

The prairie was planted in 2002, initially to protect the water quality of our Upper Iowa River.

At the same time the Butterfly Garden was created to introduce visitors to the native plants of the prairie, to provide a place of enjoyment, and to help preserve our native butterflies who through the ages have required these specific plants. The garden invites us to consider this question: Can we pass on what we have inherited?

To encourage butterflies to visit your home garden, you will want to supply their needs, which are:

1. A sunny location
2. Moisture, such as a bucket of wet sand with a perch
3. Rocks, which serve as a warming place
4. Flowers blooming throughout the season to provide nectar for the adults
5. Food plants for the caterpillars
6. Shelter from the prevailing winds
7. Protection from hungry birds

We invite you to fully experience the garden by taking a walking tour. This brochure shows you where the plants are growing and includes their common and scientific names. Some plants have more than one common name.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

These books are most helpful. They can be found in the Decorah Public Library or at local book stores:

**BUTTERFLY GARDENING** by the Xerxes Society and the Smithsonian

**BUTTERFLIES OF IOWA** by Schlicht and Downey

**FOUR WINGS AND A PRAYER** by Halpern (about the fall migration of the Monarch)

**IOWA PRAIRIE PLANTS** by Christianson and Muller

**WILDFLOWERS OF THE TALL GRASS PRAIRIE OF THE UPPER MIDWEST** by Runkel and Roosa

The Butterfly Garden volunteers can be found there during the season (May to October) every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. For more information on volunteering, call (563) 382-1453.

For a link to the Prairie and Butterfly Garden Website, go to <http://parks.decorahia.org>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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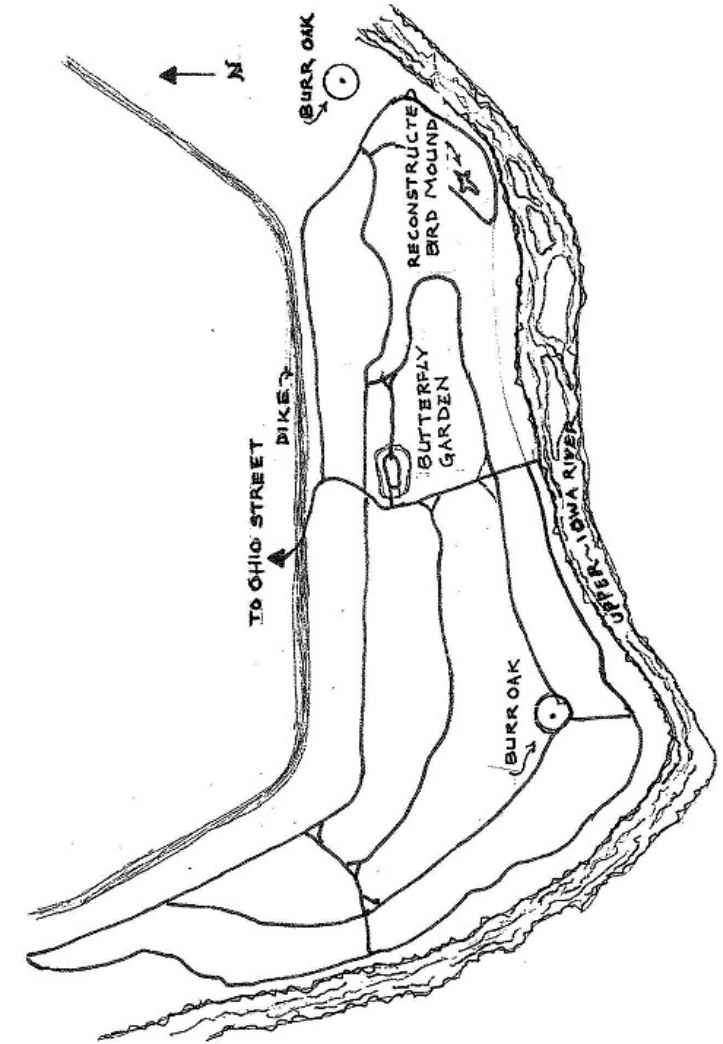
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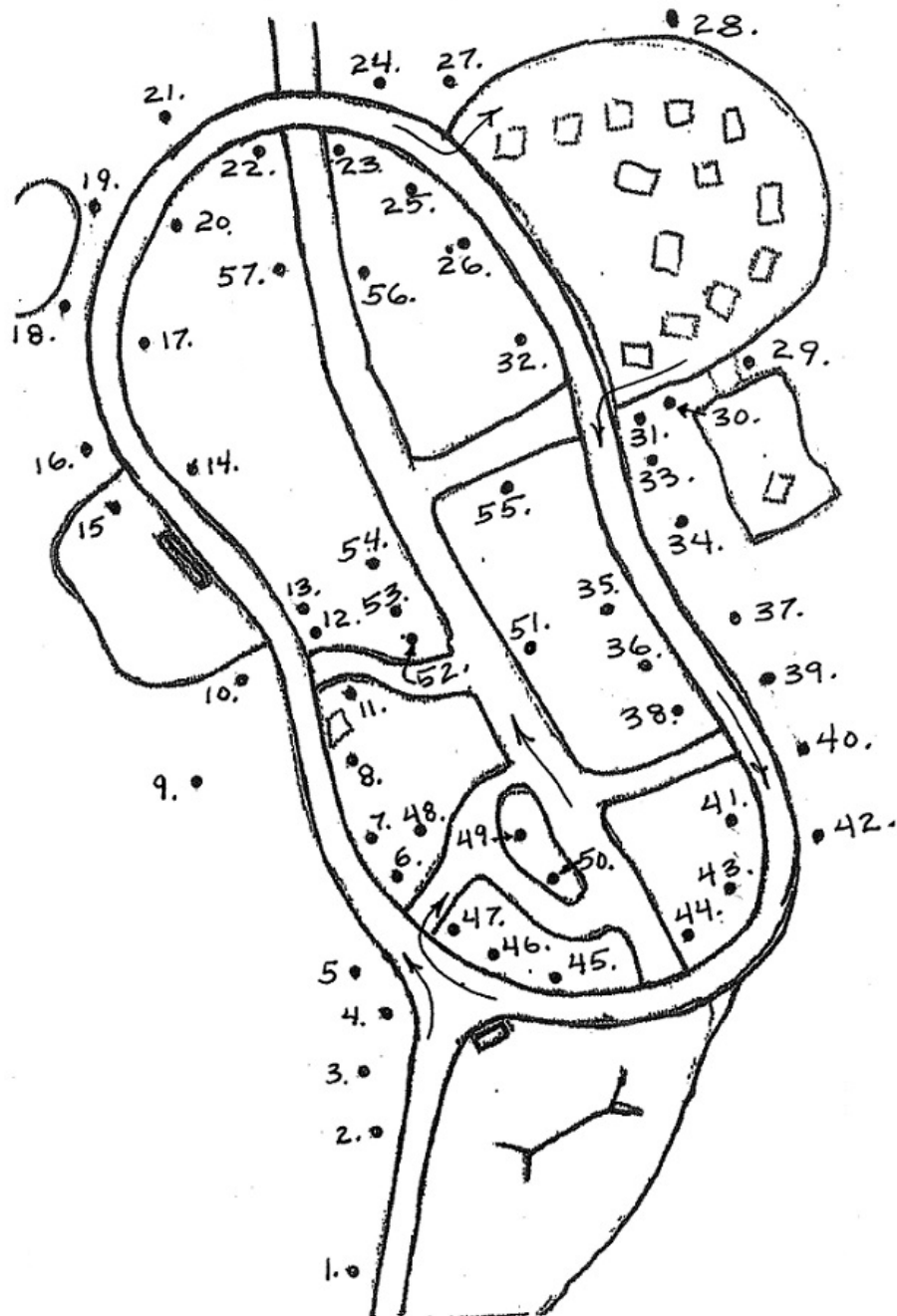
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# Decorah Community Prairie and Butterfly Garden



## Existing Plantings—January 2017



1	Showy Sunflower	<i>Helianthus laetiflorus</i>
2	Canada Wild Rye Grass	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>
3	Canada Tick Trefoil	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>
4	Yellow Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>
5	Tall Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>
6	Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>
7	White Prairie Clover	<i>Petalostemum candidum</i>
8	White Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
9	Big Bluestem Grass	<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>
10	Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
11	Little Bluestem Grass	<i>Andropogon scoparium</i>
12	Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>
13	Rough Blazingstar	<i>Liatris aspera</i>
14	Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
15	White Wild Indigo	<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>
16	Partridge Pea	<i>Cassia fasciculata</i>
17	Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>
18	Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
19	Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>
20	Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
21	Indigo Bush, False	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
22	Prairie Smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>
23	Sky Blue Aster	<i>Aster azureus</i>
24	Rigid Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>
25	Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>
26	Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>
27	Ironweed	<i>Veronia fasciculata</i>
28	Canada Anemone	<i>Anemone canadensis</i>
29	Prairie Dock	<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
30	Rattlesnake Master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>
31	Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>
32	Ohio Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>
33	Prairie Mixture	
34	Side-oats Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
35	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>
36	Heath Aster	<i>Aster ericoides</i>
37	Prairie Dropseed Grass	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>

38	Leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>
39	Pale Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>
40	Meadow Blazing Star	<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>
41	Brown Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>
42	Compass Plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>
43	Great St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum pyramidatum</i>
44	Common Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>
45	Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>
46	Blue Eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>
47	Heart Leaved Alexander	<i>Zizia aptera</i>
48	Smooth Blue Aster	<i>Aster laevis</i>
49	Prairie Blazingstar	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>
50	Oldfield Goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>
51	New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>
52	Prairie Dropseed Grass	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>
53	Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
54	Virginia Mountain Mint	<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
55	Ox-Eye Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>
56	Sweet Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia subtomentosa</i>
57	Foxglove Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>

### DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PRAIRIE AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

From 5th Avenue (which can be accessed from Pulpit Rock Road or College Drive), go south on Ohio Street until you reach the gravel drive that goes up and over the dike to the parking lot by the butterfly garden.

### FOR MAPPING PURPOSES

Enter the address to Aase Haugen Homes (104 Ohio Street), which is the closest neighbor to the butterfly garden access.