



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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## January 2025

With the generous support of the community, we are pleased to announce that Lake Erie Nature & Science Center exceeded its Phase 1 fundraising goal for the Wildlife Gardens Education and Renovation Project! Thank you to our donors for believing in our mission and helping our organization provide engaging learning experiences about native animals for visitors of all ages. We look forward to welcoming you to the new Wildlife Gardens this summer and sharing our exciting plans for Phase 2 of the Wildlife Gardens Education and Renovation Project.

## Project Progress

Construction crews have been working on utilities inside of the new Wildlife Gardens exhibits. New features and temperature-controlled indoor work areas will support our professional wildlife staff, college interns, and 28+ volunteers as they care for resident animals and rehabilitation patients in the Wildlife Gardens. Their teamwork and dedication help the Center to care for 65 resident animals each day and more than 2,000 wildlife rehabilitation patients each year.

## Enhancing Live Animal Programs

Improvements to the indoor work areas will enhance nature-based programming at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Live animal programs such as 'Junior Keeper' offer students ages 8 – 16 a behind-the-scenes experience and introduction to the many career opportunities in the wildlife field. Working alongside the Center's wildlife staff, students learn how to provide food, clean housing, and enrichment for our resident animals. The transformation of exhibits in the Wildlife Gardens will provide more space and learning opportunities for participants of this program.



## Fundraising Status



### Phase 2: Stay tuned!

\$500,000  
38% raised

### Phase 1:

\$1,900,000  
100% raised

**Funds raised as of  
December 31, 2024:**  
\$1,933,380.67

**Expected Phase 1 Reopening: June 2025**

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