



Sustainable Kenosha County is an initiative of Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser, in partnership with Kenosha County UW-Extension & Kenosha County Department of Public Works and Development Services.

SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE AT THE KENOSHA COUNTY CENTER

This summer has brought some exciting developments to the KCC campus. Find out what you can apply in your own home!

New energy efficient external lighting

Exterior LED lighting updates at Kenosha County facilities are providing a significant cost-savings. Facilities Maintenance Manager Mike Schrandt explains that “the old exterior building lights were 100 watts - the new LEDs are 35 watts and give you the same amount of light. Where \$3 was spent in the past, we now spend \$1 for the same amount of lighting.”

Interested in LEDs? Learn more at www.focusonenergy.com/residential/efficient-products-appliances/lighting-and-appliances.



Kenosha County Facilities Electrician Mike Woodward installs new LED lights at KCC.

Native prairie established

Land north of the KCC building is being converted to native prairie with funding provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. According to Parks Director Matt Collins, “the prairie is a great showcase to our residents on the numerous benefits of native species. 32 plant species were seeded this last winter - it will take up to five years to show the full benefits of this restoration project.”



Wild quinine in the KCC prairie. This WI native has a long bloom time and is disease and insect resistant - a perfect addition to any home garden.



KCC’s resident sandhill cranes enjoying the new prairie.



Black-eyed Susan is prevalent throughout the KCC prairie.

All-America Selection Display Garden focuses on foodscaping, repurposing, accessibility

The theme for the garden at the KCC this year is foodscaping. Foodscaping integrates edible plantings into attractive landscapes. UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers have created a space that looks great while providing an abundance of fresh produce which is donated to the Sharing Center in Trevor.

UW-Extension Horticulture Educator Jeanne Hilinske-Christensen highlights her favorite All-America Selection winners on display at the garden:

Delizz Strawberry - an easy to grow edible, this plant produces abundant fruit and is useful as an edging plant along a landscape path or planted in containers.

Patio Choice Yellow Tomato – The compact growth habit of this yellow cherry tomato makes it perfect for tucking into small spaces in the landscape and grows great in hanging baskets.

Fennel Antares – The fern-like fronds of this fennel add an airy appearance to an edible ornamental bed. It is also a favorite food for swallowtail caterpillars.

Find out more about these plants at www.all-americaselections.org/winners/.



Raised beds make gardening easy and accessible.



An old satellite dish from the KCC roof has been repurposed as a planter. Note the ornamental petunias growing alongside beans and squash plants.

Upcoming Go365 Walks & Other Events

- 8/21, 5:00 PM “Summer Strolling” at KCC. Refreshments & resources provided in the garden provided by Sustainable Kenosha County!
- 9/21, 5:00 PM “Autumn Eve” at KCC
- 10/16, 5:00 PM “Celebrate Boss’ Day” at KCAB
- See list of upcoming events in Kenosha County Parks at www.kenoshacounty.org/600/Parks

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