

Legacy Prairie & Woodland Update: October 2025

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The Legacy Fund Committee and other interested parties have continued their work to further develop the Legacy Prairie and Woodland and explore options to enhance what has already been accomplished.

A recent major development is the improvement of a woodland trail leading to a spectacular view of the Vermont Creek valley from a vista we are calling **Legacy Point**.



Here is the trail running along the ridge top in the woods on the northeast edge of our property that we “paved” with screenings. You’ll note that the underbrush that was cleared with a forestry mower last winter has been spayed to take care of regrowth of invasive plants like Honeysuckle and Buckthorn.



The trail leads to this turnaround with a bench to sit and enjoy the view.



This summer has been ideal for growth and blossoming in the prairie. Right now, the Purple Asters are in full bloom.



We Need Your Development Ideas: Everything reported in this update is the result of careful planning by the Legacy Fund Committee and ideas from members and staff. As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, we're interested in what you'd like to see as additions or changes to what has already been done. If you have something you'd like to see happen, please contact Greg Herrling.

Please: Come on out anytime to take a hike, have a quiet moment on the patio, use the play structure, or drive up the Cemetery extension road to take in the view.

Future updates and questions: We know there is a great deal of interest in these projects, and we will continue to provide regular updates. If you have questions or ideas that you'd like to pass on to the Legacy Fund Committee (LFC), please feel free to email the church or speak with one of the LFC members: Greg Herrling, Peter Antonie, Larry Ziemer, Leonard Schaub, Karsten Haugen, Jim Herrling or Gary Olsen