving the Mississippi Flyway region; and where our younger visitors can prepare to become the environmental leaders of tomorrow.

In 2004, the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation launched the SAVE Springbrook Campaign to protect this precious resource from encroaching development. Residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations from the Twin Cities region stood overwhelmingly in support of preserving Springbrook Nature Center and its diverse habitat and educational programs.

Now, growing popularity and use once again threaten to compromise the vitality of the Nature Center. It is imperative that Springbrook is able to manage the growth in visitor use while preserving and protecting the fragile natural environment of the Nature Center for future generations.

With the enormous show of enthusiasm and commitment from supporters and the vital need to protect this investment, the City of Fridley and the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation are launching a fundraising campaign.

The SPRING Project, standing for Sanctuary Protection and Renewal Into the Next Generation, the SPRING campaign will support phased capital improvements to add new capacity for Springbrook's world class environmental education programs and preserve the pristine natural areas for future generations.

The vision of the SPRING Project includes improvements to enhance the seven-acre entrance area and will include expanded education, community celebration and memorial areas, as well as the expansion of the Interpretive Center. The SPRING Project will incorporate energy-efficient building technology and conservation techniques to position Springbrook Nature Center as a regional leader and hands on learning laboratory for environmental stewardship.

The SPRING Project will rely on the full support of visitors, individual donors, businesses and corporations and foundations. Naming and recognition opportunities are available at every level of giving. With your support, the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation can protect and improve Springbrook Nature Center for the next 40 years. We hope you will continue to help Springbrook Nature Center grow as the premier environmental education center in Fridley, the North Suburban Area, and throughout Minnesota.

Sincerely,
Malcolm P. Mitchell

Malcolm Mitchell
Chair, Springbrook Nature Center Foundation

THE SPRING PROJECT: VISION FOR THE FUTURE



The SPRING Project has three distinct phases to allow for fundraising, program development, and minimal construction impact.



Phase I sets the stage for the SPRING project by creating a new entrance to the Nature Center. A new Outdoor Pavilion, arbor, and Celebration Plaza will welcome visitors into Springbrook's entrance with feelings of discovery, safety, and peace.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

OF THE SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER

I am pleased to report on a most remarkable year at the Springbrook Nature Center

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the hard work of our staff and volunteers, Springbrook Nature Center demonstrated numerous accomplishments toward our vision *to create opportunities for all people to appreciate nature*, including:

- Nearly 24,000 participants attended one of 744 education and wilderness programs led by Springbrook's talented staff members
- Over 5,000 community members attended Springbrook's annual, family-friendly Spring Fling and Pumpkin Night in the Park events
- 1,028 volunteers contributed over 18,800 hours to support Springbrook and Foundation programs and operations
- Over 13,000 students from more than 30 area communities participated in Springbrook's science curriculum

The popularity of Springbrook continues to grow every year — 2010 marked another record year for participation and use!

If you haven't done so already, visit our new website:

www.springbrooknaturecenter.org. It's the best way to stay informed of our upcoming programs, events, and special activities like Butterfly Survey, Bird Count, and a few surprises still in the works. You can also learn about our staff members and volunteer opportunities.

If you haven't visited Springbrook this year, it's a great a time to visit. Come explore, play and learn.

Sincerely,



Siah St. Clair
Executive Director
Springbrook Nature Center



Eighth graders from Fridley Public Schools conduct research on water quality at Springbrook Nature Center. Springbrook partners with over 30 communities to hands-on science curriculum and instruction to thousands of K-8 students each year to help schools meet science graduation standards.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS¹

	2010 Jan 1 to Dec. 31	2009 Jan 1 to Dec. 31
Balance Sheet		
Total assets and liabilities	\$ 53,295	\$ 68,598
Statement of Activities		
Revenues		
Contributions	\$ 59,695	\$ 42,542
Memorials	\$ 965	\$ 100
Gift shop sales	\$ -	\$ 45
Special events	\$ 17,605	\$ 22,179
Interest and other income	\$ 90	\$ 198
Total Revenues	\$ 78,355	\$ 65,064
Expenses		
Program support	\$ 49,968	\$ 17,899
Gift shop	\$ 516	\$ -
Special events	\$ 6,619	\$ 14,063
Fundraising	\$ 35,567	\$ 34,852
Administration and misc.	\$ 988	\$ 723
Total Expenses	\$ 93,658	\$ 67,537
Change in net assets	\$ (15,303)	\$ (2,473)

¹The above unaudited financial statement does not include the direct operating revenues and expenses provided by the City of Fridley to support Springbrook Nature Center. In 2010, tax revenue received by Springbrook was \$314,400 and earned income generated by programs at the Nature Center was \$96,192. The Nature Center's operating expenses for 2010 came in at the budgeted amount of \$390,430. Combined, 2010 Springbrook Nature Center and Springbrook Nature Center Foundation total revenues were \$488,946 and total expenses were \$483,658.

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We thank all who support the mission of the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation, and proudly recognize these contributors who made financial gifts during 2010.

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The 2010 Pumpkin Night in the Park was a great success. Thousands of guests attended the family-friendly fall event.

Sammy Perrella's
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Schaaf Floral
Shorewood Bar and Grill
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Springbrook Garden Club
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THANK YOU!

We do our best to honor the names of our supporters. If there are any errors, please contact us and we will update our records.

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Springbrook Nature Center and the Foundation are thriving due, in large part, to the tireless hours put in by our many faithful volunteers. Without volunteers, the Nature Center, Foundation and the many community events would not be successful.

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Fridley Lions Club
Fridley Community Theatre

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Camp Serve Group Service
Fridley United Methodist Church
Epiphany Catholic Church

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Springbrook Nature Center Regular Volunteers
Springbrook Nature Center Foundation
Springbrook Nature Center Garden Club
Springbrook Nature Center Bird Banding Group
Many Individuals and Families

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The Springbrook Nature Center Foundation Board of Directors is committed to finding the resources to preserve and enhance Springbrook Nature Center into the next generation. We invite you to join with us in this effort on behalf of our community.

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