YOU build today’s environmental leaders!

Read about how your support creates environmental leaders who pass on what they learn.
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Your support for programs like Research and Community Science, High School Outdoor Leaders and summer interns is truly building the next generation of environmental leaders. Thank you for being a part of Ethan’s journey. We can’t wait to see what the next 10 years will bring for him and the UEC community he inspires!

You can support the next generation of environmental leaders.

Give today to connect more kids to the joy of urban nature!
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**Have a special gift or talent you’d like to share?**

We often have projects that require someone with a particular skill set. Learn more about volunteering at UEC by visiting urbanecologycenter.org/volunteer

**WELCOME ED KRISHOK, UEC MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Ed Krishok joins us in a new, limited-term role as we begin transitions related to growth plans in Milwaukee. Ken Leinbach will remain in his role as executive director and concentrate on specific activities related to the long-term growth and financial sustainability of the Urban Ecology Center.

A seasoned professional in both for-profit and non-profit spaces, Ed brings experience from Harley-Davidson and Foley & Lardner to Tamarack Waldorf School and the Academy of Systems Change. We look forward to his leadership!
Save the Date

Autumn Celebration at Washington Park UEC

Sunday, September 29th
at Riverside Park

Oct. 12, 2019
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free! | All ages

Celebrate the changing season with neighbors, family and friends! Crafts, pumpkin carving, outdoor fun, and much more!

If you have named the UEC in your will or trust, thank you!

If you are considering your own gift for the future, please connect with Jen Hense at (414) 964-8505 or jhense@urbanecologycenter.org