



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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## December 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

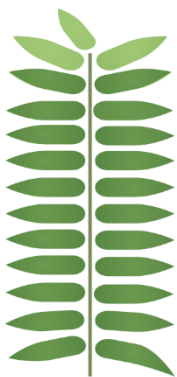
High-quality, coiled wire mesh has been installed for the Eagle Exhibit sponsored by Laura & Jim Geuther and Family, the Aviary sponsored by the Zapf Family, and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Exhibit sponsored on behalf of Bill LaPlace. The virtually invisible mesh will offer transparent viewing for the public and more natural habitats for resident animals and rehabilitation patients in the Wildlife Gardens.

## Enriching Exhibits for Animal Ambassadors

Visitors continue to enjoy observing our resident animals while the Project is underway. Animal ambassadors are in new locations including the outdoor North Habitats and the indoor Courtyard Habitat, sponsored by Doug and Robin Hawkins and Family, which features Iris, our Eastern Screech Owl. Iris arrived at the Center in 2022 due to an eye injury that prevents her survival in the wild. People of all ages enjoy looking for Iris in her nesting box or on a branch as she enjoys the natural elements of her habitat. Upon completion of the Project, the new exhibits in the Wildlife Gardens will further enrich the lives of our animal ambassadors by providing ample space and an environment that allows them to feel the sun, snow, and rain.



## Fundraising Status



**Project Cost:**

\$1,900,000

**Funds raised as of  
November 30, 2024:**

\$1,704,595.43

**90% to goal**

**Expected completion: June 2025**

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