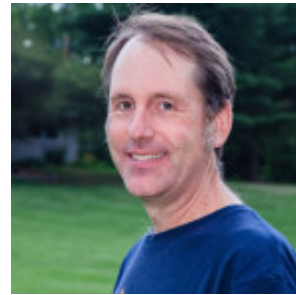




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***Help Us Celebrate New Faces in GPF Spaces***  
**GPF 2024 Board of Directors & Staff Additions**



**1/2024 - 12/2026 Board Member Election**

Top (L to R): Valerie Sivicek; North Joffe-Nelson; Craig Milling

Bottom (L to R): Mark Shelden; Tom White

Five Board Members were elected during the October 7 Fall membership meeting. These volunteers serve the vital role of leading the organization through policy, strategic planning and ensuring the financial stability for the organization.

Current Board Members also include: Collin Carlier, Fred Delcomyn, Dave Easter, Pam Leiter, and Ed Wilhite, Thank you to all Board Members that serve in this vital role.

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*Community Engagement Coordinator, Sarah Zoppa*

Please help us welcome GPF's Community Engagement Coordinator, Sarah Zoppa! In this new full-time staff position for GPF, Sarah will manage volunteers, marketing and events to connect you with this critical conservation work.

With her degree in biological sciences and previous work through scouting, museums and nature centers, Sarah is the perfect fit for the team. As a graduate student, Sarah is currently the Community Outreach Coordinator for Eastern IL University's Box Turtle Project. She has already hit the ground running, working alongside Diane Wilhite to learn all about this work and will likely see you soon on the trail.

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*Fall Seasonal Land Management Staff*

**Welcome to Kylee!**

Help us Welcome Kylee as the Seasonal Land Tech! After working as a wildland firefighter and land tech for other agencies including Bureau of Indian Affairs and Missouri Dept of Conservation, she will be joining our Land team to help care for Warbler Ridge as she attends graduate school at EIU.





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