

Mission Statement

Friends of the Wild Flower Garden

The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden strives to be an inclusive organization of people of all backgrounds, abilities, ages and ethnicities. Our purpose is to protect, preserve, and promote the interests of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary as a sanctuary for native flora and fauna of Minnesota, and to educate and inspire all people in relating to the natural world. To accomplish this, we work with a variety of individuals and organizations with common interests and vision.

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, animals 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 unique natural environment.
- The Friends must be an organization that prioritizes, supports, and invests in diversity, inclusion and equity.