

Educational Art Sculpture Project Baird Creek



AS OF AUGUST 2023 Habitat Signage is installed plus the 1st & 2nd Sculptures are in!!!

THANK YOU George Kress Foundation, Wisconsin Public Service, The Canary Fund. and an anonymous donor.





PROJECT PROPOSAL Education through Art in Nature

In 2021, the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation (BCPF) completed an all-new trail signage project in the Baird Creek Greenway. All new metal kiosk signs and trailheads were installed as well as all directional arrows on trails. Signage included information such as distances, types of usage, level of difficulty and of trail names. At the end of 2021, the foundation received a generous donation from the George Kress Foundation to install 10 nature habitat signs in the greenway to highlight the ecological sensitive areas along the trails in the greenway. And then in 2022, Wisconsin Public Service committed to helping BCPF install the first of 10 art/educational sculptures in the greenway. Another anonymous donor has committed the second sculpture to be installed fall 2023.

The habitat signage and art sculptures initiative aims to enhance the visitor experience in the Baird Creek Greenway while promoting education, conservation, and the importance of protecting our precious ecosystems.

The habitat signs, strategically placed throughout the greenway, will engage visitors of all ages in an immersive and educational experience, and promote environmental stewardship, ecological awareness, and inspire a sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural world.

This signs and sculpture showcases the beauty of our local ecosystems and serves as a reminder of the importance of conservation. It is our hope that these installations will spark a connection with nature, foster a sense of responsibility towards our environment, and encourage visitors to explore and enjoy the greenway in a whole new way.

We are still seeking funding for the last 8 educational art sculptures.

At the Baird Creek Greenway we would like to bring together education, nature and art to enrich the lives of our local community, especially youth. We are striving to offer a free, accessible experience of educational art for exploration and learning by any child or adult who visits the Baird Creek Greenway.

The 500-acre Baird Creek Greenway is home to 400+ plant species, 18 diverse biomes, and 4 ecosystems all which we can continue to protect by making our community more aware of what lives and grows in the areas of the greenway and why they are important.

Sculptures and interactive features strive to highlight and teach about the living things in the greenway, why they are important, and why we take care of it in the way we do!

The focus will be hands-on educational nature exploration and learning through art. The art pieces will bring awareness to our symbolic wildlife, pollinators, trees and creek dwellers that are native to the area, increase the awareness of art as an educational tool, and create a fun draw for the community and our youth to see and learn about these local gems through encouraging kids to be kids through the action of play.





Sponsorship Levels

EDUCATIONAL ART @ BAIRD CREEK

\$20,000 Art Benefactor

- plaque on art pieces with name & logo*
- speak at grand opening*
- name in all media coverage*
- everything from levels listed below

\$15,000 Art Advocate

• get to name art piece*

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- acknowledgment at grand opening*
- logo on all social media coverage*
- everything from levels below

\$10,000 Art Producer

- name & logo on sponsored art piece sign*
- logo on website
- everything from levels below

\$5,000 Art Educator

- name on sign small size
- name listed on website
- social media post about donation

*these items specific to individual level

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