

# What is the Outdoor Learning Environment?

- Converting a retention basin and the 5 acres around the basin into the Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE)
- Transform land into a natural learning space for students
- Provide students with hands-on experiences in natural systems



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- Provide an area where students can engage in testing hypotheses, collecting and analyzing data
- Engaging in an ongoing design process related to water quality, freshwater biology and environmental diversity
- Students will be involved in the development of the outdoor area



## Phase 1 – Completed June 2018

- Native prairie seeding around the pond - 3 acres
- Shrub and tree planting to provide animal habitat
- Pond has been fully stocked

**Funds raised - \$7,000, Phase 1 is fully funded**



## **Phase 2 – Completed by October 2018**

- Install pond aeration and algae removal equipment
- Construct storage shed

**Funds raised to date: \$12,000**

**Phase 2 is fully funded.**



## Phase 3 – Completed by December 2018

- Construct open air shelter for classroom setting
- Install storage shed

### Funding needs:

Looking for donation of lumber  
to construct the shelter

Concrete donation secured

Storage shed donation secured



**Donations to  
date**

**John Deere Financial**

**Veridian Credit Union**

**Iowa Department of Natural  
Resources**

**Clean Water Iowa**

**Moremond Family**

**Individual donors**

**Total raised to date: \$20,000**