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Peck Farm Projects

Geneva Park District, Geneva, Illinois

A community treasure.

Peck Farm has become a community treasure with its historic farmstead, native prairie and wetlands. Over a five-year span, Upland Design has assisted with site improvement planning, bidding and construction observation. First, an outdoor meeting space and classroom size overlook deck was added on the north side of Peck Lake. The materials included recycled lumber decking and rails elevated on concrete piers. Interpretive signage and built-in benches add to the character of the space, making this a place for all to enjoy.

Next, renovation of the much loved butterfly house was needed. New stamped concrete paths were added, along with seat walls. These improvements allowed for reduced maintenance and blocked entry to pests, protecting the butterflies and caterpillars. A drainage system was included to the project, to keep the walks inside the butterfly house dry from rainfall.

The most recent project component was an outdoor theater, a fire pit and a meeting space. The new area is placed at the site of an old barn that was removed long ago. Shaping the theater are limestone seat walls that face a reestablished prairie. Permeable concrete pavers were used with careful attention to detail as to match the existing brick colors of the site.

Peck Farm continues to be a wonder to the generations that visit and now has more comfortable spaces for the community to enjoy.