

# MI Friends of a TNC Preserve

## Role Description

### Overview

With many preserves to manage throughout Michigan, it is not always possible for the staff of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to visit each preserve as often as we would like. This is why it is vital to have a community of volunteers dedicated to our preserves to help us maintain, monitor and facilitate communication between visitors, the community and TNC preserve management staff.

### Basic Qualifications

- Demonstrated interest in the management of nature preserves and commitment to the mission of The Nature Conservancy.
- Some knowledge of the preserve (must have visited at least once).
- Excellent communication between community members and TNC staff.
- Willingness to participate in training sessions, hikes and preserve volunteer program gatherings.
- Lives within close proximity to a TNC preserve (within 30 min.).

### Duties May Include

- Walking trails to observe the condition of the trails, parking areas, gates, signs, boundaries regularly (at a minimum, once per month).
- Ensuring trail markers align with official trail and correcting or reporting any attempted non-official reroutes.
- Taking photos and reporting any issues that may need to be addressed by TNC staff.
- Monitoring the ecological quality of the preserve and communicating observations (rare species or spreading invasive species) to TNC staff.
- Recording time spent during preserve visits or other TNC efforts.
- May also assist TNC staff with other trail maintenance and stewardship tasks as needed.
- Communicating feedback from visitors and the surrounding community regarding how the preserve is being used along with opportunities for improvement.

If you are interested in learning more, please email [miplaces@tnc.org](mailto:miplaces@tnc.org) to receive further information.

