

# HISTORY OF LANGER PARK

Langer Park was established in April 1988, through the donation of one hundred and fourteen acres of land by Roger Langer. Roger was a positive influence on his community and a beacon of hard work and generosity. At the young age of nineteen, Roger Langer took over a successful dairy farm for his father who had taken ill. He was also an active member of the Marshall Civic Club, The Dane County Herd Information Association and the Holstein Breeders Association. Roger Langer donated the park for the use of nature appreciation, recreation, picnics, bird watching and group camping purposes for future generations who would be able to enjoy the area.

When the park was first surveyed between 1832 and 1835 surveyors found the area of Langer Park within an oak savannah adjacent to an open marsh with a shallow river running through the area. Much of the area was cropped and pastured after settlement. The Maunsha River was dredged around 1915 to help drain the Deansville Marsh. A canal was dug along the present park boundary south of Canal Road. The Maunsha River was stocked with game fish in 1987, but the presence of carp muddies up the river, and has reduced the population of game fish and aquatic vegetation. The vegetation of Langer Park is also diverse and very interesting. Some of the plants that can be enjoyed here are Savannah Oaks, Prairie Dock, White Indigo, Pale Purple Coneflower, Shooting Stars, Big Bluestem and open prairies.

As with many community projects, it takes an eclectic group of individuals, ideas and resources to see the completion of this project. The following individuals, organizations and businesses have all lent a helping hand giving knowledge, money, time and ideas. Should you recognize a name or company, please thank them for giving back to our community.

## Individuals

- Ian Adams
- Brent Bartman
- Lucas Carriola
- Brent Clemens
- Chris Derr
- Mike Farnham
- Terry Fisher
- Jerry Kucken
- Charles Langer Family \*
- Donna & Dave Lemke
- Erik & Becky Lemke
- Mark Martin
- Tim & Angie Riley
- Pruitt Stulin
- Brad Wendt
- Scott Zwieky

## Organizations/Government

- Dane County (P.A.R.C. Grant) \*
- Dane County Environmental Council
- Door Creek Church
- Luther-Hamshire-Pearsall American Legion \*  
Post 279
- Madison Area Disc Golf Club
- Marshall Community & Youth Center
- Marshall School District
- Mighty Marshall
- Rebel Disc Golf Club
- Village of Marshall \*
- Wisconsin Disc Sports Association

## Businesses

- Michels Materials Waterloo  
Quarry
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Gottschalk Excavating
- Greenline Construction
- Mckay Nursery Company
- Suttle-Straus
- Dunneisen Excavating
- Town & Country Engineering
- Paradigm Gardens

\* Donated resources in excess of \$20,000

