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- Underutilized or misallocated natural resources (water, wind, soils, materials, four-season solar climate), and how jurisdictions can cooperate to make the most efficient use of resources through energy efficiency, waste reduction and material re-use.

The program of workshops will continue through 2010 and will end in 2011 with the convening of a NSLW Summit, including all participants, facilitators, experts, and consultants. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn about the NSLW and how it is working to help our civic leaders shape the future for all Nebraskans. Bring a friend (or two) and join us for a glimpse into the future. Refreshments will be served.

More information on Nebraska Sustainability Leadership Workshop is available online at: www.nslw.org

Friends of Wilderness Park Mission Statement

The Friends of Wilderness Park are residents of Lincoln and surrounding areas who are concerned with the encroachment of development upon Wilderness Park. The Friends of Wilderness Park is a non-profit organization and has the following goals:

- Promote the creation of statutes, rules and regulations that will allow the long term sustainability of Wilderness Park and other natural areas within the Lincoln area.
- Encourage and conduct biological surveys within Wilderness Park to keep the public informed of the status of its plants, resident and migratory animals; and to identify rare, endangered or threatened species.
- Monitor governmental entities and their policies as they effect Wilderness park and other natural areas within the Lincoln area, with the objective of preserving ecological values at all times.
- Defend Wilderness Park and surrounding area from public policies that will dilute its values.
- Educate developers to use ecologically sound and economically feasible ways to maintain and preserve natural conditions on development sites rather than destroying and subsequently attempting to recreate "natural" conditions.
- Work with governmental agencies and property owners adjacent to Wilderness Park to maintain buffer zones around Wilderness Park.
- Work with governmental agencies and property owners adjacent to Wilderness park to increase the size of Wilderness Park, either through private trust agreements or through public purchase of additional park land.
- Study other sites within the Lincoln area for potential natural area preservation and inclusion within the total park holdings in Lancaster County.

An excerpt from the City of Lincoln Watershed Management website on Pervious Concrete:

Pervious concrete is a mixture of hydraulic cement, coarse aggregates (stone), water and admixtures. Pervious concrete contains little or no sand, and is sometimes referred to as a "no-fines" concrete. The cement and water forms a paste that binds the coarse aggregates together. Only enough paste is added to the mix to glue the aggregate together where they touch each other, but not enough to fill all the space between the aggregates. A typical pervious concrete mixture will contain about 17-25% void space within the concrete. Many of the void spaces within the pervious concrete will be interconnected, forming channels that allow water and air to pass freely through the pavement structure.

Parking lots are considered to be primary point sources of pollution. When rain falls on a conventional, impervious parking lot it usually runs off carrying pollutants with it. Polluted stormwater runoff eventually finds its way into our streams, rivers and lakes. Parking lots paved with pervious concrete, however, assist the process by capturing rain-water and allowing it to percolate into the underlying soil. Because water is allowed to absorb into the ground, nearby vegetation is watered, groundwater is recharged and stormwater run-off is reduced.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

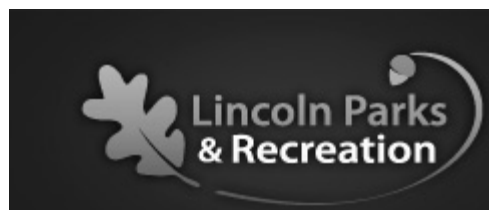
September 19 – Veyance Tech (formerly Goodyear),
4021 N. 56th

October 24 – Woods Park, 31st & J Sts.
Each collection runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Usable Latex Paint Exchange

Friday, September 18, 3-7 p.m.
EcoStores Nebraska, 530 W. P St.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation has a new website! Check it out at: www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks



Friends of Wilderness Park would like to prepare some material about Wilderness Park which would be useful to school teachers. We already have all the needed information. We just need to put it into an attractive, accessible format. Can you help out. Please call Janine at 435-5612 or Mary at 477-8282 if you can help

Have you ever thought of a speaker that you would like to hear or a topic you would like to hear about at our monthly meetings? We know there are a lot of very smart people with good ideas reading this newsletter; if you have any recommendations for speakers or topics, call Mary at 477-8282.

Are you planning on being anywhere near the Portland, Oregon area in October? Consider attending the National Land Conservation Conference October 11-14. The conference provides in depth workshops on conservation led by national experts. Become well prepared and well informed to better help protect Lincoln's natural resources. More information is available at www.landtrustalliance.org

The Friends of Wilderness Park Board meeting schedule has changed too! Starting in October, meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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