

FRIENDS OF THE WILD FLOWER GARDEN MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is an organization of private citizens whose purpose is to protect, preserve, and promote the interests of the Garden for its unique beauty and as a sanctuary for native flora and fauna of Minnesota, and to educate and inspire people of all ages in relating to the natural world.

We believe that:

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary should be preserved for its historical significance and its value as an environmental resource for the study and appreciation of native plants and birds.

It is necessary to maintain a natural buffer zone around the Garden to protect its ecological integrity and to preserve its value as a retreat for quiet contemplation and observation of nature.

It is our role to support and encourage the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in maintaining and preserving the Garden.

Promotion and utilization of the Garden should be compatible with protecting it as a sanctuary for flora and fauna and preserving the features of a natural environment.

As nature depends on a balance of diverse species, our success as an organization is supported by working with a variety of individuals and organizations with common interests.

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