The Jepson Chapter Board of Directors agreed to a request from the Solano Land Trust to help fund upgrades to the visitor area of the [Jepson Prairie Preserve](#), located 10 miles south of Dixon.

The Jepson Prairie Preserve Visitor Center Project will upgrade the parking lot, install a visitor orientation kiosk, and construct trail improvements with interpretive signage. The cost of the project is estimated at $160,000 with the goal of completing the project in 2019, according to Michelle Dickie, Fundraising and Community Engagement Coordinator for the Solano Land Trust. “The purpose of the project is to better accommodate public tours, school groups and people with disabilities” said Dickie.

At its March 2018 meeting, the Jepson Chapter Board of Directors voted to donate $2,000 for benches for the Assembly Area, which will accommodate up to 60 visitors.

“In January, the Jepson Board initially chose to sponsor an interpretive panel at the visitor kiosk”, said Jepson Chapter President, Steven Goetz. “However, since there was no opportunity to provide input for the panel’s design, the Board decided in March to redirect our donation to the visitor assembly area improvements.”

The 1,566-acre Preserve is owned and managed by Solano Land Trust with conservation oversight by The Nature Conservancy, and partner assistance by the University of California Natural Reserve System and the Jepson Prairie Docents. The Preserve serves as a key vernal pool research site for the [UC Natural Reserve System](#).