



# ZoopolisTour

## Nature in the City

The 2009 Zoopolis Tour features seven sites that feature bio-diversity and wildlife habitat. Explore five private yards, a condominium property and a schoolyard nature area. Each is unique and offers the opportunity to see woods, prairie, ponds, birdscaping, and butterfly gardens. Profits will be used for habitat restoration and building trails in city parks, open spaces and along the rivers. For more information, call 920-922-7931 or email [dbeck7931@charter.net](mailto:dbeck7931@charter.net).

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009**  
**Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

*Rain date: Wednesday, August 5*

**1-8 pm**

**Ticket Price: \$10**

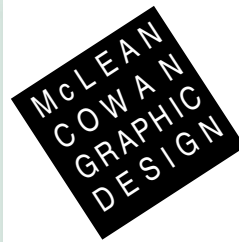
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### 1. Jim Cooley–361 5th Street

You will enjoy exploring the trails that weave all around in this hidden piece of wilderness inside the city. Over the course of 31 years, about 50 trees of various species have been planted on this half acre site. It offers a good example of birdscaping habitat with brush piles and nesting sites. As the owner exclaimed, “This isn’t for me. This is for wildlife!”

### 2. Mary Ellen McMeen–384 East 9th Street

Here is an opportunity to see how even a small city lot can offer wildlife habitat. Ten years ago this yard was almost empty. Trees, bushes, and perennials were planted while Mother Nature supplied other “volunteers,” providing habitat for the birds and insects in this tiny wild kingdom. Even dandelions are welcome!

### 3. Theisen Arboretum–Mequon Avenue

The environmental science classes want you to discover and walk the 900 ft. trail with benches that winds through the northeast corner of the grounds of Theisen Middle School. There you will find a small conifer woods of white spruce and red pine, over 400 native shrubs and trees, a wetland area, and a prairie.

### 4. Carol and Lewis Smith–790 Hampton Avenue

Thirteen years ago the owners chose to build on this site because of the beautiful 120 year old burr oak that fills much of the back yard. The landscaping was based on the history of the land as a wet oak savanna. The tour around the house features a perennial bed, a shade tolerant prairie, a shade garden under the oak, and prairie plants with bushes as well as a vegetable garden in the back.

### 5. Linda and Roger Sarauer–N5868 Grandview Road

Nine years ago this 1.6 acre site was a house on a thistle choked field. The owners began immediately to landscape for wildlife and to plant native species. Garden rooms surround the house and include a heart shaped garden of tall plants, a garden under the high tension line tower, an orchard area, a berry area, a vegetable garden, a tiered wall garden, and a cutting garden.

### 6. South Lake 4-Plex Condo Association– South Lake Circle

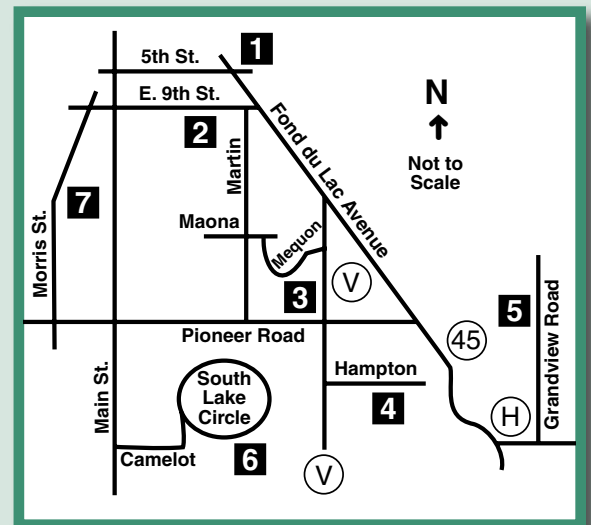
Witness common ground being transformed from monoculture lawn to biodiversity and habitat. The condo group is in the process of working toward a wildlife habitat certification. There are gardens directly behind the buildings and some large habitat islands that have been established within the lawn. Two areas have been heavily mulched and will be the site of native trees and bushes.

### 7. Lori Amend and Jeannie Wachs–583 Morris Street

This one acre site is a lovely country garden in the midst of the city with a great variety of native plants, flowers and wildlife. As you enter through the front yard gate, you will find a butterfly garden dedicated to monarchs. Spruces, birdhouses, bird baths, bird feeders and ponds are found throughout the yard. The grass area in the back yard will be the site of the Zoopolis sponsor exhibit tables.

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A ticket can be purchased  
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