

PRAIRIE CROSSING

# ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK



THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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### **A word or two about “us”...**

Every Prairie Crossing resident enjoys the beautiful open spaces around us. But our prairies and wetlands won't stay healthy and beautiful without some TLC. And that is what the Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) is all about.

We are a group of resident volunteers dedicated to preserving and restoring the natural areas in Prairie Crossing. We are an integral part of implementing the environmental conservation plan for PC, which is headed by Team Leader Mike Sands. We focus on;

- **Education** – what belongs in a prairie and what doesn't, and what to do about it. This helps you care for your home prairie and gardens, too. This is accomplished through articles in the Meadow Mix Newsletter, group events, and one-on-one consultations.
- **Restoration** – restoring and reconstructing prairie or wetland plant life and habitat for native mammals, birds, insects, and fish. The event leader offers instructional talks before we venture out – a good opportunity for “hands-on” learning.

We also offer other interesting activities throughout the year. Some of the activities we have hosted include;

- “Weed Walk” – educational strolls around the common areas where we help you learn to identify “good guy” and “bad guy” plants and simply admire our surroundings.
- Prairie Yard Bike Tour – a leisurely bike ride to several homes within the community with a presentation by the homeowner at each stop.
- Tree care seminar – an informative seminar on the proper care and mulching of trees with hands-on demonstrations.

### **You're invited – come join us!**

Membership is open to all interested PC residents. No experience or expertise is necessary. All levels of participation are welcome. You don't have to participate in everything - get involved in only those activities that interest you.

Our meetings are held in January, March, September and November, on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Yellow Farmhouse on Harris Rd. In the summer months (May, June, July, August), our “meetings” on the second Tuesday are actually evening restoration events. Dates, times and locations for all meeting and workday events are announced in *EcoNotes*, on PCHOA.com and on the “pcho” mail group. Questions? You can email us at [Environment@pchoa.com](mailto:Environment@pchoa.com)

### **Comments/suggestions on this Handbook?**

Is there something that we missed? If you have comments or suggestions, spot any errors, or have ideas for improving the usefulness of this Handbook to PC residents, please forward them to us at [Environment@pchoa.com](mailto:Environment@pchoa.com). Thank you for your help.