



Lake Erie Nature &  
Science Center

# WILDLIFE GARDENS

EDUCATION AND RENOVATION PROJECT

**Our Mission:** The nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural world.

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## November 2024

The exciting Wildlife Gardens Education and Renovation Project at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will create more engaging learning experiences about native animals for more than 102,000 visitors each year and raise visibility of our wildlife rehabilitation program. At a cost of \$1,900,000, the Project is Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's largest capital investment in our free offerings for the public.

## Project Progress

Steel beams have been installed for the new structures of the Project including the Eagle Exhibit sponsored by Laura & Jim Geuther and Family, the Aviary sponsored by the Zapf Family, and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Exhibit sponsored on behalf of Bill LaPlace. These steel beams will support the installation of high-quality, coiled wire mesh which will offer transparent views for the Center's visitors and a comfortable, open-feel environment for our resident animals. These former rehabilitation patients can no longer live in the wild because of permanent injuries and serve as ambassadors for their species in the Nature Center's education programs for children and families.



## Animal Ambassadors

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center welcomes more than 102,000 children and families throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond each year to enjoy free general admission to natural history and space science exhibits, and live animal displays in our accessible and family-friendly facility. Our live animal displays feature more than 65 animal ambassadors including mammals, raptors, waterfowl, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Our resident Bald Eagle, Icarus, arrived at the Nature Center in 2013 after he was unable to grow primary feathers which are essential for flight. Visitors will enjoy observing Icarus with more space and a pond in the new Eagle Exhibit of the Wildlife Gardens Project.



## Fundraising Status



### Project Cost:

\$1,900,000

### Funds raised as of

**October 31, 2024:**

1,697,401.04

**89% to goal**

**Expected completion: June 2025**

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