

NOURISHING EVERYONE'S NEED FOR NATURE



ENVISIONING THE NEXT 50 YEARS



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About



Mission


Providing exceptional experiences in nature through environmental education.

Vision

We envision a future where everyone inspired by Dodge intentionally cares for nature.

Values

Dodge Nature Center and Preschool:

- Provides joyful, inclusive, and collaborative experiences
 - Nurtures relationships with people and the environment
 - Acts as responsible stewards of the natural world
 - Inspires curiosity and wonder
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Access & Inclusion

Dodge Nature Center and Preschool is for everyone.

As stewards of the land, we create and foster a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where all can nourish their need for nature. We listen to, honor, and learn from lived experiences and feedback to create a space where everyone feels welcome.

Providing access to environmental education and experiences in nature is essential to Dodge Nature Center and Preschool's mission, vision, and values. As educators, we are committed to staying curious, challenging our status quo, and changing in ways that facilitate greater diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Nourish Your Need FOR NATURE™



Dear friends,

In 2019, Dodge launched a bold fundraising campaign to transform its buildings and grounds, build access to natural spaces and environmental education, and sustain this natural oasis to meet our community's changing needs today and into the future.

The Nourishing Everyone's Need for Nature Campaign wrapped in December 2023 and we are excited to celebrate its success with you. Thank you to our amazing friends, volunteers, and donors for your tremendous generosity. Visit our [website](#) to see all we achieved together!

This past year also saw the launch of our new [strategic plan](#), committed to shaping a secure future and working to meet our community's needs for environmental education and accessible greenspace. **This strategic plan rests on the pillars of Sustainability, Access, Legacy, and Relationships.**

Under the Sustainability Pillar, we pledge to protect our resources today and for generations to come. In the year ahead, this includes redesigning our Preschool playscape and restoration on our four properties to foster a closer connection with nature and enhance our relationship with the land.

Within the Access Pillar, we commit to identifying, reducing, and eliminating barriers to ensure universal access to Dodge. Our commitment extends to fostering inclusivity for participants with physical limitations, communities of color, and LGBTQIA+ youth and adults.

The Legacy Pillar is dedicated to building upon our environmental education legacy. Initiatives include developing a plan for managing our four properties, enhancing the self-guided visitor experience, and implementing a data collection process.

The foundation of all these pillars is the Relationships Pillar, emphasizing the connections that align with our values. We are actively growing our relationship with South Washington County schools to meet the needs of their growing student population.

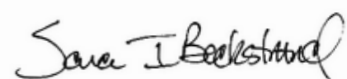
Planning for the future demands the input of everyone invested in Dodge. We encourage you to [share your thoughts](#) with us. Your support is invaluable. Together, we will transform our vision into a reality where everyone inspired by Dodge intentionally cares for nature.

Thank you for helping nourish everyone's need for nature.

With gratitude,



Jason Sanders
Executive Director



Sara Beckstrand
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CAMPAIGN

The Nourishing Everyone's Need for Nature [Campaign](#) officially closed with the end of 2023! What began in 2019 as a vision for the next 50 years of Dodge resulted in a series of tangible improvements that can be found throughout all of Dodge's properties and programs. Read below for several Campaign accomplishments addressing the three vital areas:

- 1. Increasing access for all**
- 2. Sustaining our learning places and greenspaces**
- 3. Building on the legacy of our founder, Olivia Irvine Dodge**



Access

- Installed a solid-surface [elevated boardwalk](#) through the Farm Pond to increase accessibility on one of the most heavily used trails
- [Paved parking lots](#) for visitors to safely arrive at Dodge
- Created [pride programs](#) for the LGBTQIA+ community



Sustainability

- Hired a Restoration Specialist to preserve our most precious asset —[the land](#)
- Added an Outreach Naturalist position to reach underserved communities
- Renovated existing buildings at Shepard Farm to create functional classroom and program space



Legacy

- Grew the number of children, adults, and families served
- Increased the endowment with legacy giving to sustain Dodge into the next 50 years
- Opened a [new Education Center](#) at Shepard Farm to expand adult programming

See all Campaign accomplishments [online here](#).

While the Campaign is now completed, our dedication to providing high-quality environmental education is blossoming into the future. We invite you to nourish your need for nature at Dodge —at any of our [four properties](#)—365 days a year, from sunrise to sunset.

ACCESS

“Dodge does lots of amazing things, but not everyone is able to come to Dodge Nature Center,” says Mick Garrett, Naturalist and Outreach Specialist.

Outreach programming brings Dodge to students unable to visit the nature center—and it’s growing. From 2022 to 2023, the number of outreaches nearly doubled as naturalists brought roosters, reptiles, and raptors on the road to 35% more students. For those first-time students, it opens a whole new world of learning.

“In many cases, they don't know what they're missing until it's presented to them. They realize, "Oh, you mean we could have more of these experiences?" and that's incredible,” shares Mick.

Mick stepped into the dedicated role of Outreach Specialist to expand environmental education to new audiences at community events, libraries, after-school programs, senior centers, and more.

“There are so many opportunities. With support from the Campaign and having more of my time specifically focused on outreaches, we’re going to be able to reach more people to meet needs and build relationships—and that's so exciting.”

Click the play button below to see an outreach in action at Oak Meadows Senior Living. Hear from residents on the impact and importance of Mick’s visits.



SUSTAINABILITY

“Shepard Farm is unique in that it really wasn't touched much until Dodge acquired it,”
says Sean Gokey, Buildings and Grounds Director.

In 2013, Dodge received Shepard Farm from the Wilder Foundation. Its 140 acres offered a unique setting from the nature center's other properties: stands of 100-year-old woods, 1920s-era historic buildings and barns, and large animal pastures.

Thanks to support from the Campaign, Dodge's vision for Shepard Farm—a sustainable destination for agricultural and environmental education—is becoming a reality.

Historic buildings were given energy-efficient upgrades and new classrooms, Jamie Navarro (pictured below on the left) was hired as Dodge's full-time Restoration Specialist to help sustain the land, and old coops were renovated for new chickens, quail, and turkeys to help teach about life on the farm. More is coming in 2024.

“We have a new opportunity at Shepard Farm with a new community to get them outdoors and have an environmental experience,” says Sean. “We're trying to make it as enriching and sustainable as possible so folks can keep coming here for another 50 years.”

Click the play button below to see sustainability in action at Shepard Farm.



LEGACY

“There are so many amazing teachers at Dodge, but one who really sticks out to me is Pam,” says Viola El-Afandi, Naturalist Fellow.

Pam Welisevich, one of Dodge’s long-time naturalists, started her career at Dodge 25 years ago. She fostered a love for nature through teaching and found family, too. She met and married her husband and watched her son grow up at the nature center when they lived onsite.

Viola began her journey with Dodge as a preschooler. She returned 20+ years later—this time as a Naturalist Fellow, following the trail blazed by teachers like Pam.

Dodge’s founder Olivia Irvine Dodge had the vision to preserve natural space for environmental learning when she purchased and set aside farmland 55 years ago. Her legacy lives on today through dedicated educators like Pam and Viola.

“Someone once asked me how I got involved in the environment—for me, it was the vacant city lot down the street,” says Pam. “I hope when someone poses the same question to Viola and other future educators, they’ll be able to say Dodge Nature Center.”

Click the play button below to learn more about Pam and Viola’s journey and their legacies being created today.



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Left: A class of Dodge Nature Preschool students in winter.
Right: Night for Nature guests seeing the new Education Center.



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Left: GMCC students holding a snake at an outreach program.
Right: Spanish-language Guided Hike participants on the boardwalk.

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Left: Vista View Elementary School students learning about chickens.
Right: Green Seniors participants walking through Dodge's woods.



Financials

September 1, 2022–August 31, 2023

Revenue	Total	Expenses	Total
Gifts and Grants	\$1,661,819	Environmental Education	\$2,910,306
Program Fees and Tuition	\$2,084,852	Management and General	\$464,332
Endowment Income	\$1,100,201	Fundraising	\$472,583
Total Revenue	\$4,846,872	Total Expenses	\$3,847,221

Assets	Total	Liabilities	Total
Cash and Equivalents	\$472,949	Accounts Payable	\$1,000
Accounts Receivables	\$1,119,176	Accrued Liabilities	\$62,571
Property and Equipment	\$11,486,896	Deferred Revenues	\$161,975
Operating Investments	\$1,006,872		
Other Investments	\$18,657,766		
Other Assets	\$41,515		
Total Assets	\$32,785,174	Total Liabilities	\$225,546

Change in Net Assets	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$10,550,208	\$21,009,769	\$31,559,977
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$2,411,482	(\$1,411,831)*	\$999,651
Net Assets, End of Year	\$12,961,690	\$19,597,938	\$32,559,628

*Decrease in assets reflect capital construction costs.

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Right: Preschool teachers EJ Coolidge and Joey Schoen.



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378 dedicated volunteers

6,148 hours given

\$34.47 per volunteer hour

\$211,921.56 in social return

Shan Knox Volunteer of the Year 2023 – Jeff Zurn

Jeff has been an unsung hero of Dodge for years, working on countless projects at Shepard Farm to bring it fully online for visitors. He turned old farm interiors into classroom spaces, helped renovate the chicken and turkey coops and new barn, and revitalized historic buildings. Jeff's time and talent have been indispensable and we are thrilled to recognize him.



Left: Jeff Zurn, Shan Knox Volunteer of the Year 2023.
Right: Xcel Energy volunteers and Board Member Carol Bouw.



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