

Our big project for 2015 is building a sugar shack for the growing maple syrup interpretive program. We hope to have ground breaking and begin site preparation in the fall of 2015 with construction completed in 2016.

Construction costs have exceeded our expectations.

Help us reach our goal.

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Vision: To provide a state-of-the-art maple syrup interpretive program with emphasis on education and first hand experience for the general public and youth.

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
NORTHWEST REGION

September 14, 2015

Dear Friends of Maplewood,

On behalf of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Friends of Maplewood State Park for the ongoing efforts being made toward realizing the goal to construct a maple sugaring facility at Maplewood State Park; the "Sugar Shack" as we have come to know it. The dedication of the Friends Group has been a consistent driving force throughout the planning phase of the project. As you work toward achieving the fund raising goal necessary to complete construction of the new building, the DNR is working through the final design and plan review in anticipation of construction beginning soon, hopefully yet this fall. This is an exciting time for this project and has been a long time coming!

This will not be the first successful project our partnership has enjoyed. Through the generosity of the Friends of Maplewood there have been numerous projects completed, including: the purchase of the Baker Cabin, the electrification of the Main Campground, site preparation, remodeling and deck installation of the Trail Center, procuring directional signing for the park along county, state and interstate highways, and the addition of the first class Josh Hanson Memorial Picnic Shelter.

The maple sugaring interpretive program has grown into a huge success thanks to Friends Group and its dedicated and talented volunteers. We are looking forward to expand that program with additional demonstrations in a first class Sugar Shack. The 20' X 28' building with its cupola will be reminiscent of a traditional sugar house and fit in very nicely to its surroundings near the trail center.

We are looking forward to another success story to add to our treasured tradition of partnering and working together. In the meantime, we wish you success in completing the fundraising and preparing for construction.

Thank you.

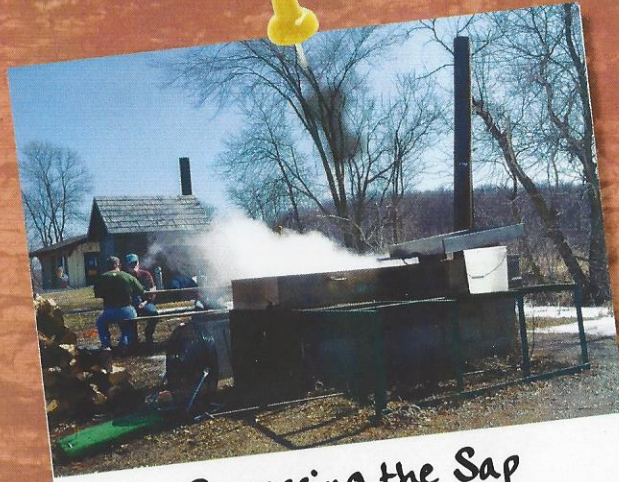
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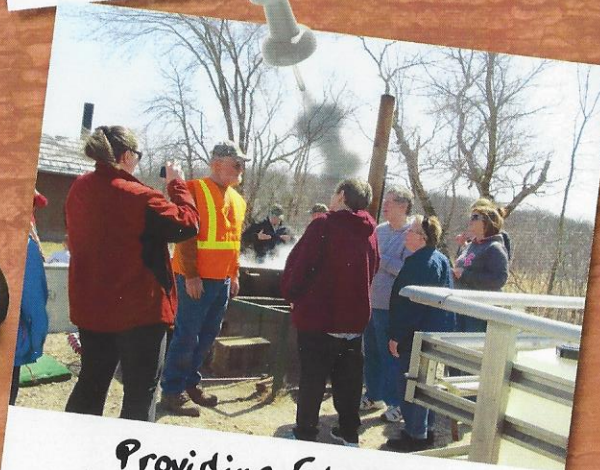
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## Maplewood State Park Sugar Shack Fund Raising Project

The plan calls for a building 20' x 28' which will be placed in the area near the Trail Center, in the northwest corner of the existing parking area. The DNR picked the exact site so it will fit with future long range plans for a new Trail / Visitor Center. The building will utilize volunteer labor to the extent possible, but under the direction of a certified contractor. The roof will be metal and the exterior will have a rustic presentation to look like a traditional sugar shack. Inside there will be room for the evaporator, firewood, shelving for storage, sink, and a large area for viewing the operation.