



## Goose Lake Prairie Partners

Volunteers for  
Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area  
5010 N. Jugtown Road  
Morris, IL 60450

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Dear

The Goose Lake Prairie Partners are the volunteer group supporting the activities at Grundy County's most famous State Park. Many area people are unaware not only of the park but its importance. The Partners are planning to do a major art project in the park's visitor center. It will be a large educational mural depicting changes in the park area from the glacier to present day. The mural will be displayed on the north wall of the auditorium in the GLPSNA visitor's center.

The mural will be on seven - four foot by eight foot sheets of plywood mounted on a support system allowing them to be removed when necessary. The visitor center will be having some renovations eventually; the mural will be stored safely away.

The purpose of the mural is geographical, historical, and cultural. The left edge (in the corner) would be the glacier which caused the area's topographic features. Mega fauna (depicted as mammoths, giant sloths, giant beavers, saber tooth cats, short-nosed bears, etc.) would be shown to help draw small children's interest. Next would be the first humans and their hunting and gathering culture. Then we would portray their semi-permanent housing and farming. The first Europeans (Marquette and Joliet) would be in the area with these tribes. Later the settlers came (Cragg Cabin) with their farming and animals. The Illinois & Michigan Canal and small communities that have disappeared would be featured on the fifth. The sixth panel would show the Jugtown clay pipe business and the draining of Goose Lake. Lastly would be the power of progress with the deepening of the Illinois River, Dresden Dam, Dresden Nuclear Plant, Collins Station, the G. E. storage area, and the railroads and perhaps those plants north of the Illinois River.

Your name or your businesses name will be prominently displayed on a plaque depending on the donation level. The mural will be advertised on the Partner's website, FaceBook page, local papers and

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the Heritage Corridor tourist guides. With the proper media liaison, I hope to have TV and Chicago media publicity. An unveiling event will be used to publicize the mural and its donors.

I think with the proper work the mural will multiply the visitors to the park on a permanent basis. Its main purpose of educating visitors with a pictorial history will enhance the park's importance to the area and its history. The park already receives many visitors from other states and countries. The mural will increase that number.

Our early estimate for the project is about seven thousand dollars. The partners are looking for several people and businesses to donate on the Platinum Level (\$1,000 or more), Gold Level (\$500 to \$999), Silver Level (\$250 - \$499), or Bronze Level (\$100 to \$249). Make Checks payable to the Goose Lake Prairie Partners. Credit Cards or PayPal are not open to us. Address contributions to Goose Lake Prairie Partners, 5010 N. Jugtown Road, Morris, IL. 60450.

Meeting our goal of an unveiling before Prairie Day (September 17) requires funding by mid-March. Please consider this mural will be a historic and cultural gem of the area and Grundy County's Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area state park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susie Johnson  
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