

Chairperson Report

11/14/2024

History

- 2022: Preliminary discussions
- November, 2023: Settled into serious discussions and planning
- May, 2024: Established Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation
- July, 2024: Organization meeting of the Board
- August, 2024: Submission of application (IRS 1023) for 501(c)(3) status operating as a Private Operating Foundation:
 - Contributions qualify for tax-deductible status
 - Appreciated assets are not subject to capital gains taxes
 - Primarily funded through returns on its investment holdings
 - Executes its mission through direct activities rather than distributing funds to external entities
- November, 2024: Public meeting of the Board
- Continue waiting for IRS Approval

Activities

- Mission
 - Future: Own and operate ChicoryLane Ecological Reserve
 - Help it to be the best version of itself as it can
 - Current: Operate a program of ecological, aesthetic, and research activities
 - In close conjunction with the Land
- Eight workshops or events 2024; anticipate ~ 8 2025
 - Additional details, following

Professional Services

- Legal
 - Smith Anderson
 - Deborah McDermott
- Bookkeeping
 - Integrity Accounting
 - John Corman

- Accounting
 - Blackman & Sloop
 - Elizabeth Mauch
- Financial Management
 - Frazier Financial Consultants
 - Rich Frazier
- Insurance
 - Doty & Hench
 - J.P. Geise

Acknowledgments

- Lauren Smith for her volunteer outreach. She is the creator of our communications database, event announcements, newsletters (with 70% opening rate), and activity support.
- Ian Smith for his volunteer troubleshooting. He sees problems with the facilities before we do and solves them with skill.
- Joe Gyekis and Catheryn Pugh for educational walks. Their guided bird and native plant walks make us aware of ChicoryLane's other-than-human life.
- Chris McNeal and James Leshner for their appreciation of the agricultural and architectural history of ChicoryLane and the region, especially in local Pennsylvania barns.
- James Leshner and Sam Stoltzfus for conservation expertise. Their ongoing care for the grounds and trails sustains ChicoryLane's life and supports its activities.
- Bill Rathfon and Dana Reed for videography and drone flights. They reveal ChicoryLane's terrain, historical land use, and conservation needs from a different perspective.
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- All ChicoryLane board members for their volunteer support and diverse efforts to bring a new organization into existence.
- Deborah McDermott for her legal expertise and tireless efforts to guide us toward a viable legal structure for ChicoryLane Foundation