

Friends of LRWP:

As supporters of Little River Wetlands Project, I wanted to let you know about recent developments with our organization. Last week, the board accepted the resignation of Amy Silva, Executive Director, as she leaves to pursue other opportunities. Amy's last day will be Friday, March 22, if you'd like to say goodbye and pass along your good wishes to her.

During her 10-year tenure as Executive Director, Amy oversaw many areas of growth for LRWP. Notably, we acquired Eagle Marsh East, a 75-acre property immediately east of the LRWP office, and expanded our stewardship efforts, especially in removal of invasive plants. New programs were also introduced under her leadership, such as the innovative Seed to Marsh educational program which taps area children's groups for hands-on learning. Seeds are harvested from our own native plants, cold-stratified in our greenhouse and grown, then replanted to the marsh.

We wish Amy the very best as she moves on to her next endeavor.

The board and I will start recruiting a new Executive Director immediately. We plan to post the job description on our website (*lrwp.org*) in the next day or two and hope you will share it with any interested candidates you may know. In the interim, a leadership team from the board of directors will work with staff –Aly Munger, Eva Curtis and Don Cunningham– to keep the organization moving forward as seamlessly as possible.

Looking ahead, the board and I are enthused about new initiatives we have planned. In particular, we'll be working to implement a new focused, systematic fundraising plan for expanding our connections in northeastern Indiana. As we develop those contacts and broaden our base of support, we'll build a solid, long-term financial base for the organization.

The staff, board and I will be reaching out to many of you about ways you can help. We're looking forward to writing the next chapter for LRWP's growth. With your continuing support, it's going to be an exciting time.

Sincerely,

*Dennis White*

Chair, LRWP Board of Directors