



# Jester Park Conservation Center



FRONT VIEW



REAR VIEW

## Platform for Discovery, Gateway to Wonder

Polk County Conservation is a statewide and regional leader in conservation, outdoor recreation, and environmental education but has never had a facility that showcases this. The Jester Park Conservation Center will enhance education excellence, demonstrate conservation and sustainable design, serve as a significant tourist attraction and community resource, and provide a safe haven to park users during severe weather.

The Center will be located just inside a newly relocated main entrance to Jester Park. Immersed in prairie, the Center will be connected to wetlands, a pond, and woodlands by

means of hiking trails. The Center's upper level will be home to Conservation headquarters where the public can have immediate access to staff, resources, and interpretive areas. The lower level will serve as an educational staging area for science, arts, history, and a gateway to the great outdoors. Public rental space and a safe room will provide a secure environment for all users.

This project is being funded in part through Polk County Water and Land Legacy. Additional funds are being secured through private donations and grants.

Summer 2013

- site preparation

Fall 2013

- site development

2014 – 2015

- construction of building and site amenities



For more information about this project, contact Polk County Conservation at **515-323-5300** or visit our website at **leadingyououtdoors.org**. Thank you for your patience while these improvements are taking place.