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## TOOLS FOR STEWARDSHIP OF NATURAL AREAS

Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #03-020W

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### Introduction:

Grand Prairie Friends of Illinois (GPF) is a not-for-profit conservation organization that is responsible for the stewardship of about 80 acres of remnant prairie and 40 acres of restored prairie. GPF works very closely with several local conservation groups, especially the Volunteer Stewardship Network and the Champaign County Audubon Society. To efficiently manage the vegetation in our preserves, GPF uses prescribed burns and selective herbicide applications.

In addition to managing over a dozen prairie remnants, GPF has embarked on two ambitious projects that will require herbicide equipment. The first project is the restoration of a two-mile long railroad prairie that contains grade-A prairie that is becoming choked with woody invasive species, especially Autumn Olive. The second project is the preparation of an old field for use as a propagation garden for local genotype prairie species.

The tools purchased with this grant money will be used for the following purposes:

1. To improve the management of our prairie preserves.
2. To control woody species within the two-mile railroad prairie.
3. To begin preparation for the native plant propagation garden.

### Methods:

All natural areas stewardship is done with labor provided by volunteers and summer interns. All restoration techniques use generally accepted methods, such as those outlined in *The Tallgrass Restoration Handbook*. This equipment is to be used on natural areas that are managed by GPF, the Volunteer Stewardship Network, the Champaign County Audubon Society, and the Urbana Park District.

### Results:

The fire safety equipment will be used during the fall and spring burn seasons. In the spring 2003 burn season, this equipment was used on controlled burns in five different natural areas: Baber Woods Nature Preserve, Rocky Branch Nature Preserve, two natural areas managed by the Urbana Park District (Meadowbrook Park and Busey Woods), and a prairie planting on the University of Illinois campus. With

the help of this equipment, these controlled burns went very well, and we expect to conduct our future burns more safely and efficiently as a result.

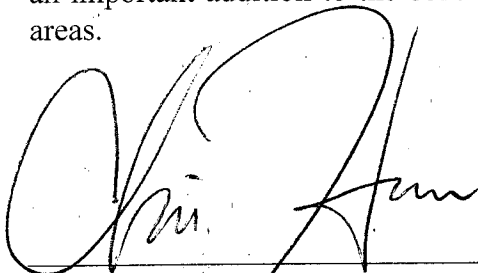
The herbicide application equipment has not yet been used, but it will be used on exotic herbaceous species in summer 2003, and on exotic woody species in winter 2004. Sections of our old-field property will be sprayed with glyphosate (RoundUp) herbicide to prepare it for a seed production nursery, and the Autumn Olive along the railroad line will be controlled with basal bark applications of triclopyr (Garlon 4) herbicide. Based on past experiences with basal bark applications on Autumn Olive, we expect this herbicide application equipment to greatly improve the efficiency of eliminating this invasive species from this high quality prairie remnant.

**Expenditures listed on attached Payment Request Certification:**

Item:	Unit Cost:	Units:	Cost:
Backpack Pump Harness	\$26. <sup>50</sup>	7	\$185. <sup>50</sup>
Council Fire Rake	\$22. <sup>80</sup>	2	\$45. <sup>60</sup>
Roadside Smoke Sign	\$59. <sup>95</sup>	2	\$119. <sup>90</sup>
Hand-held Herbicide Sprayer	\$10. <sup>90</sup>	2	\$21. <sup>80</sup>
Backpack Herbicide Sprayer	\$84. <sup>90</sup>	1	\$84. <sup>90</sup>
Roundup Herbicide	\$154. <sup>70</sup>	1	\$154. <sup>70</sup>
Garlon 4 Herbicide	\$279. <sup>90</sup>	1	\$279. <sup>90</sup>
Equipment Shipping	\$35. <sup>54</sup>	1	\$35. <sup>54</sup>
<b>Total Costs:</b>			<b>\$927.<sup>84</sup></b>

**Conclusion:**

GPF is very appreciative of the grant monies made available through the Wildlife Preservation Fund, and would like to thank the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for accepting this grant. The tools purchased with this grant money will be an important addition to the continued stewardship of the remaining pristine natural areas.



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85211	2	2		EA	FIRE RAKE, CUMP. SEE 85212-85213	22.80	45.60	
13101	1	1		EA	SPRAYER, 5 GAL PISTON (435)	84.90	84.90	
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85016	7	7		PR	STRAPS, DLX BACKPACK FIRE PUMP	26.50	185.50	
17134	1	1		EA	HERBICIDE, GARLON 4, 2 1/2 GL	279.90	279.90	
12341	2	2		EA	SPRAYER, PRESSURE 48 OZ.	10.90	21.80	
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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Round-Up RRO		154 70

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ML		
CASH	CHARGE	MOUSE RFD
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SUB TOTAL	154 70
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