

A Gift To The Stateline Community

Nature at the Confluence was a gift to the children and families of greater Beloit from the members of Beloit 2020, their organizations and their families.

Special thanks for significant gifts to build the Nature Learning Center:

- Eldred Family
- McCleary Family
- Jim and Nancy Packard
- Henry and Sue Knueppel
- Mid-States Concrete

In addition, there are many other people and businesses that contributed financial support, and their time and talents to help bring this nature center to our community.

Programming and Project Grants and Matching Funds

- Jeffrey and Judith Adams Fund
- Colonel Robert H. Morse Foundation
- Hoo's Woods Raptor Center
- Illinois American Water
- No. Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District
- Rotary Club of Beloit
- Visit Beloit

A gift from the Beloit Foundation established the Nature At The Confluence Endowment Fund to support the day-to-day operations of the center.

The 70 acre campus is now owned by the City of South Beloit and is run separately by Nature At The Confluence, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Come Visit Us!

2019 Learning Center Hours

June 8-August 25, 2019

Tue-Sat: 10am-3pm | Sun: 12pm-4pm

Jan-May, Sep-Dec: Open for special programs
Grounds Open Dusk-Dawn Daily

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Supporting NATC Through Donations

We thank our donors for joining with us in our efforts to reach even more children, adults, and families in the coming years at Nature At The Confluence.

Through your support, you are helping to build environmentally conscious communities and natural places for everyone to enjoy.

2017-2108 NATC Donors

** Donates in-kind gifts*

Supporter – over \$2500

Blackhawk Bank

Advocate – Over \$1000

Nancy and Ken Forbeck *
Kris Grutzner *

Contributor – Over \$500

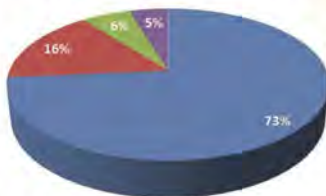
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Tim and Betsy Schmiechen *
Kathy Woodman

While not listed individually, we are very grateful to those who donated amounts under \$100.

Funding Allocation



73% Endowment Fund
16% Grants
6% Donations
5% Programs



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Where the Rock River
& Turtle Creek Meet!

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Accomplishments

2017-2018 Improvements and Installations

- 5 Acre Prairie Re-creation
- Rain Garden & Wildlife Habitat
- Trailside Rain Garden
- Little Free Library
- Welcome Sign
- History of the Confluence interpretive sign
- Watershed Interpretive sign
- Kelly Creek Woodland Trail
- 2 Picnic Tables and 10 Benches
- Restored gravel path after flooding

Certifications and Memberships

- Certified Wildlife Habitat - National Wildlife Federation
- Monarch Way Station - Monarch Watch
- Association of Nature Center Administrators
- Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce

Awards

- Therese Oldenburg, Executive Director, ELLY Environmental Leadership award from Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce
- Beloit 2020 - Outstanding Friend of the Environment, Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for NATC project.

Our Staff

Nature At The Confluence is staffed by a talented and dedicated part-time staff. including paid student interns from Beloit College.

Therese Oldenburg, Executive Director

Nicole Fredericks

Grant Coordinator & Program Assistant

Program Assistants

Diane Meier

Trisha Peters

Elizabeth Allen - High School Senior Intern

Quin Brunner - 2018 Beloit College Intern

Naomi Clear - 2017 Beloit College Intern



Consider joining our Green Team or Stream Team to help restore the land!

From pulling weeds, to planting trees, our volunteers have made a huge impact!

2017: 213 Volunteer Hours

2018: 227 Volunteers with 451 Hours

Programs

We offered a wide variety of programs for all ages and interests. Many of our programs are offered at no charge to the public.

Program Participants and Visitors

2017: 3140 **2018:** 3790

Our Ongoing Free Programs

- Community Fire & Drum Circle with S'mores
- Nature Kids
- Cameras At The Confluence
- Learning, Sensory, Heritage, Pollinator Gardens
- Boys & Girls Club Natural Leaders Program

Making Monarch Magic - In 2018 the Monarch Magic live exhibit and programs raised awareness of the plight of monarch. We raised & released nearly 100 monarchs and handed out thousands of milkweed seeds and dozens of milkweed plants.

Adventures In The 100 Acre Woods - Our 2019 programming will feature programs centered around A.A. Milne's beloved Winnie The Pooh character, including an outdoor screening of the delightful film, "Christopher Robin" in partnership with BIFF Beloit International Film Festival on Friday, August. 9.

We Once Lived Here | The Ho-Chunk At Ke-Chunk Village Series will feature programs that highlight the culture and heritage of historic and contemporary Native American Indians.

Nature At The Confluence, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Our Board

Mary Hallock – President | Lena Verkuilen – Vice President
Tony Jacobson-Treasurer | Sonya Hoppes – Secretary
Terry Meyers | Amanda Hermans



Mission of Nature At The Confluence

Nature At The Confluence will inspire the love of nature, and cultivate environmental understanding and stewardship.

And to accomplish this mission we will:

- Strengthen people's connection with nature through programs and activities that bring the great outdoors to families, schools, and neighbors.
- Restore the land at the confluence and through that process reconnect people to the land.
- Work with community partners to have a larger community impact.

And through our efforts we will have the following impact on our communities:

- Environmental stewardship action will increase, leading to a healthier planet.
- Youth, adults and families will receive the mental and physical benefits from time spent outdoors.
- Families will be strengthened through shared experiences in nature.
- Resident sense-of-place will increase through involvement in their local natural areas.



We welcome all levels of giving!

No amount is too small. You can also support Nature At The Confluence through donating materials, supplies, or your time and talents!

These donors have supported Nature At The Confluence through in-kind or cash donations under the amount of \$100. All other donors are listed in our printed annual report.

Christy Edens Aurand

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Tony Jacobson

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Britney McKay

Marcia Murray

Ted Rehl

Alice Schoonover

Dan Seidel

Robert Seidel

Kathy Sandee Schmidt

SBHS Class of '68

All donations over \$150 are recognized with an engraved metal Turtle plaque and placed among our growing stream of turtles on our Donor Recognition Wall.



Please Consider Supporting Our Work!

Nature At The Confluence is bringing nature back into the fabric of our communities, schools, and family life. Please join with us in the effort to have a greater impact on our community.

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Your name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

\$ _____ Donation Amount ***and / or*** _____ Please contact me about volunteering.

Mail this form to: Nature At The Confluence, 306 Dickop Street, South Beloit, IL 61080

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