U.S. Grail Report to Grail National Council

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UPDATES: The Grail

- External Communication—Arlene finished her contract with us. We hope to bring her back for 2 weeks this fall as we begin the next stage of outreach which includes sponsorships and donations. This week we received a nice note—and check—from another trail walker complementing on the upkeep of the space (Yay Crew!!!) and thanking The Grail for the ability to use the trails. Our social media and online interactions are staying up and we are hearing from folks who have not reached out before. So the plan here in the first phase is working.

UPDATES: Cornwall

UPDATES: Loveland

- Southside—To keep the fencing up around the 4 southside buildings will cost $9340
- Baby Trees—the baby trees that were living in our makeshift nursery have been placed in their final locations. Seventeen trees in total—mostly redbud, some red maple, and a few black walnut.
- Invasive removal—Crew has been working hard at taking out callary pear trees, multiflora rose bushes, and honeysuckle. They have done “first layer” closest to trails on edge of wooded sections. This week they started getting deeper into the wooded areas. This is a slow process as paths have to be cleared, and poison ivy removed first.
- Major Maintenance—two projects on the list have been completed: driveway and drainage. I also spoke with the new fire inspector for Miami Township about the chair left variance needed for Oratory. Working on scheduling a time for them to come out and check it out.

Decisions Needed:

1. Council approval to contract for southside fencing to remain in place through January 2024