

GO WILD: POLLINATOR GARDENS AND PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS FOR MARQUETTE'S CAMPUS

Summary

The project will (1) allow Marquette to participate in federal and state initiatives to restore pollinator habitat; (2) serve as a teaching tool for biology, engineering, theology, and philosophy courses; (3) be an interactive and visual engagement fixture on campus that would connect the campus community to one of Wisconsin's vital ecosystems.

Milestones

- **Year 1**
 - Summer 2022-Design and Planning Phase
 - October 2022-Site Preparation and Planting
 - Spring 2023-Site Assessment
 - Spring-Summer 2023-Maintenance
- **Year 2**
 - Fall 2023-Site Assessment and Planting
 - Spring-Fall 2024-Weekly watering
- **Beyond**
 - Spring 2025-Self-sustaining

About Our Team

- **Nathan Lemoine**, Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences – lead scientist, research, and teaching expertise
- **Chelsea Malacara**, Sustainability & Energy Management Coordinator, Facilities Planning and Management – liaison with facilities, campus planning, facilitator, community engagement
- **Kirsten Boeh**, Communications Coordinator in College of Arts & Sciences – Midwest native plant expertise, campus engagement

Beyond Boundaries

The pocket prairie will support research projects in areas of community collaboration as well as water and environmental engineering, science, policy, art, and ethics. This project inherently creates opportunities for interdisciplinary work and experiential learning, reinforcing our campus as a living laboratory.

The pocket prairie project will also provide a space for co-curricular offerings where students will foster a sense of “ecospirituality” that is critical in a time which our Earth desperately faithful stewards.
