natural beauty fills their senses. The EEC site tells a hopeful story of restoration and new life from death. Before it became the city dump, this land was a wooded floodplain alongside the Elkhart River that supported a lush variety of life. Around the early 20th century, the land was cleared and used as cropland and for a small gravel quarry. Because the land was in a floodplain, it was risky for farming or development. Before we learned about the value of floodplains and wetlands, this land was considered “unproductive” and, when the need arose, a prime candidate for a new city dump.

Today, on this formerly ruined land that supported only rats and flies, there is a restored natural landscape that is the home of a vibrant community of living things. Now, this place of restoration is where people come to be themselves renewed.
Elkhart EnviroFest 2013

When: 5:30-9:00 p.m. - Friday, July 12
Where: Wellfield Botanic Gardens
1011 N. Main St., Elkhart

The City of Elkhart Environmental Center invites you to the 18th annual EnviroFest on Friday, July 12 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m!
Hosting along with 88.1 WVPE, the EEC will again create an unforgettable evening at the Wellfield Botanic Gardens in Elkhart.
The New Electric Band will take the stage at 5:30 and rock the greenspace all night. Playing vintage rock’n’roll, the New Electric Band will fill the evening air with the immortal sounds of Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and The Doors, among others.
This family-friendly event has something for everyone. Kids will thrill to live animal shows with The Nature Steward at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Kid’s Activity Area.
Demonstrations for all ages will include woodworking, live fish, building a raised bed garden, natural dye, and more.
Visit exhibitor booths featuring renewable energy, local food, recycled art, and more eco-friendly vendors.
Meet community farmers, watch Unity Gardens build a raised bed garden, and see a local woodworker at work. Chef Adam from Adam’s Bistro and Unique Blend will be preparing dishes using locally grown produce. Locally-brewed beer and wine will be available for the over 21 crowd.
The event will also feature a raffle and silent auction featuring items from a variety of local businesses and organizations.
And all this as you stroll through the beautiful Wellfield Botanic Gardens on a perfect summer evening.

Event admission is $5 for adults and free for children.
July

Programs at the EEC

Meditation Yoga
Monday, July 8 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The EEC and Kristin Smith Myers RYT 200, certified yoga instructor, are teaming up for free Monthly Meditation Yoga Classes. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Space is limited and registration is required.

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Coming Up!
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Tuesday, August 13 6:00 p.m.
The Elkhart Environmental Center celebrates our amazing volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Cookout. Volunteers, please save the date!

To register or for more information, please call the Elkhart Environmental Center at (574) 293-5070. You can also find us online at: www.elkhartindiana.org/eec or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ElkhartEnvironmentalCenter
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