



## Ruby the Turtle

We are thrilled to provide an update in our turtle habitat enhancement project at the Interpretive Nature Center. Our Red-eared slider turtle, Ruby, has lived at the Center since 2011, inspiring thousands of people over the years. In 2024, we decided that it was time to build Ruby a new home with more space so that she can continue to grow. We completed a concept design for her new tank, which includes enhancements like a large water tank, walking space, and improved lighting. In May, the Genesee County ACORNS held a fundraiser to raise funds for this project.

The fundraiser turned out to be a huge success! We were blown away by the amazing support from our community. Over 140 people stopped by the Interpretive Nature Center for a day filled with fun turtle-themed activities. The ACORNS have raised almost \$4,000 towards a new home for Ruby. Thank you!

The ACORNS are very close to their goal of \$5,000. You can still donate by visiting the [ACORNS website](#). Check back in our newsletter for future updates!



## Volunteers Needed

From planting trees to leading hikes, volunteers are essential to our parks! Meet new people interested in nature, while learning about the world around you and gaining new experiences. Parks thrive when we come together to make the world a better place!

The help of volunteers makes it possible for the Genesee County Parks to provide excellent recreational and educational activities for citizens of Genesee County and beyond.

Learn more on our website:  
<https://www.geneseeny.gov/parks>



## Scout Opportunities

Genesee County Parks, Recreation & Forestry provides volunteer opportunities for Scouts of all ages!

### Earn service hours by:

- Assisting with programs
- Creating trail signs
- Monitoring nest boxes
- Maintaining the ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center
- Hosting duties and cleaning the Interpretive Center
- Providing turtle care

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