

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the EEC, helping with programs, events, and site projects! Visit our website for details or email EECmail@coei.org.

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ELKHART
Environmental
— CENTER —

Programs

We host a variety of programs and workshops throughout the year for kids, adults, and families. Check out our website and social media for updates!



Events

Our major annual events include:

- Earth Day
- EnviroFest
- Waggin' in the Woods (for dogs!)
- Haunted Walk Through the Woods

And they're all a blast--so don't miss out!

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Nature

Education

Sustainability



The Elkhart Environmental Center (EEC) is a city-sponsored environmental learning facility on over 80 acres of land--remediated from an open dump that has since been capped with clay and planted over.

We offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for the community throughout the year, as well as a natural site with public amenities such as trails and gardens.

We also serve as the sustainability department for the city of Elkhart. Check out our solar panels and wind turbine!

EEC Trails

1. EnviroKid Trail
2. Fawn Run
3. River Stroll
4. Upper Wetland Trail
5. Cascade Trail
6. Red Fox Walk
7. Reflection Grove Trail
8. Christner Trail
9. Oak 10 Ridge Trail
10. River Greenway Trail



Wetlands

The EEC features a variety of wetlands, including a man-made wetland by the parking lot, seasonal excavated ponds on the Christner Trail, and an original wetland by the River Greenway Trail that dates back to land surveys from the 1800s.

Prairie

Our prairies feature a variety of native grasses and wildflowers--a beautiful collage of colors and a great display of our state's native plant life. Our prairies are mowed or burned on a rotating 3-5 year schedule to keep out invasive plants.

Forest

Forest land once covered a majority of the state! Our forests are home to a variety of wildlife: deer, coyote, raccoons, opossums, songbirds, raptors, and so much more. Most trees here are young, as the clay cap on the old dump prevents them from growing deep roots.

Elkhart River

The Elkhart River is a great place to fish, watch wildlife, or enjoy a scenic view. Our canoe-launch is open dawn-dusk year round and conveniently located near the River Greenway Trail parking lot.