



Where the Natural World Touches the Heart of the City

Less than a half-mile from downtown Columbus lies a fragile green oasis: **Scioto Audubon Metro Park**.

Its bird-rich riverside woodlands border an industrial landscape now being transformed into a vibrant urban green space of restored natural habitats—home to native birds, plants and wildlife, and a world-class nature education facility, the **Grange Insurance Audubon Center**.

A Natural Collaboration

The area's reclamation is part of a major "green development" project, a collaborative effort of the City of Columbus, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks and Audubon Ohio.

Audubon Ohio, with the help of its major corporate sponsor, Grange Insurance, broke ground for the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in April 2008, having raised over \$13 million for the project. The Center is scheduled to open in 2009, one of the first in Audubon's long history to bring hands-on conservation and nature-based learning into the core of a major city.



Now Nature in The City Needs a Partner Like You

Today, Audubon Ohio is turning to you, the public, to gain the remaining support it needs for building construction, site development, start-up expenses, initial operating costs and a permanent endowment.

Thanks to a unique partnership between the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and Columbus Audubon (the local chapter of the National Audubon Society), a special **Founding Membership** is now being offered that entitles you to all of the benefits of both organizations through one all-inclusive membership.



The Founder's Tree

And it entitles you, as a Founding Member, to an inscribed leaf of your own on the Founder's Tree sculpture on permanent display in the Grange Insurance Audubon Center.

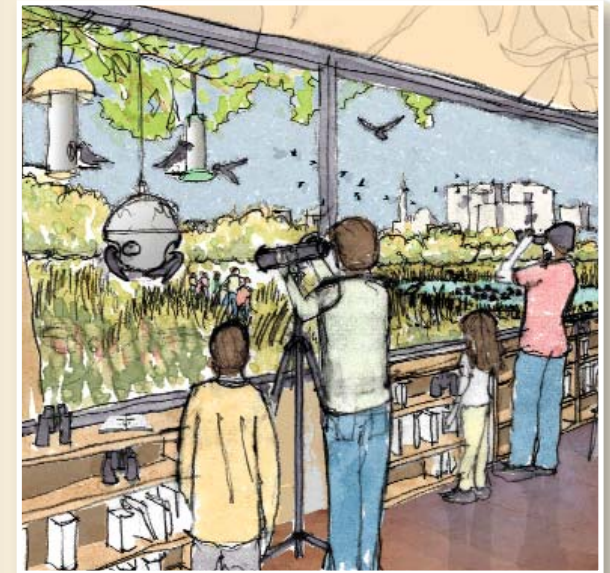
Founding Membership Benefits

- Subscription to *Song Sparrow*, the joint newsletter of Columbus Audubon and the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, keeping you up to date on all the latest developments in the park and at the Center
- Subscription to *Audubon* magazine, the award-winning official publication of the National Audubon Society
- An exclusive invitation to a special **Founding Members Preview Tour** before the Center is open to the public
- Member's name etched on a leaf on our "Founders Tree" in the Center
- Free Columbus Audubon field trips and programs throughout the year
- Special volunteer opportunities
- An invitation to attend the Columbus Audubon annual meeting
- Satisfaction that their membership supports learning opportunities for thousands of urban youth each year

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Your Contribution Will Help Fund Development of:

- An 18,000 square foot nature education facility in the heart of Columbus, utilizing environmentally friendly "green" technology and design. The Center will feature classrooms, exhibit space, a library and a 200-person auditorium.
- Nature trails
- A nature playground
- Hands-on educational exhibits for children and adults
- Outdoor gardens and wildlife viewing areas
- A wetland and other outdoor learning stations
- And much more!



Join the Adventure!

Audubon's goal is to provide state-of-the-art hands-on environmental education in what will become the "Natural" Center of Columbus.

Join your neighbors as a Founding Member of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and help make a place for nature in the heart of the city.

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