



October 1, 2024: Information about Member Decision for LCFC

Dear Friends,,

Little Creek Farm Conservancy is at a crossroads and its Members will decide whether to dissolve the corporation or to nominate a new board. A new board requires a slate of 5 new volunteer directors approved by the current board. Volunteers may register no later than October 10, 2024 by contacting any of the current board members - email is best, see signatures for addresses. Or catch us at the barn or on phones.

There will be **open Member meetings- including a vote - October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p, and October 7 at 5:30p**, in the Little Creek Community Room to give Members and others the opportunity to discuss the future of LCFC and have questions addressed. LCFC stakeholders are welcome but only Members can participate in the vote. A ballot is attached for Members who cannot attend to vote in person and must be returned no later than October 10, 2024, to be counted. Please see the attached NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS for more information.

These are the critical factors bringing LCFC to this crossroads.

1. LCFC and DeKalb County are operating under a Letter of Understanding (LOU) which includes developing annual priorities for capital improvement projects and environmental initiatives. The County has declined to work with LCFC on capital projects throughout 2024 and has repurposed two prior LCFC capital projects so they can no longer be reasonably used for programming.
2. LCFC and DeKalb County had a visioning process looking toward 2031 in which DeKalb County established 40,000 annual rides & visits (20 per horse per week) as a target for Little Creek Farm. LCFC developed and expanded 10 programs to support this vision with a goal of 3,000+ annual rides & visits, potentially growing beyond 10 percent of the total target over time. Due to challenges with Little Creek operations, LCFC has chosen to end 9 of its 10 programs.
3. As of mid-October, 4 of the 5 LCFC board members will be boarding horses at other stables.

LCFC was established to support DeKalb County through capital projects, equine knowledge and programming. These functions are no longer in service, raising the question of whether or not LCFC should continue to operate.

We look forward to discussing this with you at the meetings, or when we see you at Little Creek. We have loved sharing the horses of Little Creek, and DeKalb County's wonderful park, with the public. We appreciate your support for Little Creek Farm Conservancy over the past 16 years.

The Board of Directors of Little Creek Farm Conservancy

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