

# PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

The Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is embarking on an exciting fundraising campaign to build the new \$1.2M Winnebago County Environmental Education Center. We are asking you to make an investment in our quest to **EDUCATE AND CONNECT GENERATIONS NATURALLY** by making a pledge to the campaign. Your gifts will be used toward construction costs of the center.

I \_\_\_\_\_ pledge the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward this project. In consideration of the contribution, the Foundation will gratefully acknowledge the gift.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Donor(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to be recognized

Please recognize me/us in publications/plaques as: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions can be paid according to your terms over a two year period. All payments are due by June 30, 2020. Please choose one of the following payment options.

Make checks payable to: Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation

Reminder notices will be sent 30 days in advance of the due date. Return payments in the envelope provided or to: Chairperson, Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation, 34996 110th Avenue, Forest City, IA 50436.

I would like to pay by check:

Total pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reminder notices.

Payable as follows (please specify amounts and dates if you would like to pay installments).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to set up an auto-withdrawl from my checking/savings account.

We will follow up with an authorization agreement specifying the amount/frequency.

Other payment method (i.e. stocks, bonds, securities, land, grain).

We will follow up to discuss arrangements.

I would like to pay by debit/credit card.

Please visit [www.winnebagoccb.com](http://www.winnebagoccb.com) and click the Capital Campaign tab.

Other instructions:

Please contact: Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation at 641-565-3390, 888-541-8580 or via email at [info@winnebagoccb.com](mailto:info@winnebagoccb.com).

# DONOR RECOGNITION

Recognition Levels	
Chickadee	<\$249
Bluebird	\$250 - \$499
Goldfinch	\$500 - \$999
Cardinal	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Sandhill Crane	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Trumpeter Swan	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Bald Eagle	\$10,000 +

All donations will be recognized in the Winnebago County Conservation newsletter as well as on our web site, [www.winnebagoccb.com](http://www.winnebagoccb.com).

**Gifts \$250 and above** will be recognized in the new center, via a wall display that will be prominently showcased.

You can leave a lasting legacy by pledging a larger gift in your name or in memory of a loved one. A variety of naming opportunities are available. Please contact us to discuss your interest.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, please consult with your tax advisor. The entity raising the funds is the Friends of Winnebago County Conservation Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

What will my donation be used for?

Your gift will be used toward construction costs of the \$1.2M center. The boards have raised 20% of the funding. The rest of the funding will be secured via grants and private donations.

Will any county tax dollars be used to construct this center?

No county tax dollars will be used to construct the center.

When do you anticipate breaking ground and when is the anticipated completion date?

Fundraising will continue throughout 2018. Assuming we have a successful campaign, we hope to begin construction by Spring 2019. And, if all goes as expected, with a one-year construction plan, we hope to hold our grand opening sometime in 2020.

Who will be responsible for the operating costs when the building opens?

The Winnebago County Conservation Board is responsible, as with the current building, for ongoing operational expenses. We anticipate significant savings due to the use of geothermal heating and cooling as well as the use of solar panels to produce electricity. It is estimated that 94 % of the electricity needed will be produced from the solar panel system.

Who can use the center?

Everyone! Residents, tourists, schools, families, youth, civic/professional/community groups. There is something for all ages!

What will be done with the Thorpe Park office?

The plans are to convert it back to a family cabin space and rent it to the public.

Where will the new center be located?

Very near the geographic center of the county, just south of the highway 9 and 69 intersection, within 15-20 minutes of 90%+ of the residents.

County Conservation	
Robert Schwartz	Executive Director
Lisa Ralls	Naturalist
Rick Lillie	Natural Resource Mgr.

Conservation Board Members	
Julie Hagenson	Nancy Helm
Rick Hofbauer	Mike Korth
Tim Missal	

Foundation Board Members	
Brad Huntington	Paul Fitzgerald
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