

JAN 2022

# 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THE NATURE FOUNDATION OF WILL COUNTY

## Protecting Nature, Inspiring Discovery, and Bringing People & Nature Together

Adaptability and flexibility, alongside efforts to expand its digital presence, continued to be essential skills for The Nature Foundation of Will County in 2021. Generosity and an enduring commitment by its donors and supporters to protect nature, inspire discovery, and bring people and nature together advanced the Foundation's work, despite a continuing pandemic.

Because of donor and partnership support, the Foundation provided over \$21,000 in funding in 2021 to the Forest Preserve District for programs and projects that protect nature as well as benefit thousands of visitors to its preserves and visitor centers. The Foundation has also awarded the Forest Preserve District with \$65,000 in funding for 2022. The Foundation's ongoing commitment to building its long-term sustainability has helped to create both financial and organizational stability.

This year, the Foundation expanded its online native plant sales and native plant seminars, expanded its presence on social media, connected more frequently with its supporters, continued to develop new media and marketing materials, and made significant strides in its year-end appeal and planned giving program. Many of these initiatives will continue into 2022 and beyond as awareness and support for The Nature Foundation of Will County grows!

## Funded Projects

Nature Education Program Supplies

Preserve the Moment Photo Contest

[WillysWilderness.org](http://WillysWilderness.org)

Sculpting Wild Juried Art Contest  
at Plum Creek Nature Center

National Parks Endangered Animals  
Quilt Exhibition

Woods Walk Program

Don't Be A Zombie - Natural Disaster  
Preparedness Exhibition  
at Plum Creek Nature Center

All Persons Interpretive Trail at Four  
Rivers Environmental Education Center

Restore Will County Land Stewardship  
Small Grants Program

Serve Will County Youth Service  
Grant Program