

## **Community-Campus Partnerships**

Center for Environmental Education, Demonstration, and Applied Research (CE<sup>2</sup>DAR)

Root River Environmental Education and Community Center (REC)

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

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## **Center for Community Partnerships**

Established 1997

Dean for Community Engagement & Civic Learning (2005)



### Recent Developments

- Carnegie Foundation
   Community Engagement
   Classification
- President's Civic Honor Roll

Community Based Scholarship & Nonprofit Development

Professional & Continuing Education

Community Dialogues



### CE<sup>2</sup>DAR and REC: Common Goals

- Increase and improve K-16 and public access to environmental education opportunities.
- Foster and support interdisciplinary environmental research opportunities.
- Demonstrate innovative, ecologically sound residential and commercial products and business practices.
- Build awareness and appreciation for the Great Lakes ecosystem and connected watersheds.



## Center for Environmental Education, Demonstration and Applied Research (CE<sup>2</sup>DAR)

Address: 7825 1st Avenue

Built 1936; placed on National Registry of Historic Buildings in 2003

Initial Partner: City of Kenosha Parks Department







## CE<sup>2</sup>DAR

City Park

Southport Beach House (CE<sup>2</sup>DAR)

Water Treatment Facility

Kenosha Sand Dunes and Low Prairie

Chiwaukee Prairie





# Root River Environmental Education and Community Center (REC)



1301 6th Street Racine, Wisconsin

Initial Partners: City of Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, and the River Bend Nature Center



### **Root River Environmental Education Community Center**

### Proposed Root River Environmental Education Community Center (REC)









City of Racine, Wisconsin

The Lake Michigan Pothway extends approximately 9.8 miles along Racine's Lakeshore connecting Racine County's 5 mile long MRX Trail on the north with Racine County's 3 mile long MRX Trail on the north with County's 5 miles long MRX Trail on the north with County of the North Racine County's 3 mile long MorthShorer Trail on the south which in turn connection to Kenosha County of Perships County of County of Perships Park, Diomitowin, the Harbor, North Beach of the 2 north Lake Michigan Pathway also connects at the Main Street Bridge to the Root River Pathway.





The Root River Pathway extends 4 miles from the Main Street Birdge on the east to come the result of the result of

#### Legend

Root River Pathway
Lake Michigan Pathway

Pathway
..... County Bike Trail

- - - - Future Pathway



Future Lake Michigan





## Next Steps

- Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant
- Expand external partnerships
- Connect to teaching and research
- AmeriCorps\*VISTA
- Seek additional external support



# Preserving the Past... Fostering a Sustainable Future











