

# Wild Ones® WILD Center



Using this living laboratory,  
WILD Center:

ESTABLISHES a permanent Wild  
Ones headquarters to provide a tangible  
presence of ourselves on a national level

PROMOTES environmental awareness  
in the community

PROVIDES environmental science  
opportunities and a research site

PRESERVES and restores the west shore  
of Little Lake Butte des Morts

PROTECTS the Fox River and the Great  
Lakes Watershed

SERVES as a model for sustainable  
landscaping and restored habitat





# Our Vision

## ECOSCAPING LEARNING CENTER

Demonstrating landscaping techniques that increase biodiversity and prevent polluted rainwater run-off from reaching our streams and rivers, WILD Center promotes healthier local communities and cleaner waterways.

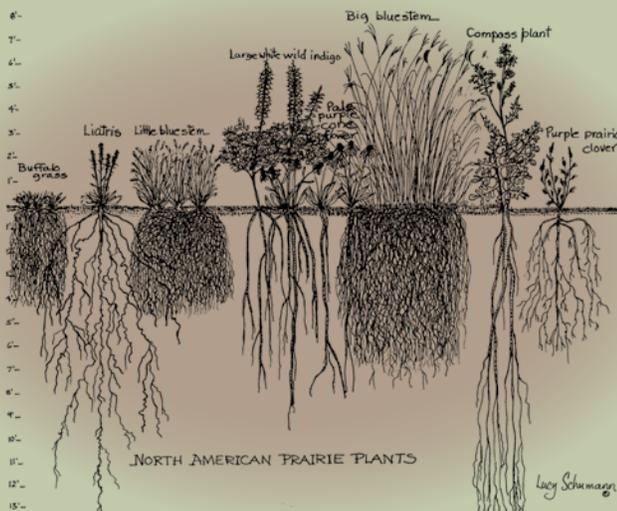
Formal gardens, rain garden, prairie, woodland, marsh and lakeshore areas make the Center a living laboratory and a demonstration site.



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Students and teachers from area schools explore the ecology of the local community through outdoor hands-on learning experiences. The Center site offers a unique urban sanctuary and outdoor laboratory for students of all ages.

WILD Center provides an internship project site for universities and high schools.



## HABITAT RESTORATION

Professionals and volunteers work on projects to combat invasive species and maintain biological diversity in the Fox River.

WILD Center coordinates environmental stewardship activities within the Guernsey marsh for schools, religious organizations, and community groups as well as serving as a model for healthy landscaping in the Midwest and the rest of the United States.

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## Home to COMMUNITY INTEREST GROUPS

WILD Center is the base for many community conservation groups, offering shared office, project, storage and meeting space.

## CITIZEN SCIENCE CENTER

In collaboration with universities and other partners, the citizen science program coordinates volunteers doing research related to the Fox Valley ecosystem.

WILD Center is a vibrant field station for research and promotes inter-governmental cooperation involving many agencies, schools and conservation groups.

## Lectures, Workshops And Discussion

- ◆ Environmental issues
- ◆ Natural history
- ◆ Ways in which to live lightly on the Earth
- ◆ Wild Ones National headquarters

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# WILD ONES NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

## AN ECOLOGY CENTER

### A MODEL FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION

A 13 acre community-based  
not-for-profit ecology center —  
WILD Center

(Wild Ones Institute of Learning and Development),  
at the Guckenberg-Sturm Marsh,  
on the west shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts,  
part of the Fox River and Great Lakes Watershed

A staff member is on site from 10–3 PM, Monday through Friday or by appointment. However, the grounds are accessible at all times.



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