



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy - Mission Statement**

*To preserve and protect land and water resources with significant conservation or open space value for the benefit of the public, and the wildlife that depends upon them, in order to maintain quality of life, biological diversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations.*



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### **VOLUNTEER FOR SEED COLLECTION**

Gather and learn native plants

**FRANKLIN, Wisconsin (September 27, 2013)** - Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC), a private non-profit land trust, seeks volunteers for seed collection and education. Events will take place Saturday, October 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. till noon.

MALC will lead and train volunteers in native prairie seed collection that will be then disbursed along corridors where invasive plants were removed as part of a restoration project to improve water infiltration. The Root-Pike Watershed Initiative (Root-Pike WIN) provided water quality protection funding to assist MALC in the continued restoration of a rare wet prairie and sedge meadow complex located in the city of Franklin. Partnering with developer Bill Carity in 2004, MALC was granted title to 23 acres of rare prairie to hold in the public's interest. MALC's restoration partnership with Root-Pike WIN supports both organizations goals to protect and sustain watershed ecosystems for public benefit.

Individuals of all ages, families, community and corporate groups are welcome to participate. Volunteers should bring gloves and dress appropriately (work shoes, long pants, long sleeves). Adults and students interested in plant biology are particularly welcome.

To schedule an appropriate number of group leaders, pre-registration is requested so sign up today! To register, contact Don Dorsan, MALC President, at [MALC@mkeconservancy.org](mailto:MALC@mkeconservancy.org) or by calling (414) 333-5716.

More information on the Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy and the link to Root-Pike Watershed Initiative can be found at [www.MKEConservancy.org](http://www.MKEConservancy.org).

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