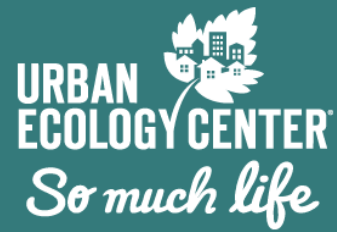




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SEPTEMBER 2022 - AUGUST 2023



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to nature and each other.

To inspire generations to
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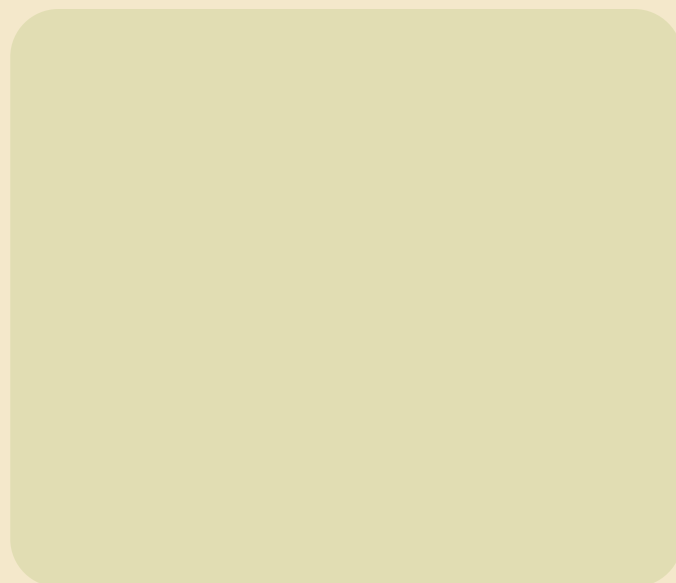
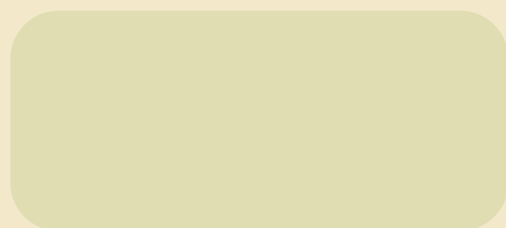
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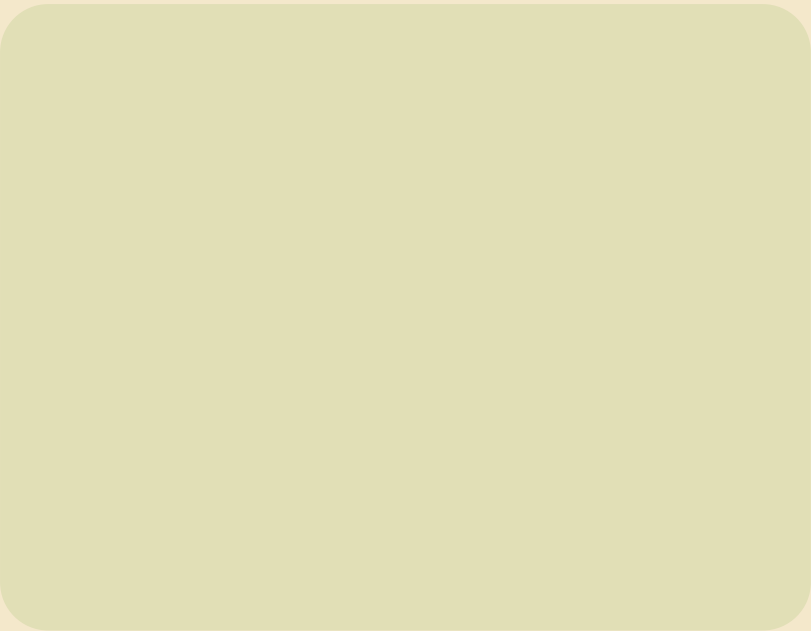
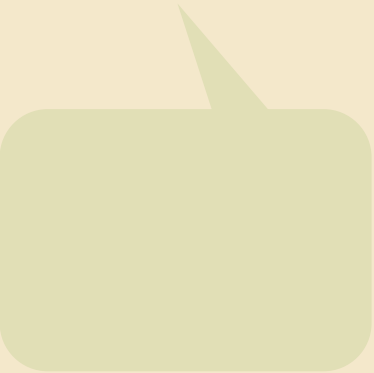
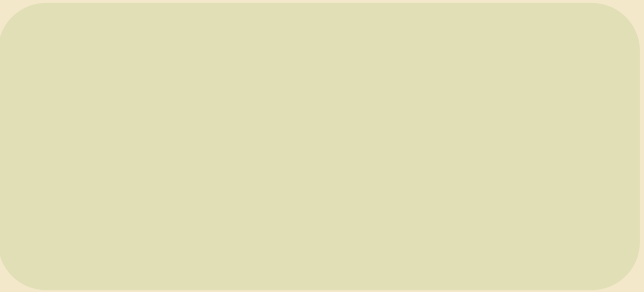




In August 2023, we began the expansion and renovation of the Urban Ecology Center’s Washington Park location. As part of our comprehensive Imagine Campaign, our vision is that the Washington Park neighborhood can be a place where every urban child can explore the natural world every day of every season of every year of their life.

Excitement and anticipation - from neighbors, community partners, students and families - is building as we look forward to what’s to come in 2024; the year in which the newly renovated building will open!

Let’s take a look at the collaborative and community-centric work that brought us to this exciting moment!



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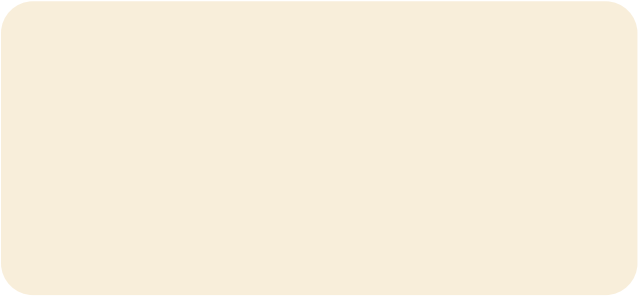
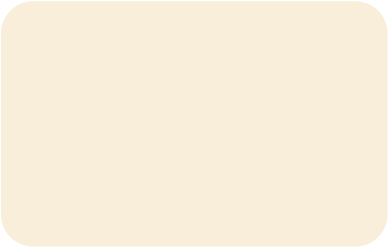
What an incredible year at the Urban Ecology Center! We had a strong fiscal year, supporting the work that brought over 500,000 people to our buildings and parks. To increase our impact, a collective effort was made by staff to improve functioning, budgeting and planning.

In fiscal year 2022-23, through disciplined spending and strong backing from our dedicated community of donors, the UEC closed the year with a near balanced budget. The Urban

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“More people need to understand the interconnected relationship we share with nature.”
- Donor



This past year we launched The Hive, the Urban Ecology Center’s recurring donation program. Thank you to everyone who has chosen to give in this way - you keep the Urban Ecology Center buzzing all year long. By making a commitment to the UEC’s parks, programs and people, you - and many others - are casting votes for the future you wish to see in Milwaukee.

A lone bee will not produce honey but a colony of bees can produce 100 lbs of honey per year. Together, we have a pretty sweet impact on our community!



*“I always wanted to
know what nature
looks like”*
- Program Participant

A LEGACY TO HONOR: KEN LEINBACH

After 25 years of visionary leadership, Ken Leinbach stepped down as the UEC’s Executive Director. Ken helped grow the Urban Ecology Center into the vibrant and thriving environmental education community center it is today.

His dedication to Urban Ecology is unparalleled - he literally wrote the book. As we turn the page on this chapter in the UEC’s incredible history, we find ourselves writing the same sentence over and over again - Thank you, Ken.



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Gifts given September 2022-August 2023 in honor of an individual

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When you include the Urban Ecology Center as a beneficiary in your will, living trust, insurance, or retirement plan you help ensure that the UEC’s mission and your values continue into the future. We are pleased to recognize the following Legacy Society members who have made a lifetime commitment to the Urban Ecology Center. *

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“Los miércoles al venir a caminar, nos sentimos libres. A veces solo una y de repente más, pero aquí seguimos echándole ganas.”
- Caminatas Participant

*Interested in becoming a Legacy Society Member?
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February 24, 2024
Menomonee Valley

Cure your winter blues with a hike on the Hank Aaron State Trail complete with over 500 candles and fun activities along the way!

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April 20-26, 2024
All three UEC branches

Join us for Milwaukee Riverkeeper's annual spring clean up on April 20th to kick off Earth Week!

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June 21, 2024
Riverside Park

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