



## Spring 2016 Appeal

*Your gift changes landscapes – changes lives*

Entering its 15th year, Mequon Nature Preserve continues to create a dynamic sanctuary as is seen in the successional forests, the 25 acres of recreated wetlands, and the return of wildlife and native plant species that have been absent for 100 years. You have played a role in this deliberate land preservation effort. The results are vibrant and the journey has only begun.



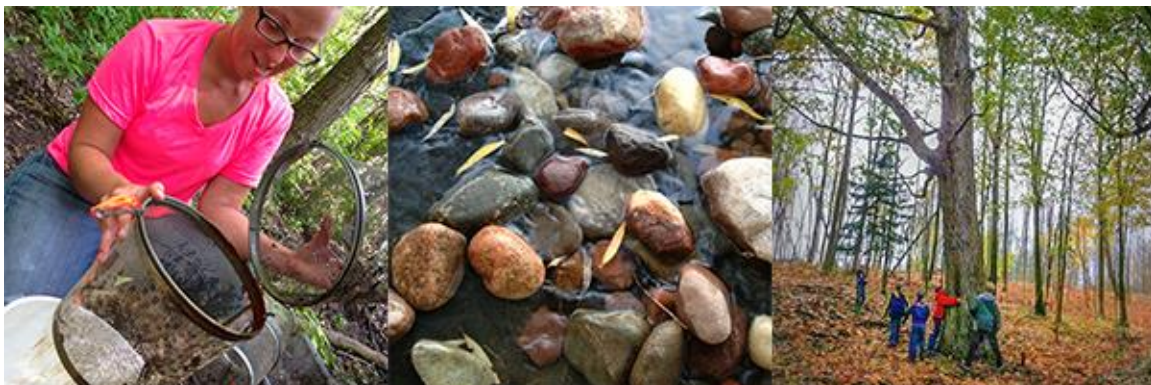
Laughing and smiling, children enter the education center each day, eager to experience what promises to be a meaningful outdoor experience. Since the environmental education program began, it has grown exponentially. Six years ago, a couple of hundred children visited the Preserve. Last year, 8,000 students of all ages received an educational experience, raising their awareness of environmental issues and encouraging positive shifts in attitudes relating to the environment.

When Mequon Nature Preserve was established, no one knew the path it would take or the impact it would have on the community. Today, it is evident; there is no stopping its growth and the potential it has for serving as a great community resource. To sustain this growth, we ask you to consider a gift to Mequon Nature Preserve's program or endowment fund.

We would love to discuss giving opportunities further with you, and would be happy to show you the Preserve's features on a golf cart tour. In the meantime, thank you for creating a strong foundation as well as your consideration of moving our mission into the future.

Best wishes,  
Kristin Gies  
Executive Director  
262-242-8055  
kgies@mequonnaturepreserve.org

Kay Amland  
Director of Development  
262-242-8055  
kamland@mequonnaturepreserve.org



To protect this precious land and everything it offers, consider a naming gift, sponsorship, or program support. Your gift may be pledged over several years. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Kristin Gies or Kay Amland at 262-242-8055.

**NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE PRESERVE...**



- \$50,000: The *photovoltaic array* uses the sun to its fullest potential and reduces heating and cooling expenses.
- \$40,000: The four-sided *green roof* will be replanted this year. It's a bee's best friend!
- \$35,000: Each year the colorful *butterfly garden* attracts birds and nourishes pollinators.
- \$25,000: The *bee apiary* is buzzing with activity during the season.
- \$25,000: The *restoration garage*, located in the education center's parking lot is an integral part of a successful program.
- \$15,000: The east and south *pergola* offer numerous benefits to the building and surrounding habitat. Choose one to name.
- \$5,000: *Education trail posts* inform and direct visitors. \$2,500 builds the post and \$2,500 maintains it for years to come.
- \$3,500: *Picnic tables* give guests a perfect excuse to unwind and extend their visit.
- \$2,500: Visitors take in the sights as they relax on *benches*.
- \$2,500: *Snake hibernacula* are much more than a pile of rocks!

**NAMING OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE THE PIEPERPOWER EDUCATION CENTER...**

- \$50,000: The *communication timeline* is waiting to be created by Mequon artist, Sally Duback. Add your input on the design. Your gift will build the wall and maintain it for years to come.
- \$50,000: A stunning *sensory wall* in the education center will attract, entertain and educate visitors. Be a part of the planning. Your gift will build the wall and maintain it for years to come.

**SPONSORSHIPS... (YOU OR YOUR COMPANY WILL BE EXTENSIVELY PROMOTED FOR ONE YEAR)**

- \$5,000: *Restoration Rangers* just received a prestigious award for the effectiveness of this weekly, intergenerational, educational, hands-on program. Free and open to the public.
- \$5,000: The *Honeybee Club* offers the community information on bees and beekeeping. Community members can use the land to store their hives. Free and open to the public.
- \$5,000: In its tenth year, dedicated *Bluebird Monitors* do their part to increase the species' numbers.
- \$2,500: The annual Celebration of Appreciation attracts 150 area donors, volunteers and friends. Save the date! October 6, 2016.

**PROGRAM FUNDS: MAKE A GIFT OF ANY SIZE**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Land Restoration
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Education
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monitoring Wildlife, Water, Habitat
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation Fund
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Trail Improvements
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_





*Other opportunities are available including the naming of ponds, woods, prairies and the Preserve. Naming gifts are deposited into Mequon Nature Preserve’s endowment fund at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The steady growth of the endowment fund will support the Preserve well into the future. If you are interested in learning more, call 262-242-8055 for Kristin Gies or Kay Amland, or via email at [kgies@mequonnaturepreserve.org](mailto:kgies@mequonnaturepreserve.org) or [kamland@mequonnaturepreserve.org](mailto:kamland@mequonnaturepreserve.org).*

*Thank you again! Your dedication to the Preserve has made a difference.*

**GIVING LEVELS**

FOUNDER	\$500,000 AND ABOVE
PADDOCK SOCIETY	\$200,000-\$499,999
LEGACY SOCIETY	\$100,000-\$199,999
HARVEY’S WOODS CIRCLE	\$50,000-\$99,999
EDUCATORS’ CIRCLE	\$20,000-\$49,999
TRAILBLAZER	\$10,000-\$19,999
ACRE MAKER	\$5,000-\$9,999
PATHFINDER	\$2,500-\$4,999
FORESTER	\$1,000-\$2,499
BIRDER	\$500-\$999
LAND STEWARD	\$100-\$499



**Please accept this gift to Mequon Nature Preserve \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**I/we would like to discuss naming the: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please have my/our recognition listed as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**® I/we would prefer to remain anonymous**

**Name/contact information: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please call me/us to arrange a golf cart tour. Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**