

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Friends of Maplewood Nature is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that amplifies the impact of the Maplewood Nature Center and Preserves. The Friends complements tax dollars dedicated to management of Maplewood's natural areas and the Maplewood Nature Center's educational programs.

The Friends of Maplewood Nature was created in 2007 by a group of caring and dedicated individuals who believed in the mission and work of the Maplewood Nature Center (MNC). In 1993, the Center expanded its mission when the citizens of Maplewood overwhelmingly voted for a five million dollar referendum to purchase open spaces. The Neighborhood Preserve system now has 14 sites.

Your membership in the Friends generates immediate impact, including: connecting youth with nature, providing environmental classes for adults, and modeling natural resource and environmentally sustainable management practices.



## VISIT

In a busy metropolitan area, a place to connect with nature close to home is vital. Visit the Maplewood Nature Center and Preserves and you can't help but want to join us in our mission to promote and support the management of these precious natural areas. For more information on the nature center and descriptions of the preserves, please visit:

[WWW.MAPLEWOODMN.GOV](http://WWW.MAPLEWOODMN.GOV)

## PROJECTS

Recent projects funded through memberships, grants, and donations include:

- Bus scholarships that provide access for underserved youth to participate in educational programming
- Snowshoes and outdoor equipment for family and youth programming
- Development of a natural play area for children
- Native plant and rain garden workshops to help home owners become better backyard stewards
- Free educational events for the community
- New entrance sign, oak bench, and community garden enhancements

## How You Can Help

Become a member today! Tax deductible donations are simple to make using the enclosed form or via [givemn.org](http://givemn.org).

IT'S THAT EASY!

# JOIN TODAY!

Two easy ways to give:

- 1) Online at [givemn.org](http://givemn.org) – search for Friends of Maplewood Nature
- 2) Fill out the following form and mail with a check

## Annual Membership Form

- \$25 Single Membership
- \$50 Household Membership
- Amount of Your Choice
- Gift Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this form with your check made payable to:**

FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE

2659 EAST SEVENTH STREET  
MAPLEWOOD MN, 55119

*Thank you!*

## GET INVOLVED

Protecting, supporting, and promoting Maplewood's beautiful open spaces begins with each of us. There are many ways you can support the Friends – become a member today, serve as a board member, or volunteer to help at a Friends sponsored event! Anyone can be a member. You do not need to live in Maplewood to join.



## CONTACT US

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