Fort Worth’s Largest Natural Attraction

For more than half a century, the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge has provided an opportunity to connect with our natural environment while protecting wildlife and native habitat.

Covering more than 3,600 acres, with more than 20 miles of hiking trails, this unique park is one of the largest city-owned nature centers in the United States and has been designated a National Natural Landmark, among other accolades. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department presented a Lone Star Land Steward Award to the Nature Center in 2009 for exemplary land stewardship. The Texas Recreation and Parks Society named it a Lone Star Legacy Park in 2016 for being a site that “has stood the test of time and become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on its grounds.”

Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

The Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center is committed to engaging and educating the greater North Texas community about the importance of protecting and conserving our ever-shrinking natural areas. Our mission is to preserve, protect and conserve in perpetuity the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge.

The Friends organization provides:

• Financial support for key capital improvements, including the boardwalk, levees and design services for Broadview Park renovations
• Feed and veterinary services for bison herd and all ambassador animals
• Canoes and kayaks
• Birds of prey exhibits
• Funding for key staff and intern positions, plus professional development training
• Bluestem News, various visitor brochures and trail maps
• Buffalo Boogie, an annual 1-mile walk, 5K and 10K run fundraiser

Bison Herd – A Fort Worth Treasure and Our National Mammal

The Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center owns and provides support for the care of the beloved bison herd, an iconic symbol of the American West. The herd is managed for its species conservation, exhibition and prairie ecology values, playing a role in the long-term survival of bison on our planet. These animals and the healthy habitat in which they live serve as a living demonstration of sustainable grazing practices and a peek into how our landscape and prairies once looked when the buffalo truly roamed.

Financial information on reverse side.
### Financial Summary 2016-2017*

#### Revenues
- Program Service/Gate Revenue: $56,403
- Membership Dues: $55,853
- Fundraising Events: $48,032
- Other Contributions & Grants: $154,895

Summary of Revenue: $315,183

#### Expenses
- Grants Administered: $145,682
- Salaries: $32,500
- Fundraising: $25,955
- Other Expenses: $51,349

Summary of Expenses: $255,486

Revenues over Expenses: $59,697

Net Assets, Beginning of Year: $456,691

Net Assets, End of Year: $516,484

*Financial information from most recent IRS 990