



## INFORMATION SHEET

### Membership in the Foundation:

- ❖ Is tax-deductible as 501 (c)(3)
- ❖ Funds special projects not covered by the Vermilion County Conservation District (VCCD) budget (limited tax base)
- ❖ Offers a 10% discount on shelter or building rentals at parks, VCCD boat stickers, VCCD hunting permits, and Forest Glen camping.
- ❖ Subscription to the VCCD newsletter, *The Conservationist*

### Special Projects funded by the VCCF

❖ Habitat creation and restoration	\$ 12,525
❖ Historic building restoration	\$ 23,375
❖ Kennekuk Environmental Education Center Phase I	\$350,000
❖ Ramp materials for Eagle View Tower	\$ 5,000
❖ Maple Grove Lodge Renovations	\$ 8,000
❖ Purchase eleven acres of woodlands in Forest Glen entrance	\$ 55,000
❖ Assist with purchase of 103 acres of agricultural ground with Pheasants Forever east of Forest Glen's entrance	\$ 75,000
❖ Beech Grove Trail ADA restroom facilities	\$ 5,000
❖ Beech Grove Trail upgrades	\$ 2,000
❖ Kennekuk Education Center entrance door replacement	\$ 11,175
❖ Playground equipment for White Oak Barn, Kennekuk	\$ 18,350

Other special projects include improvements to the Kennekuk Marsh, Heron County Park, Bunker Hill Historic Area, and the Pioneer Cabin at Forest Glen; printing of *The Prairie in Vermilion County*, river otter release, aquarium at Kennekuk Visitor Center, reimbursement of a portion of the printing cost of Outdoor School Workbooks.

### Board Members

The VCCF Board consists of *at least twelve* (12) voting members who serve three-year terms and receive no remuneration.

### Long Range Projects

- ☑ Addition of new classroom to the Gannett Outdoor Education Center at Forest Glen
- ☑ Kickapoo Rail Trail
- ☑ Playground equipment replacement at Kennekuk and Forest Glen Preserve