



Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society, Inc.  
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### **FOLKS as a "FRIEND" OF FISH CAMP PARK**

**FOLKS** has made the following contributions to Fish Camp Park:

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Financial assistance for the handicapped accessible pier
- Provided picnic tables
- Maintains picnic tables
- Funded a memorial bench
- Purchased birdhouse poles
- A second memorial bench is funded and planned

#### **GROUNDS:**

- Planted native flowers at entrance sign to park
- Maintains that bed
- Created and planted a shoreline garden
- Maintains the shoreline garden
- Weeded and mulched mature trees
- Collected seeds from our plants to grow seedlings for "Plant Dane"

#### **EDUCATION:**

- Designed the signage explaining the advantage of native plants along the shoreline
- Built a little house for educational brochures
- Registered the park as a monarch way station
- Contacted other "friends" groups to create monarch corridor in Dane County
- Conducted aquatic canoe/kayak tours of Door Creek and the Yahara River from the park

#### **STRUCTURES:**

- Got repair estimates on roofing, siding and painting to help with planning
- Found a mill that would recreate the unique siding for repairing rotting boards on the two historic buildings
- Hired contractors to do the repairs
- Funded the wood and contractor costs

#### **POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS:**

- Open the net house for public use
- Support the new bike trail through the park
- Financial assistance to repair/replace one of the fishing piers
- Put in goose deterrent wires near garden
- Establish a rain garden
- Other shoreline plantings
- Remove/Fix drains that run directly into lake



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**FOLKS** members include **418 households** and **36 area businesses**

**OTHER MAJOR FOLKS PROJECTS TO EDUCATE MEMBERS & CLEAN UP LAKE KEGONSA:**

**Carp Removal:** Bottom feeders that stir up nutrients; removed 367,599 lbs so far, 2017-2019

**Leaf Management:** Education of homeowners and vacuuming leaves all around the lake

**Debris Pick Up:** Working with Dane County to pick up aquatic debris from the end of piers

**Water Monitoring:** More than 20 volunteers at 14 sites on Lake Kegonsa and Door Creek; More than 400 data collections in 2018

**Lake Levels presentation:** Attended by >220 people, Joe Parisi & John Reimer, speakers

**COUNTY PROJECTS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO LAKE KEGONSA:**

**Door Creek Suck the Muck:** Door Creek is scheduled for 2020. Door Creek contributes the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest phosphorus load to the Yahara chain but is 5<sup>th</sup> on the list to be remediated.

**Dredging in Yahara River below LaFollette Dam:** Scheduled for 2020. As the southernmost lake in the Yahara chain it is extremely important that water which flows into Lake Kegonsa from the upper lakes has a clear channel to flow out.

**Land Purchase Program:** Support land acquisition along Door Creek and in the Door Creek Wetland area to decrease runoff into Lake Kegonsa and mitigate flooding.