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Dear Friends,

It is with our deepest gratitude for your continued support that we share with you the Urban Ecology Center’s Annual Report – an illumination of the activities, highlights and accomplishments for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

At both of our branches in Riverside Park and Washington Park, we’ve taught more kids, served more adults, and healed more land. We continued to expand our services and improve community engagement. This year we had more program participants than ever before!

We prepared to break ground on our third branch in the Menomonee Valley, scheduled to open in the fall of 2012. Additionally, plans are underway to transform a 24-acre brownfield into a natural park in the Valley to be used as an outdoor classroom.

We’ve made progress on the Rotary Centennial Arboretum, the first official arboretum in southeastern Wisconsin. The Arboretum will total 40 acres along the Milwaukee River and be planted with 1,000 trees, representing 72 native species. Over 90 were planted this summer!

Your unwavering support helped make all of this possible.

Please join us as we enter the 2011-2012 fiscal year. There are opportunities to get involved at any level: attend a program, take part in an event or festival, volunteer, donate, sponsor a program, or become a member. If you have questions, we want to hear them. Contact either one of us, or a member of our staff.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Most sincerely,

Jeff Geygan and Ken Leinbach
Our Vision

To create a world where...

...every urban child can explore the natural world every day of every season of every year of his or her life.

A mentor can share and guide the child in this adventure, building curiosity and respect for this natural world.

They and others of all ages can come together in a kind of outdoor laboratory: a neighborhood Urban Ecology Center, which educates and inspires people to understand and value nature as motivation for positive change.
Our Mission

The Urban Ecology Center fosters ecological understanding as inspiration for change, neighborhood by neighborhood.

In each neighborhood we...

- Promote Community
- Protect Urban Nature
- Preserve Land & Water
- Practice Environmental Responsibility
- Provide Environmental Education for Urban Youth

Our Branch Locations

- Riverside Park
- Washington Park
- Site of the Future Menomonee Valley Branch
**Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP)**
Hands-on outdoor learning experiences for urban students. 24 classes per year, for each partnering school within a two-mile radius of our Centers, including transportation.

**Summer Day Camps**
Summer day camps run for eight weeks each summer at Riverside and Washington Parks, led by professional educators, 6 kids to 1 teacher ratio.

**High School Outdoor Leaders Internship Program**
Summer-long and year-round internships are available for teens. They receive training and work experience while mentoring summer camp participants!

**Summer Adult Internship Program**
Interns receive ten weeks of intensive training and work experience in five key professional areas. They serve as adult mentors to High School Outdoor Leaders.

**Young Scientist Club**
Afterschool program for kids 5 – 16 years old. They enjoy outdoor activities, research, homework support, and lots of fun!

**Land Restoration and Stewardship**
We engage thousands of volunteers in natural landscape management healing acres of urban land.

**Citizen Science Research**
Citizens partner with scientists to advance scientific understanding using urban “field” stations.

**Urban Adventures**
We offer the opportunity for all ages to develop healthy habits, go canoeing, rock climbing, hiking, and snowshoeing...right in the city!

**Community Programming and more!**
We engage our community in public festivals, eco travel opportunities, food programs, equipment lending, and so much more!
As a community center, we are free and open to all. We strive to provide opportunities to those least likely to have them.

### URBAN YOUTH
Eighty-three percent of our youth population qualifies for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program, and the racial breakdown is: 75% African American, 19% Caucasian, 6% Latino. Over 44,000 children visited the Center in 2010-2011.

### SCHOOLS
We work with schools within our neighborhood, defined as any school within two miles of a Center. In fiscal year 2010-2011 we partnered with 44 schools. 25 were Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and 19 were non-MPS schools.

### FAMILIES
Over 3,000 supporting households used our services. And, this number is growing year by year.

### ADULTS
We hosted 35,000 adult visits in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This doesn’t take into account the thousands of users of the natural areas each year.

### NEIGHBORHOODS
Neighborhood groups can meet at our Centers for free, such as Urban Echo Poets, Transition Milwaukee, Friends of Real Food and Community Living Options Group.

### THE NATION
Our model program is being sought after nationwide. Be it our award-winning Neighborhood Environmental Education Program, our cutting-edge Citizen Science Research program, or our experience with restoration, green building, and community development, we're sharing what we've learned along the way.
## Evaluation

### How we know we are making a difference

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<td><strong>100%</strong> of school partners believe that our programs boost academic performance and help kids to be more comfortable in nature. <strong>99%</strong> of classroom teachers said that the kids would not get these hands-on activities without the Center.</td>
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<th>Ecological Literacy</th>
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<td>» Emotional connection to nature</td>
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<td>» Cross-generational mentoring</td>
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<td>» Recognizing one’s role in the community</td>
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<td>» Desire and ability to take action</td>
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| Land Is Healed | The Urban Ecology Center is directly responsible for the restoration of **51 acres** and has been the catalyst for hundreds of acres of preserved and restored land along the Milwaukee River Corridor, and now along the Menomonee River as well. |

| Crime Is Reduced | The parks are used nearly 365 days of the year, creating a community presence in the park. Riverside Park has gone from one of the city’s crime hot spots to a safe haven, and crime in and around Washington Park has dropped by 56% since 2005. |

### Positive Community Engagement

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<th>Community Groups</th>
<th>Numerous neighborhood associations and community interest groups meet at our facilities.</th>
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<td>Volunteers</td>
<td>2,000 volunteers log 15,000 hours at the Center each year.</td>
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<td>Visitors</td>
<td>77,000 people connect to us and our resources each year.</td>
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| Obesity Is Reduced | The Center for Disease Control listed the Urban Ecology Center as one of 20 best practices nationwide as a way to get kids active. |

### Exercise + Healthy Food = Healthy Kids
Through the work that takes place at our Environmental Community Centers:

- **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT** goes up
- **CRIME** goes down
- **HEALTH** improves
- **LAND** is healed
- **THE COMMUNITY** is inspired and engaged
- **ECOLOGICAL LITERACY** improves

*And the neighborhood wins!*
2010-2011 Accomplishments and Highlights

THE BIG PICTURE: ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Systems Thinking**
A particular highlight of this year was our introduction to Peter Senge, renowned thinker and author of The 5th Discipline. Senge’s work on systems thinking and creating learning organizations for success in business and, most recently, education is increasingly relevant to the way we work to achieve our mission. Through the growing relationship with Peter, we were able to more fully understand and embrace systems thinking across our programs and activities, helping us develop the tools to refine our environmental education approach.

**Evaluation**
Over the course of the last fiscal year, we have been working to deepen our evaluation processes to specifically measure student academic achievement, mission delivery and health. These tools serve as a roadmap as we continue to improve our curriculum. Additionally, we have deepened our relationship with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), including advising the development of the Comprehensive Math and Science Plan for MPS. Due to our early knowledge of the national standards integrated into the plan, we were one of the first organizations to translate these standards into hands-on, inquiry-based lessons.

**Research and Citizen Science**
Our Research and Citizen Science team grew substantially this year, which allowed for the creation of long-term monitoring plans for each branch, published annual research summaries, and a comprehensive data management and storage plan. This year also marked the first annual Green Birding Challenge, promoting healthy birding and celebrating the 200 species that migrate through our area.

Our work continued to be recognized internationally. We were selected in a competitive process to advise the future direction of Citizen Science at an international symposium at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. This conference resulted...
in the creation of the first large-scale Citizen Science conference in Portland, Oregon in 2012 and the creation of a new society focusing on Citizen Science as an academic field. The Center has been invited to serve on the advisory team for both of these projects.

**Menomonee Valley Branch**

With two successful branches in Riverside and Washington Parks, we prepared to break ground on a third branch in the Menomonee Valley, along the Hank Aaron State Trail, in order to expand our environmental education model. The project, one piece of the joint effort with Menomonee Valley Partners, Inc., called Menomonee Valley – From the Ground Up, builds on the momentum in Milwaukee’s Menomonee River Valley.

Together with Uihlein-Wilson Architects and Berghammer Construction, we moved forward using the four conceptual designs created by students from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. We acquired ownership of our new space, a 1933 tavern on 37th and Pierce, and began the process of sourcing building materials, combining reclaimed materials and new green technology.

Urban Ecology Center and Menomonee Valley Partners, in partnership with the State of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee, and many other stakeholders, planned to transform a 24-acre brownfield in the Valley into an urban park and outdoor classroom. This new community asset will be incorporated into the Hank Aaron State Trail, and will include multiple habitat zones that are native to southeast Wisconsin, improve water quality, and provide public access to the Menomonee River.

We were hard at work in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, connecting people with the outdoors in an effort to help them live healthy, abundant lifestyles. We continued to grow, serving more people and communities, and restoring and protecting more land. With the support of our community, we are poised to make even greater impacts in Milwaukee. Our collective accomplishments are the result of cooperative efforts across all aspects of the Center.
Inside and out, **Riverside Park** is buzzing nearly 365 days a year. The **Milwaukee Rotary Centennial Arboretum Project**’s efforts created more energy at Riverside Park bringing in over 1,000 volunteers digging in the dirt to plant the seeds of southeastern Wisconsin’s first official Arboretum, which will open in the fall of 2013. With a dedicated team of volunteers we planted over 5,000 herbaceous plants, 155 trees, and 100 shrubs. By only planting native species, we are increasing the biodiversity of the park, restoring the space to native habitat, and promoting a healthy ecosystem. We propagated more plants than ever before including almost 10,000 grasses, sedges, forbs, and shrubs.

Our team developed a tree survey and vegetation monitoring system to create our most comprehensive research system yet. The Arboretum will serve as a living entryway to the 800-acre Milwaukee River Greenway and a hub for environmental education, research, native tree propagation, recreation, youth job training and quiet reflection.

This year, our **Adult Internship Program** and **High School Outdoor Leadership Program** attracted our largest applicant pool to date. Both programs consisted of extremely capable participants that contributed great efforts to our summer camps, research projects, and visitor and volunteer services at both our Riverside and Washington Park branches. Additionally, our **Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP)** was at full capacity serving 44 schools between both branches.

A notable discovery from this year’s research and citizen science efforts included the first and only American Badger documentation in Riverside Park.
At Washington Park, 2010-2011 was a rebuilding year as our branch leadership transitioned. Washington Park served 18 schools, and we continued the successful practice of sharing resources (educators and vehicles) between Riverside Park and Washington Park to best serve our school partners. Our Neighborhood Environmental Education Project continues to be a frontrunner in science and environmental education in Milwaukee. The ability to attract and retain school partners, even through hard economic times, is testament to the value of our program. Based on feedback from our partners, we have also modified our course offerings and added several new classes to our curriculum.

Our festivals highlight our deepening relationships in the community. This past year, Winterfest at Washington Park was a great success, drawing over 500 people. This festival was an opportunity for the neighborhood residents to bundle up for winter activities like sledding, ice skating, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing and was an example of positive community interaction and learning.

Drawing more visitors to our building is another way we sought to develop more connections and support. Our animal room is becoming a popular neighborhood destination and a favorite of NEEP students and the Young Scientist Club, engaging kids and their families five days of week. In response, we made plans to expand the animal room at Washington Park to house a new 500-gallon tank dubbed “Lake Wisconsin” and develop a curriculum that is focused on Wisconsin native fish.

In our role as a community center, we continued to look for resources to create a comfortable and engaging place that helps us develop community connections and helps residents connect to one another.
It was another great year at the Urban Ecology Center. Despite growing the budgeted needs of the organization by 17.8% from the prior year, a modest operating surplus was earned during our fiscal year ending August 31, 2011. This robust financial performance is a reflection of generous community support as well as the frugal financial leadership of the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the team of staff members who facilitate daily operations. These team members are responsible stewards of the resources the community invests in our mission and vision to inspire change through environmental education.

Also increased from the prior year were cash on-hand and reserve account levels to accommodate planned future growth and unexpected issues that may arise in the ordinary course of business. The strong financial position of the Urban Ecology Center is further demonstrated through the favorable ratio of assets to liabilities, which includes no current usage of long-term debt, and has positioned the organization for meaningful, near-term growth in targeted areas.

Please visit the website at www.urbanecologycenter.org for additional information including the IRS Form 990 annual filing and our annual financial statements as audited by Milwaukee-based accounting firm Scribner, Cohen & Co.
## Summarized Statement of Activities for the year ended August 31, 2011

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<td>Membership Dues</td>
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<td>Rental Income</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
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<td>Providing Environmental Education for Urban Youth</td>
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<td>Promoting Community</td>
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<td>Practicing Environmental Responsibility</td>
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<td>Other Expense</td>
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**Change in Net Assets**: $620,187

## Summarized Statement of Financial Position as of August 31, 2011

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<td>Other Assets</td>
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<td>Temporarily Restricted</td>
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2010-2011

Urban Ecology Center’s Donors

Foundations, Corporations & Organizations
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$50,000+
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Cream City Ribbon
Crowdrise
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HGA Architects and Engineers
HSBC Philanthropic Programs
Invivo Wellness
Jewish Community Foundation, Inc.
Eileen & Howard Dubner Donor Advised Fund
J.K. Lee Black Belt Academy
JB Investment Management, LLC.
John Anderson’s Lock Service
Johnson’s Nursery, Inc.
Jul Shoes
Keen
Kenwood United Methodist Church
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Milwaukee Public Theatre
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My Kids Lids
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Volunteers in Action
We are grateful for the participation, support and presence of our volunteers. While their names are not listed here, the time and talent they contribute is vital to the Urban Ecology Center. Watch for a full listing of our volunteers in future annual reports.

The size and color of text represents distinct giving levels. All gifts, including memberships are listed here. Every effort was made to ensure that this list of donors is accurate. If you made a gift between September 2010 and August 2011 and your name is not listed, or is listed differently than it should be, please contact Cassie Mordini, Individual Giving and Events Specialist, at cmordini@urbanecologycenter.org.

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Michael Allen and Mame Allmon
Ona Alminas
Kathleen and Tom Alpren
Henry and Barbara Althoen
Nikki Amato
Laura Ambrose
Shrikanth Ananthakrishnan
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Laura Anderko and Robert Dinse
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Erick and Kara Anderson
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