The mission of Natural Area Preservation is to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens.
Natural Features Inventory: Join us at the spring kickoff sessions to learn about inventory procedures, routes, and training sessions. We currently have four surveys to participate in: Frogs and Toads, Salamanders, Mudpuppies and Breeding Birds. Surveying is done three to six times each in spring and summer with every site visit taking a few hours, but time and number of visits may vary depending on the type of survey performed. Frog and Toad Surveys do not require previous experience, the other surveys require some previous identification experience.

Park Stewardship: We are looking for individuals who have an ongoing interest in volunteering in a particular park and would like to participate more in planning or leading volunteer workdays.

Photo Monitoring: We need people who like to take pictures! Help us document our restoration activities by taking pictures in the parks. We ask that Photo Monitors supply their own digital camera.

Skilled Hands: We also need volunteers who have office and publicity skills, especially in graphic and database design. We do accept a limited number of interns, primarily in the fields of biology and ecology.

Can I get my group involved?

NAP welcomes community groups. We will either schedule the group to work at one of our public stewardship workdays, or depending on the group’s size and needs, we may schedule a special event. We work with scout troops, community organizations, church groups, businesses, and schools on restoration projects throughout the city. Please call the NAP office well in advance of your event to make arrangements.

How can I learn more about restoration and stewardship?

There are many ways to learn more about restoration and stewardship. A good place to start is at home: learn what plants are considered native to our area. Check out NAP publications including the quarterly newsletter, the brochure series on native plants and home landscaping, and the book *Along the Huron*, which highlights the natural history of Ann Arbor natural areas along the river. NAP staff can also recommend other publications and organizations that focus on natural areas, native plants, or restoration and stewardship. Join in with our volunteer activities and you are sure to learn more!

When and how can I start?

Start as soon as possible! Our quarterly newsletter contains an event calendar. To get on the mailing list call our Outreach Coordinators at 734•794•6627. Or you can visit our website at: www.a2gov.org/nap.