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## **REGIONAL (or National affiliate with local impact)**

### **Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light**

<http://wisconsinipl.org/>

The mission of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light shall be to inform, train, and activate people of all faiths and faith communities to take concrete steps in response to climate change through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy in order to protect Earth's ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure just, sufficient and sustainable energy for all.

**Contact:** [info@wisconsinipl.org](mailto:info@wisconsinipl.org)

### **1000 Friends of Wisconsin**

<http://www.1kfriends.org/>

Mission: 1000 Friends of Wisconsin advocates and promotes uses of land, water and air that shape healthy communities where people want to live, work, and play.

Our work focuses on helping communities make the connection between our everyday land use and transportation decisions and our state's economic, environmental and cultural health.

Vision: A Wisconsin comprised of livable, environmentally friendly, compact, healthy and prosperous communities through three main strategies:

1. Promote and advocate beneficial land, water and air use policies.
2. Evaluate and update implementation of Smart Growth Law.
3. Educate and market Smart Growth concepts through Green Tier Communities.

**Contact:** [friends@1kfriends.org](mailto:friends@1kfriends.org)

### **WI League of Conservation Voters**

[www.conservationvoters.org/](http://www.conservationvoters.org/)

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to electing conservation leaders, holding decision makers accountable and encouraging lawmakers to champion conservation policies that effectively protect Wisconsin's public health and natural resources.

What We Do: Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters holds legislators accountable to their votes and engages in voter education, lobbying and issue advocacy. We also recruit candidates, issue candidate endorsements and actively work for the election of candidates committed to strong and effective conservation policies.

**Contact:**

**633 W. Wisconsin Ave. #1930**

**Milwaukee, WI 53202**

**414-921-0084**

**715-225-3344 (cell)**

**Sierra Club John Muir Chapter (Great Waters Group)**

<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/>

We are Wisconsin's voice for the nation's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Our members include 15,000 of your friends and neighbors following in the footsteps of legendary Wisconsin conservationists including Sierra Club founder John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson and Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests, rivers, and other natural features, we work together to protect our communities and the planet. We need your help more than ever. There are so many ways you can make a difference. Please join, donate, volunteer, and take action online today!

**Contact: SIERRA CLUB – JOHN MUIR CHAPTER**

**222 South Hamilton Street, Suite #11, Madison, WI 53703**

**Phone: (608) 256-0565**

**Fax: (608) 256-4JMC (4562)**

[john.muir.chapter@sierraclub.org](mailto:john.muir.chapter@sierraclub.org)

**Milwaukee Audubon Society**

<http://www.milwaukeeaudubon.org/>

The mission of the Milwaukee Audubon Society, Inc. (MAS) is to protect and restore Wisconsin's natural heritage and ecology through active leadership, education, advocacy and stewardship.

**Contact: Milwaukee Audubon Society**

**1111 E. Brown Deer Road**

**Bayside, WI 53217**

**Email Us: [astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us)**

**414-352-2437**

**Citizens Climate Lobby**

<http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Our Purposes: To create the political will for a stable climate. To empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power

Promotes Fee and Dividend legislation at national level by building relationships with WI (or other state) legislators. Periodic conference calls and local meetings to educate selves and to prepare to meet with legislators.

**Contact: [ccl@citizensclimatelobby.org](mailto:ccl@citizensclimatelobby.org)**

**Local: [mikearney3@aol.com](mailto:mikearney3@aol.com)**

## LOCAL

### Transportation

#### Transit Now

<http://www.transitnow.org/>

Southeastern Wisconsin Coalition for Transit NOW, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1992 and currently networks with hundreds of companies, community based organizations and individuals. The primary mission of the organization is to educate the community on transportation related issues that impact Southeastern Wisconsin.

Transit NOW provides a range of products, programs and services to serve the needs of its target markets including businesses, job seekers, collaborative networks, community based organizations, educational institutions, government, media, transportation service providers, transit riders, and Transit NOW constituents, members and supporters.

**Contact: Southeastern Wisconsin Coalition for Transit NOW**

**PO Box 565** (Please use website first)

**Sussex, WI 53089-0565**

**(262)246-6151 (phone)**

**(262)246-4053 (fax)**

**Kerry Thomas, Interim Executive Director 262-246-6151**

#### Milwaukee Transit Riders Union

<http://www.transitridersunion.org/>

The Milwaukee Transit Riders Union calls for a high quality mass transit system in the Milwaukee area that efficiently responds to the needs of all of its users in a way that respects their individual dignity. We call for public transit for and by the people who use it. We demand a world class bus system in metro Milwaukee with 24-hour service on main routes, fast and convenient county-wide express service, and access to employment centers in suburban areas. "Fair" fares within the means of students, low-income, elderly, and disabled people. A decrease in highway spending to create a 50/50 highway-transit split in the Wisconsin State Transportation Fund, and civil rights reviews of any changes in this funding structure. A clean fuel, low emissions bus fleet in Milwaukee County to replace the current diesel fleet. Up to date route and schedule information available at stops system-wide. Public input at all stages of the decision making process. This includes:

- Hearings with advance notice at locations and times accessible for working transit riders in advance of any service changes.
- A clear and publicly available organizational structure for the Milwaukee County Transit System with names and contact information for all department heads.
- A Citizens' Advisory Committee fully empowered to oversee all transit operations in Milwaukee County.

That all increases in transit service be designed to meet the needs of transit dependent populations. Respect for the working conditions of our bus drivers, and their right to unionize and bargain collectively.

**Contact: 414.207.MTRU ( or online question box)**

### **Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin**

<http://bfw.org/>

The Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin is a statewide, nonprofit organization. We work with people from all around the state to make bicycling convenient, safe, accessible and fun. The Bike Fed has a vision of Wisconsin as one of the world's best places to ride a bike where millions of residents and visitors of all backgrounds who choose bicycling as an integral and convenient part of their daily life.

Our mission is to inspire, motivate and unite a strong community of civic, business and political leaders, motorists and bicyclists to move bicycling forward.

**Contact:**

**Milwaukee Office**

**3618 W. Pierce Street**

**Milwaukee, WI 53215**

**Email: [info@bfw.org](mailto:info@bfw.org)**

**Phone: 414-431-1798**

### **Dream Bikes Milwaukee**

<http://www.facebook.com/DreamBikesMilwaukee>

DreamBikes is a non-profit community based bikeshop that works with the Boys and Girls Club to provide employment to area kids and bikes to the community for a very affordable price.

**Contact:**

**2021A N. Martin Luther King Drive**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212**

**Phone (414) 763-0909**

**Website <http://www.dream-bikes.org>**

### **Milwaukee Bicycle Collective**

<http://bikecollective.org/>

The Milwaukee Bicycle Collective is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that provides a publicly accessible bicycle resource center for the city of Milwaukee. It is a place where bike construction and repair can happen in a creative and supportive environment and at an affordable cost. You can learn more at [bikecollective.org](http://bikecollective.org).

**Contact:**

**2910 W. Clybourn Street**

**Milwaukee, WI 53208**

**(414)-431-0825**

**[milwaukee@bikecollective.org](mailto:milwaukee@bikecollective.org)**

**Always call before you visit!**

**Cream City Cycle Club** <http://creamcitycycleclub.com/>

Welcome to the Cream City Cycle Club! Each year our ride season starts on the second weekend of April and goes through the middle of November. We feature looped rides of different lengths every weekend plus occasional special rides. Whether you're an experienced bicyclist, a beginner or are somewhere in between, we encourage you to choose a date and come ride with us. We supply cue sheets, suggested rest stops and a ride leader to start you off. There are also weekend camping rides occasionally throughout our season of riding. Check the schedule for upcoming rides, or call our information hotline at (414) 299-9398 Ext 1. All non-members will be asked to sign a waiver before participating on a ride. HELMETS REQUIRED!

Wednesday morning rides start in May. Check back for details.

Our General Meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month from February thru October 2012. There are 4 meetings at the Greenfield Park Pavilion ([map](#)) at 7 pm. Remainder of the meetings are at local bicycle shops. Check the Meetings page for Location and Subject of the meeting. The meetings include business, socialization and bicycling related programs. The public is welcome.

**Contact:**

Information hotline at (414) 299-9398 Ext 1.

414-299-9398 Ext 0 ( General/Meeting ) Ext 1 ( Rides ) Ext 2 ( Camping ) Ext 3 ( Century )

P.O. Box 894

Milwaukee, WI 53201

General Information: [Pres\\_CreamCityCC@yahoo.com](mailto:Pres_CreamCityCC@yahoo.com)

**Milwaukee City Bike coordinator**

<http://city.milwaukee.gov/bike>

Welcome to the bicycle information pages. Here you will find most everything you need to know to help you get around Milwaukee by Bike. Bicycling is a fun, healthy and safe way to travel in Milwaukee. If you have any questions about getting around Milwaukee by bike, from where to find a map to bicycle friendly places to stay or visit, feel free to contact us.

**Contact:**

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator**

**Milwaukee Dept. of Public Works**

**Zeidler Municipal Building**

**841 N. Broadway, Rm 919**

**Milwaukee, WI 53202**

**414-286-3144 (O) 414-286-0663 (F)**

**[david.schlabowske@milwaukee.gov](mailto:david.schlabowske@milwaukee.gov)**

## Food/ Urban Agriculture

### Victory Garden Initiative

<http://victorygardeninitiative.org>

Victory Garden Initiative empowers communities to grow food, reintegrating human and food ecology and advancing a resilient food culture.

**We are a grass-roots nonprofit organization that:**

- builds gardens
- grows food forests
- teaches and promotes urban permaculture
- cultivates leadership
- organizes communities

**And a community of gardeners that promote:**

- social justice
- environmental sustainability
- food sovereignty
- food security
- health and wellness

...all through growing food!

THIS IS A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT.

MOVE GRASS. GROW FOOD.

**Contact:**

(sign up for e letter or join: [thevictorygardeninitiative@googlegroups.com](mailto:thevictorygardeninitiative@googlegroups.com) )

### Kompost Kids

<http://www.kompostkids.com/home>

Mission: Our mission is to educate the public, individuals, businesses and institutions about the benefits of compost and to reclaim organic materials from landfills to create soil for community-based agriculture projects.

Vision: We are an eager, determined group of urban pioneers, cultivating our communities through advocacy, education, and hard work.

We envision a world in which every person disposes of food residuals and compostable materials in an environmentally sustainable way, and the landfill is never an option. We envision a world in which so-called "waste" is regenerated into living soil, healing the Earth and nourishing our gardens, bodies, and souls. We envision a world in which government, businesses, families, and individuals unite to plant the seeds of community so we can change the way we view our "waste" stream.

**Contact:**

(sign up on line or on Facebook)

### Milwaukee Urban Gardens

<http://milwaukeeurbangardens.org>

Milwaukee Urban Gardens is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to acquiring and preserving land and partnering with neighborhood residents to develop and maintain community gardens that improve the quality of life.

**Contact:**

**Sign up online**

**Phone: (414) 431-1585**

**1845 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee Wis. 53202**

### **Growing Power**

[www.growingpower.org/](http://www.growingpower.org/)

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live.

Inspiring communities to build sustainable food systems that are equitable and ecologically sound, creating a just world, one food-secure community at a time.

**Contact:**

**5500 West Silver Spring Drive Milwaukee, WI 53218**

**(414) 527-1930**

[staff@growingpower.org](mailto:staff@growingpower.org)

### **Sweet Water Organics**

<http://sweetwater-organic.com/>

Sweet Water Organics is an urban fish and vegetable farm. Our goal is to provide fresh, safe food for our local communities while maintaining reasonable prices and respecting our environment.

In 2008, Sweet Water began the transformation of an abandoned industrial building into a showcase of potential living technologies and urban agriculture. We strive to become a resource for job creation and use of urban settings.

**Contact:**

**2151 South Robinson Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53207**

**Please use the contact form on the website or call us at 414-489-0425.**

### **Walnut Way Conservation Corps**

[www.walnutway.org/](http://www.walnutway.org/)

Walnut Way residents and volunteers have five years of successful experience in urban-ecology-based initiatives, including nearly eliminating drug and prostitution activity in the neighborhood; creating and managing multiple, high-production community gardens; conducting successful, profitable sales of garden produce, on-going gardening and nutrition education programs for youth and adults; launching a storm-water education program; installing rain gardens, rain barrels and other strategies to manage storm-water runoff at the neighborhood level; establishing a small shade-tree nursery to expand the urban tree canopy; and converting a former drug house/murder site into a prime turn-of-the-19th century restoration which will serve as a neighborhood gathering spot for educational as well as social purposes. Beyond the obvious benefits, Walnut Way's initiatives have renewed residents' connections to African-American cultural roots, built a sense of community involvement and independence, and taught valuable skills to both youth and adult residents.

**Contact:**

**You can leave a message using the contact form on the website.**

**2240 North 17th Street**

**Milwaukee, WI 53205**

**Phone: (414) 264-2326**

**Email: [walnutway@gmail.com](mailto:walnutway@gmail.com)**



### **Fondy Food Center**

<http://www.fondymarket.org/>

The Fondy Food Center connects Greater Milwaukee to local, fresh food - from farm to table. We do this by supporting small-scale Wisconsin farmers to ensure the supply of fresh food to Milwaukee; offering cooking-based nutrition education for youth and adults; and filling the need for fresh, locally-grown food on Milwaukee's North Side through a historic farmer's market tradition.

#### **Contact:**

**Farmers Market address: 2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53206 (414) 933-8121.**

**Administration/Mailing address: 2347 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53206 (414) 562-2282 phone, (414) 562-2287 fax.**

## **Environment**

### **Cleaner Valley Coalition**

<http://cleanervalleycampaign.org/>

We are a coalition of health advocacy groups, civil rights organization, grassroots organizations and local service providers and individuals concerned about the health of our families.

Together, we are working to improve air quality for all Milwaukee residents by cleaning up We Energies' coal plant in the Menomonee Valley. The window of opportunity to clean up We Energies' Valley Plant is here. We need to ensure that the DNR and EPA require Valley to meet standards that protect our health now. Ultimately, we call on We Energies to be a responsible neighbor and clean up the plant for the health of Milwaukee and our children's future.

**Contact: (join mailing list)**

### **Sixteenth Street Community Health Center**

<http://sschc.org/>

What sets Sixteenth Street apart is its innovative programming and dedication to the complete health of the individual as well as the overall health of the broader community. Learn about our Environmental Health department.

#### **Contact:**

**(414) 672-1315, extension 374**

**(sign up for e mail)**

### **Milwaukee River Basin Partnership**

<http://www.wisconsinrivers.org/directory/milwaukee/milwaukee-river-basin-partnership>

Mission: To assist those who reside or work within the watersheds of the Milwaukee, Menomonee, and Kinnickinnic Rivers initiate projects & exchange resource information to enable stewardship of land and water resources.

Purpose: Voluntary coalition committed to restoring & sustaining the Milwaukee River Basin ecosystem, while ensuring economic viability. The partnership promotes comprehensive resource management, info exchange, intergovernmental coordination, & citizen involvement.

**Contact:**

Southeast Area UW-Extension, 9501 W Watertown Plank Rd, Wauwatosa, WI, 53226

(414) 256-4632

Website: [basineducation.uwex.edu/milwaukee/](http://basineducation.uwex.edu/milwaukee/)

Counties: [Fond du Lac](#), [Milwaukee](#), [Ozaukee](#), [Sheboygan](#), [Washington](#), [Waukesha](#)  
[info@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:info@wisconsinrivers.org)

**Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Action Trust: Watershed Action Teams**

[http://www.swwtwater.org/home/watershed\\_action\\_teams.cfm](http://www.swwtwater.org/home/watershed_action_teams.cfm)

Watershed Action Teams (WATs) are diverse stakeholders within a watershed who bring commitment, expertise and knowledge of the community to inform the development of watershed restoration plans and implementation plans, prioritize projects and identify project partners.

The WATs are led by co-chairs who convene the meetings, set agendas, and organize the work of the WATs. If you are interested in getting involved in your watershed, please contact one of the co-chairs for the Watershed Action Teams.

**Co-Chairs for the Kinnickinnic River Watershed:**

**Benjamin Gramling**

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center

[Ben.Gramling@sschc.org](mailto:Ben.Gramling@sschc.org)

414) 385-3577

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American Rivers

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**Co-chairs for the Menomonee River Watershed**

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**Susan Greenfield**

Root-Pike WIN

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262-532-4417

**Jeff Martinka**

Sweet Water

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414-477-1156

**Contact: (on line question box)**

### **The Park People of Milwaukee County | Citizen Stewards**

The Park People believe that public parks enrich our lives and communities. Whether one is biking along a path, pushing a child in a swing, or merely cherishing a view, our daily lives benefit from our park experiences. They enhance our quality of life.

For over thirty years, The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc. (TPP), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, has educated and involved the public in decisions concerning our parks through our mission: Citizen Stewardship of Milwaukee County Parks.

Our members have raised millions of dollars for public projects including historical preservation, public art restoration, parks improvements and public tree planting.

**Contact:**

[www.parkpeoplemke.org/](http://www.parkpeoplemke.org/)

**1845 N Farwell Ave #100 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202**

**(414) 273-7275**

### **River Revitalization Foundation**

[www.milwaukeeerrf.org/](http://www.milwaukeeerrf.org/)

The mission of the River Revitalization Foundation is to establish a parkway for public access, walkways, recreation and education, bordering the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers; to use the rivers to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods; and to improve water quality.

**1845 North Farwell Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202**

**(414) 763-7125**

### **Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes**

<http://www.wildones.org/aboutsit.html>

Seeking to educate its members and the community about the benefits of using local native plant species in natural landscaping, Wild Ones® is the only not-for-profit national educational organization of its kind. Having had its beginning in Milwaukee, it is still located in Wisconsin. Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

**Contact:**

**PO Box 1274, Appleton, WI 54912**

**Located on Guckenburg-Sturm Marsh (aka Stroebe Marsh) in Little Lake Butte des Morts which is part of the Fox River waterway. (The Fox River is part of the Great Lakes Watershed.)**

**Wild Ones Institute of Learning and Development (WILD Center) is 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Road, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.**

**For general information, please phone the Wild Ones national office at 1-920-730-3986, or toll free at 877-FYI-WILD (877-394-9453), or send e-mail to [info@wildones.org](mailto:info@wildones.org).**

**See website for local organization info**

### **Midwest Environmental Advocates**

Midwest Environmental Advocates is a non-profit environmental law center that works for healthy water, healthy air, healthy land and healthy government for this generation and the next. We believe that every citizen has the potential to make a difference.

**Contact:**

**Madison**

**612 W Main Street, Suite 302  
Madison, WI 53703  
P 608.251.5047 / F 608.268.0205**

**Milwaukee**

**1845 N Farwell Avenue, Suite 202  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
P 414.455.0739 / F 414.455.0744**

**Email: [advocate@midwestadvocates.org](mailto:advocate@midwestadvocates.org)**

### **Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition**

**<http://www.milwaukeeRiverGreenway.org/>**

The Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition is working to improve wildlife habitat and recreation in the Greenway. The Work Group drafted the Milwaukee River Greenway Master Plan; A Vision for Recreation and Restoration in 2010. The plan provides a comprehensive vision for a restored urban wilderness and shared recreational opportunities in three communities. The plan features a 13 mile trail for a variety of non-motorized recreational users.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202  
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Director Milwaukee River Greenway Coalition  
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[ann@milwaukeeRiverGreenway.org](mailto:ann@milwaukeeRiverGreenway.org)**

### **Menomonee Valley Partners**

**[www.renewthevalley.org](http://www.renewthevalley.org)**

Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to revitalize the Menomonee Valley for the benefit of the entire Milwaukee community.

Since its inception in 1999, Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc. has served as the lead agency in the redevelopment of Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley. In one decade, the Valley has been transformed, becoming a national model in economic development and environmental sustainability. In 12 years, 300 acres of brownfields have been developed, 35 companies have moved to the Valley, seven existing companies have expanded, and more than 4,700 family-supporting jobs have been created. Over one million square feet of green buildings and seven miles of trails have been constructed, and 45 acres of native plants installed, leading to improved wildlife habitat and water quality.

**Contact:**

**Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc.**  
**301 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 400B**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53203**  
**Tel: 414-274-4655**  
**Fax: 414-274-4640**  
[info@renewthevalley.org](mailto:info@renewthevalley.org)

**Alliance for the Great Lakes**

<http://www.greatlakes.org/>

The Alliance for the Great Lakes is the oldest independent citizens' organization devoted 100 percent to the Great Lakes.

Our professional staff works with scientists, policymakers, businesses, community groups and everyday citizens to protect and restore the world's largest surface freshwater resource.

From forging forward-looking Great Lakes policies to promoting Great Lakes education to on-the-ground efforts to improve thousands of miles of Great Lakes shoreline, we've been out front and behind the scenes caring for the lakes since 1970. In 2008, we received the American Bar Association's Distinguished Achievement Award in Environmental Law and Policy, the first not-for-profit citizen's group to receive the honor.

Learn more about [our programs](#), the [problems we address](#) and how you can [get involved](#).

**Contact:**

**Wisconsin office**

**1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 100, Milwaukee, WI 53202**  
**Phone: 414-559-0317**  
**E-mail: [wisconsin@greatlakes.org](mailto:wisconsin@greatlakes.org)**

**Milwaukee Riverkeeper**

<http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org/>

Milwaukee Riverkeeper serves as an advocate and voice for the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers. Our core programming involves patrolling, monitoring and advocating on behalf of the rivers. We also do hands-on river restoration projects as well as organize thousands of volunteers each year in river cleanup activities.

**Contact:**

**Milwaukee Riverkeeper is located at the Milwaukee Environmental Consortium**  
**1845 N. Farwell Avenue, Suite 100**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53202**  
**Phone: (414) 287-0207**

**South Shore Park Watch Bluff Restoration**

<http://southshoreparkwatch.org/bluff-restoration/>

South Shore Park Watch needs your help to support our Native Bluff Restoration Project. More recently, the overgrowth of invasive trees and shrubs have been cleared leaving the bluff in a distressed condition. In addition to being destructive and unsightly, the clearing process rids the bluff of much needed habitat for wildlife.

The project will enhance and secure the bluff for generations to come by removing the invasive plant species and replacing them with native plants and shrubs.

**Contact:** [southshoreparkwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:southshoreparkwatch@yahoo.com)

### **Park People: Friends of Milwaukee County Parks**

<http://www.parkpeoplemke.org/node/151>

The Park People believe that public parks enrich our lives and communities. Whether one is biking along a path, pushing a child in a swing, or merely cherishing a view, our daily lives benefit from our park experiences. They enhance our quality of life.

For over thirty years, The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc. (TPP), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, has educated and involved the public in decisions concerning our parks through our mission: Citizen Stewardship of Milwaukee County Parks.

Our members have raised millions of dollars for public projects including historical preservation, public art restoration, parks improvements and public tree planting.

**Contact:**

**1845 N. Farwell, Suite 100**

**Milwaukee WI 53202**

**414-273-PARK /414-273-7293 (or sign up on line)**

### **Friends of the Hank Aaron Trail**

<http://www.hankaaronstatetrail.org/>

The Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail continues to be an advocate of the Trail, working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, local communities, organizations, and businesses, to bring the Trail to reality. From our annual Spring River Clean-Up and Planting, to the Hank Aaron State Trail 5k Run/Walk, to our hikes through history, the Friends helps people enjoy and appreciate all that the Hank Aaron State Trail has to offer.

We invite you to learn more about the Trail and our organization, and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Hank Aaron State Trail.

Become a Friend of the Friends of Hank Aaron State Trail

**Contact:**

**Larri Sue Jacquart**

**FOHAST Events/Outreach Coordinator**

**To volunteer send an email to: [lsjacquart@gmail.com](mailto:lsjacquart@gmail.com)**

### **Friends of the Monarch Trail**

[www.themonarchtrail.org](http://www.themonarchtrail.org)

Mission: The Friends of the Monarch Trail are a growing and dedicated group of nature enthusiasts who work to preserve and enhance a portion of the County Grounds specifically for the Monarch Migration.

Goals:

- To educate the community on the ecosystems and microclimates required for this amazing journey
- To maintain a public access to the migration areas

- To restore the native plant communities that supports the monarch migration and all of the unique wildlife that graces this urban wilderness.

Needs:

- We need your help planning and participating in the following
- public outreach coordination: milkweed plantings, invasive species removal, moon party planning,
- Obtain a live-stream video this year to provide access to this migration via computer
- To create an on-line daily up-date notebook during the migration in September.

**Contact:**

[Barb@theMonarchTrail.org](mailto:Barb@theMonarchTrail.org)

### **Waukesha County Green Team**

The Waukesha County Green Team promotes environmental and economic sustainability in Waukesha County communities through education, communication, and local action. We are guided by The Natural Step Framework.

We sponsor educational forums, networking events, and projects to conserve Waukesha County resources and to build a sustainable future – one community at a time.

Do you have interest in Waukesha County's economy and environment? Would you like to engage to make a positive difference in our future? We invite you to contact us, attend an event, or participate in our monthly meetings.

Working together, we can create a sustainable future.

**Contact:**

[info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org](mailto:info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org)

### **Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT)**

<http://owlt.org/>

Preserving the water resources, natural areas, and working lands of Ozaukee and Washington Counties.

Our efforts improve the water quality of our lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and preserve the scenic and open spaces that define our rural landscape. By creating strong conservation relationships we promote public awareness of the benefits of land preservation, and provide opportunities for nature-based recreation, improving the quality of life in our communities.

**Contact:**

**Executive Director Shawn Graff - [sgraff@owlt.org](mailto:sgraff@owlt.org)**

### **Urban Ecology Center**

<http://urbanecologycenter.org/>

At the Urban Ecology Center's three locations the wonders of nature bring curious people together. Our programs bring our city's children and families into nature and as a result our urban parks are safe to visit, our kids are learning what they need to know to succeed, and adults keep on learning about how our changing world around us works.

The Urban Ecology Center provides year-round educational programs for kids, families and adults of all ages. The cornerstone program is the Neighborhood Environmental Education

Project serving kids in more than 44 urban Milwaukee schools each year. This program enables students to get to walk in the woods, stand in a river in hip waders or run along the beach at Lake Michigan when they might have no other opportunities to do so.

The school program is complemented by after school programs, summer camps and weekend activities designed to involve, inspire, educate and connect kids to each other, to caring mentors and to the natural world.

There is more...and there is something here for you and your family:

- Urban Adventures
- Weekend youth and family programs
- High School Outdoor Leaders
- Adult summer internship programs
- Citizen Science research projects
- Volunteer activities

Open seven days a week and on many evenings (open hours vary by location), the Center is there when you are ready to visit. Explore our website, follow us on Twitter, find us on Facebook and join the more than 77,000 people who participated in Center offerings last year! Come on over and get outside with us!

**Contact:**

[uec@urbanecologycenter.org](mailto:uec@urbanecologycenter.org)

### **Schlitz Audubon Nature Center**

<http://www.sanc.org/>

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center connects people with nature and inspires them to become responsible stewards of the natural world.

We are a unique Milwaukee destination that offers...

- A 185-acre stretch of natural habitat along the shore of Lake Michigan
- Six miles of hiking trails
- A 60-foot observation tower providing panoramic views
- A Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, green building that is also available on a rental basis for special events
- Year-round delights for your senses
- Exciting programming for over 145,000 visitors and 27,000 school children annually

**Contact:**

**414-352-2880**

[smanning@sanc.org](mailto:smanning@sanc.org) (office manager)

### **Riveredge Nature Center**

<http://riveredge.us/>

As a visitor to Riveredge you will find a diverse and beautiful landscape to wander on foot, on skis or snowshoes. Our 370-acre sanctuary has ten miles of trails around ponds and fens, through woodlands and prairies, and along the Milwaukee River.

You will also discover one of the premier nature centers in the Great Lakes Region, widely recognized for providing innovative environmental education to learners of all ages for 40 years. Our goal is to build a self-discovered awareness that we are part of nature, and to



empower people to act on that knowledge. We aim to help others to live well on this earth. If science-based education, sustainability, and quality of life are high on your list of priorities, Riveredge is for you.

**Contact:**

[info@riveredge.us](mailto:info@riveredge.us)

### **Wehr Nature Center**

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/WehrNatureCenter10115.htm>

Rustling leaves, shimmering seas of grass, a cool rush of water over rock, birds and waterfowl calling, a rainbow of wildflowers, a scamper of animal feet... all of these natural treasures and many more await you at the Wehr Nature Center. For a refreshing, energizing activity, you and your whole family can explore the natural environment of the Wehr Nature Center – by enjoying a self-guided tour or participating in one of Wehr's many programs led by staff naturalists .

- Habitats/Communities & Trails (includes community service hours/projects)
- Visitor Center & Gardens
- Special Events
- Programs
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Rental of Gardner Room or Ampitheater

**Contact:** [wehrcnaturecenter@milwcnty.com](mailto:wehrcnaturecenter@milwcnty.com)

**Whitnall Park**

**9701 W. College Ave., Franklin, WI 53132**

## **Local Initiatives**

### **Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee**

[www.communitysharesmke.org/](http://www.communitysharesmke.org/)

Workplace Giving Campaigns Dedicated to Social Justice, Animal Welfare, and the Environment. Workplace giving campaigns allow employees to make regular donations to nonprofits through payroll deduction. These campaigns help people act on their good intentions. In fact, individuals give an average of five times more through workplace giving than they do when they write a check directly to an organization.

Workplace giving campaigns are the simplest, most efficient and effective way to raise money. Everyone benefits – businesses, donors, member organizations – and ultimately, the whole Greater Milwaukee community.

**Contact:**

**Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee**

**1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 102**

**Milwaukee, WI 53202**

**Phone: 414-342-0883**

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### **Center for Resilient Cities**

[www.resilientcities.org/](http://www.resilientcities.org/)

The Center for Resilient Cities is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that practices sustainable community development, working with neighbors to build communities that are good for people and good for the environment. Our process starts by asking neighbors about the values, needs and priorities of the community. Then we lend our expertise and develop partnerships to address both current and future challenges within the neighborhood.

#### **Contact:**

**Amy Gabrielson**

**414-289-7799**

### **Groundwork Milwaukee**

<http://www.groundworkmke.org/>

Groundwork USA is a network of independent, not-for-profit, environmental businesses called Groundwork Trusts linked together by the Groundwork USA national office. Locally organized and controlled, Groundwork Trusts provide cost effective project development services focused on improving their communities' environment, economy and quality of life.

Each Trust represents a strong partnership between government, business, foundations, community groups and residents. Projects serve a common agenda and are designed to accomplish other goals such as job training and environmental education. All projects and activities of Groundwork are carried out through a creative mix of staff and volunteers to leverage resources and engage businesses and residents in the transformation of their own communities, creating better, safer and healthier neighborhoods.

The mission of the Groundwork USA network is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well-being.

**Contact: (on line sign up)**

### **Transition Ozaukee**

<http://www.transitionozaukee.com/2011/11/welcome-to-transition-ozaukee.html>

**Our Mission:** The mission of Transition Ozaukee is to build more resilient communities by engaging in collective dialogue and collaborative action and facilitate the transition to a more localized and sustainable future.

**Our Beliefs:** Transition Ozaukee is based on the belief that every individual has something to offer and each person has a need for, and a role in, reconnecting our communities.

We believe that by re-localizing our communities, we can rise above the inter-related and converging issues of global climate change, peak oil and a changing economy.

We believe that by tapping into the collective wisdom of our communities we can, together, transition to a new and more abundant future based on localized food, sustainable energy sources and vibrant local economies that support stronger connections and more fulfilling lives.

**Contact: sign up on line, blog, facebook**

## **Transition Milwaukee**

<http://transitionmilwaukee.org/>

Transition Milwaukee is part of a larger planet-wide effort to create, enhance and promote community projects, to grow our own food, generate our own power, develop our own economies and rebuild local resilience and self-reliance. Join us, we're growing knowledge and power, and having fun!

See links to Building and Housing Work Group, West Side Transition, Permaculture Work Group, South Shore Transition, Bikes@Work, City Hens Workgroup, RAD Homemakers, Reskilling Workgroup, Water Harvesters Co-op.

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## **Other Governmental**

**Milwaukee Office of Environmental Sustainability**

[www.milwaukee.gov/sustainability](http://www.milwaukee.gov/sustainability)

**Contact:**

**Office of Environmental Sustainability**

**City of Milwaukee**

**414-286-3748**

**Register your green event at: [sustainability@milwaukee.gov](mailto:sustainability@milwaukee.gov)**

**Sign up for e updates**