



Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary Celebrates Groundbreaking!

Recently several community members, students from the Ace Building Academy, Madison School, and the Tiny Tiger Intergenerational Center, School District of Marshfield Officials, and the Leadership Marshfield group who have spearheaded the new Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary came together to break ground for the new shelter.

The Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary is located on a three acre parcel of donated wetland, adjacent to the high school. A grant from our Marshfield Alumni Fund supported the excavation of the existing ponds. Ducks and birds have already made their home in these new ponds! Project designers envision a shelter, walking paths and other enhancements to this site. The shelter will be built by Marshfield High School Building Technology students. The structure will then be used by many disciplines at the high school – science, agriculture, and art to teach students about animals, plants, and the outdoors. This land will also be used by many of the extracurricular groups of the high school – FFA, The Green Team, Science Olympiad, and the new Envirothon team. It is located close to the High School, Madison Elementary School, Tiny Tiger Intergenerational Center. It is an addition to the surrounding neighborhood. It will be used by all ages in our community. This project demonstrates how when a group of committed parents, students, teachers, and community member set their minds to making a project happen in our community– it does!

As the Director of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, I am happy we are involved in another project at the high school. This has been a good partnership for Marshfield Area Community Foundation and the School District. We have helped with the Tiny Tiger Intergenerational Center, The Human Service Academy, Ace Building Academy, Boson Tennis Facility, the new electronic sign in front of the high school, the Marshfield High School Alumni Grants Fund, and many other projects. The mission of MACF is to connect people who care with the causes that matter. This **project matters** and these **volunteers care!**

If you would be interested in donating to this project, your check may be sent to me at Marshfield Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 456, Marshfield, WI 54449.



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