

Project GREEN and the Iowa City Public Library present



Second Sunday 2026 Winter Garden Forums*

Meeting Room A — 2 to 4 p.m.
Free to the Public



Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026. *Bur Oak Land Trust: Strategies in Environmental Conservation.* Jason Taylor, Executive Director, has been instrumental in promoting land conservation efforts in the region, ensuring that natural habitats are preserved for future generations. His leadership at Bur Oak illustrates his commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement. Jason previously worked at VentureLab.org and Project Lead The Way, providing innovative curriculum strategies for transformative learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, and was a key driver for innovative curriculum strategies and program development. He previously served in the United States Marine Corps and earned a B.S. in Environmental Science and an M.A. in Educational Measurement and Statistics from the University of Iowa.



Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026. *Creating a Pocket Prairie in Your Landscape.* Kasey Hutchinson, Johnson County Planning, Development and Sustainability. Since 2018, Kasey Hutchinson has served as Johnson County's Environmental Regulations Coordinator, ensuring that developments in unincorporated areas meet the county's environmental standards. She also manages the county's Soil Health Program and represents Johnson County on the Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authorities (MIWMAI), advancing regional efforts to protect and restore water resources. Kasey brings broad experience in water resource management, having worked across all levels of government, as well as in the private sector. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Science and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa.



Sunday, March 8, 2026. *Monitoring Kent Park Bluebirds — Learning the Hard Way.* Ben Rowold is a dedicated volunteer with the Johnson County Conservation Board. For more than a decade, he has combined his lifelong interest in nature with hands-on stewardship to monitor the bluebird nest box trail at F.W. Kent Park. He is now entering his 11th season of supporting this vital conservation effort. Although his professional career was with a government contractor before retiring in 2023, Ben has long valued opportunities to connect with the natural world. He also serves on the board of Iowa Master Naturalists, where he enjoys learning, sharing, and building connections with others who care deeply about conservation.



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Attendance provides Iowa State University Extension Master Gardeners CE hours.

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