

## Sandy Dawe Memorial Butterfly Garden

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This garden demonstrates a variety of native plant species that can be used to attract butterflies to any garden. Feel free to take a stroll through the garden and observe the various plant and butterfly species. Near the west end of the house is a 750 gallon rainwater harvesting system, which is used to water plants in both the butterfly garden and the children's garden. The garden is named after Sandy Dawe, a long-time volunteer for TCF, who loved gardening.



To learn more about butterfly gardens, please visit the informational signs and take one of our brochures.

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## Children's Garden



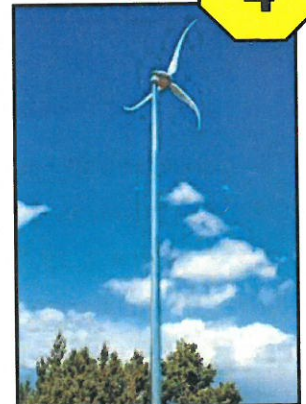
The future of our planet rests in the hands of today's youth. That's why TCF emphasizes the importance of educating our youth and providing hands on experiences with rainwater harvesting and sustainable gardening practices. Through the work of our teachers and wonderful volunteers we are able to reach hundreds of children every year. The garden includes a variety of native plants and vegetables and used by summer camps and the Green Earth Institute.

To learn more about our Children's Garden, please contact Judy Fitchett at (630) 428-4500, ext. 12.

## TCF Sustainability Project

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TCF produces about 30 percent of our own clean, renewable energy for the office by utilizing sunlight and wind equally. Water conservation is another key component of our sustainability project. Near the barns is our 25,000 gallon, underground rainwater harvesting system. 100 percent of rainwater runoff from the roofs of the barns is directed into the system and then the Green Earth Institute farmers use the collected water to irrigate their organic crops. Both barns have "green" roofs, an example of sustainable roofing. The "green" roofs are made from up to 90 percent recycled metal and last about 50 years, making them eco-friendly and cost effective. The big barn (with the solar panels) is used by the farmers, while the smaller barn, or granary, is where we store our rain barrels.



To learn more about our sustainability project, please refer to the signs on the barn and informational brochures.

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## Robert C. Clow Education Center



This stone house, the childhood home of Lenore (Clow) McDonald, used to be on 104th Street in Naperville, but it was dismantled and reconstructed at the McDonald Farm in 2007 as TCF's education center. Robert Clow came to the U.S. from Scotland and homesteaded property in the 1840s, and this building housed multiple generations of his family. Sarah Clow Boris (sister of Lenore Clow McDonald) was the stone house's owner until its donation. The Clows were a close family who generally all convened on Sunday afternoons to have picnics, to play yard games, and to enjoy time together. Be sure to check out the sustainable features of the house, including its permeable paver driveway and permeable concrete front walkway, and bamboo flooring.

To learn more about The Clow House, please go inside and read the informational signs or pick up a brochure.