THE TIME IS NOW:
THE VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER AT LAKESHORE STATE PARK
Friends of Lakeshore State Park, July 2020
LAKESHORE STATE PARK

ESTABLISHED 2007

ONLY URBAN STATE PARK IN WISCONSIN

400,000+ VISITORS ANNUALLY
Lakeshore State Park
Great Lakes and Freshwater Education Series
Program Highlights:

Public Lectures, Tours and Events at LSP
Visit friendslsp.org for more details

- Nature in the Park Walks
- Milwaukee’s Historic Lakefront and Wetlands Tour
- Overview of Lakeshore State Park Tour
- LSP’s Short Grass Prairies (Horticultural groups)
- Raptors Presentation
- Events like Gathering Waters Festival and Urban Island Beach Party

Classes/Programs
Pre-school:
- Nature Discovery
- Tales for Tots

Great Lakes Water Ecology:
- Introduction to Lake Michigan
- Great Lakes Invasive Species
- Great Lakes Ecology
- Comparative Lake Michigan Ecology – Natural vs. Constructed Shorelines
- Lake Michigan Hydrology
- Fish of the Great Lakes and LSP
- Fishing Clinics
- Water Quality Sampling and Analysis at LSP

Prairie Ecology:
- Prairie Ecology
- Prairie Management
- Prairie Plant Identification
- Short Grass Prairie – A Natural Landscaping Alternative
- Microclimate Ecology
- Introduction to Soils
- Composting

Urban Critters
- Birds of LSP
- How Do Birds Eat? – Eating with a Bill
- Pollinators
- Exploring Insects in the Field
- The Weird World of Insects – Up Close and Personal (close-up photography)
- Urban Mammals

Nature Senses:
- The Senses – Eyes, Ears and Touch in the Animal World
- Sidewalk Nature Art
- Recycled Art
- Nature Box – A Hands-on Exploration of Items from the Natural World

General Programs:
- Stewardship – What can you do?
- Icky-ology Walks- Up-close with the “Icky” Things in Nature
- Park Management
- Careers with the DNR/ Natural Sciences

Red Fox Photo by Mary Lee Aigner
BENEFITS OF VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER

- High yield, low impact design
- Promotes year-round use of the park
- Protects lake from pollution and garbage
- Shelters school groups & visitors during inclement weather
- Downtown resources for visiting boaters
Located on the north end of the park, the Visitor and Education Center would have stunning views of Milwaukee’s downtown and eastside while also overlooking Lake Michigan.
“As the UWM School of Architecture and Urban Planning worked on the project at the early stages, I am aware of the challenges of the building program... You have skillfully crafted a very engaging, sustainable solution which provides a powerful enhancement to the park.... It is a jewel of a building and I look forward to seeing it under construction.”
BUILDING FEATURES: EXTERIOR

- Outdoor Plaza with fireplace that accommodates up to 300
- Alternative Energy Panels over the plaza
- Outdoor Stone Terrace
- Stormwater Green Infrastructure
- Wetlands
- Native agriculture gardens
BUILDING FEATURES: INTERIOR

- Atrium Gathering Area
- Classroom & Meeting Room
- Interactive Educational Displays & materials
- Park Management Office
- Restrooms & Showers
THE KUBALA WASHATKO ARCHITECTS, INC.

Aldo Leopold Legacy Center

- 2008 AIA COTE Top Ten Green Projects Award.
- The Leopold Legacy Center is the culmination of a rigorous process by which the Aldo Leopold Foundation, along with a TKWA-led design team, undertook the task of creating a new headquarters facility.
- The Leopold Legacy Center received a 61-point LEED® Platinum rating, one of the USGBC’s highest measured to date.
- The Leopold Legacy Center is the first building recognized by LEED® as carbon neutral in operation, and as a ‘zero net energy’ building, the Leopold Center produces over 110% of its annual building energy needs.
- “the “Greenest Building on the Planet” -- USGBCA Council President Rick Fedrizzi
Key sustainable features include a stable, well-insulated building shell to minimize temperature fluctuations, roof-mounted photovoltaics, natural daylight and ventilation, and use of site-harvested timbers. A restored native prairie covers an extensive geothermal heating/cooling system, and helps manage stormwater runoff while supporting overall site biodiversity.
NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Recognition Opportunities

- Visitor and Education Center
- Exterior Plaza
- Interior Atrium
- Meeting Room
- Interactive Educational Displays
- Reception Area & Helm
- Exterior Terrace
- Showers
- Lake Michigan Overlook
- Native Plants/Agricultural Gardens
- Raingarden
- Engineered Wetlands
- Park Administrative Offices
- East and West Vestibules
- Restrooms

*Recognition will be indicated as “[Project Area Name] Sponsored by Donor Name” in accordance with Wisconsin DNR standards*
THANK YOU!!!