



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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## February 2025

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 100,000 visitors each year and raise visibility of our wildlife rehabilitation program.

## Project Progress

Construction crews continue to work on utilities inside of the Wildlife Gardens exhibits. These new features will support our professional wildlife staff, college interns, and 28+ volunteers in caring for our resident animals and rehabilitation patients. Natural elements such as river gravel and large rocks have been added to the exhibits to create more natural habitats and support enrichment for animal ambassadors.



## Healthy Animals and Happy Visitors

Visitors of all ages enjoy free admission to the Nature Center's indoor and outdoor exhibits featuring 65+ live animals. These former rehabilitation patients can no longer live in the wild because of permanent injuries and serve as ambassadors for their species in our education programs. Enrichment is an essential part in caring for our animal ambassadors as it helps to satisfy their physical and psychological needs. The Wildlife Gardens Education and Renovation Project will enhance animal habitats with natural elements and add space for training sessions with wildlife specialists. For our visitors, the Wildlife Gardens will offer incredible learning opportunities to interact with our staff and observe our animal ambassadors engage in natural behaviors.



## Fundraising Status



### Phase 2: Stay tuned!

\$500,000  
38% raised

### Phase 1:

\$1,900,000  
100% raised

### Funds raised as of January 31, 2025:

\$2,088,735.66

**Expected Reopening: June 2025**

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