



Save the 70

Angelic Organics Learning Center has the opportunity to Save 70 acres of beautiful wild space and farmland in perpetuity for organic farming, education and training. Adjacent to Angelic Organics farm, this land will be placed in a permanent land trust and will become a long-term home for the Learning Center, allowing public access to a vibrant community supported agriculture farm, expanded educational programming, and eventually an ecological educational facility.



Natural Wild Space is Conserved

Natural wildlife habitat. Clean water and air. Scenic beauty. These are the things we lose when land is developed with subdivisions and shopping malls. The Learning Center will preserve acres of these rapidly disappearing natural resources in our region by saving Kinnikinnick Fields.

The land is home to a beautiful Bur Oak Savanna remnant, and Kinnikinnick Creek, one of the cleanest rivers in Illinois. Underneath the Bur Oak are Black Cherry, White Elm, Shagbark Hickory, Basswood, Black Oak and Red Oak. This land tells the story of earlier eras. Prior to European settlement, the oak savanna was inhabited by native populations and sustained by natural systems. Now we see invasive plants and trees making headway and overtaking the savanna of Kinnikinnick Fields.

The Learning Center will work with a recognized land trust organization to restore the land and place it into a permanent agricultural conservation easement, removing the land from the speculative marketplace and preserve it in perpetuity for organic farming and educational programming. In addition to removing Kinnikinnick Fields from the speculative market place, the easement will serve as a model for marrying the interests of organic farmers and land conservationists, establishing a replicable pathway for other farmers in our region to secure long-term land tenure for natural farming systems that conserve wild space and produce healthy food.

Families are Connected to Local Farms and Farmers

Saving the 70 acres will allow the Learning Center to augment its diverse on-farm education programs to include new offerings such as nature hikes, bird watching, sustainable building classes, food foraging workshops, and biology studies. The land will allow the Learning Center to expand its small herd of Scottish Highlander cattle and take advantage of the symbiotic relationship between ruminants and grasslands to help restore the land. When restored, the land will offer opportunities for beginning farmers to explore and understand state-of-the-art grazing systems and how they help to restore and conserve natural lands.



What it Will Take to "Save the 70"

The *Save the 70 Campaign* seeks to raise \$183,000 in gifts from individuals by December, 2011 in order to purchase the 70-acre parcel popularly known as the Kinnikinnick Fields. Join us to *Save the 70!* It is up to those of us who value open space preservation, organic farming, and local food to commit to saving the 70 acres. If you would like to learn more or make a contribution, please contact Corinne Reynolds, AOLC Director of Development & Communications, at **773-288-5462** or savethe70@learngrowconnect.org.



The Future Overnight Learning Center

Our long-term goal is to build a residential educational facility and related outbuildings on a small portion of the Kinnikinnick Fields, to serve as the door of entry into Angelic Organics farm and the Learning Center's diverse education and training initiatives. The overnight center allow us to grow beyond our current seasonal on-farm programs to offer year-round educational programming for up to 2,500 additional people per year, including weekly summer camps and field-to-table cooking workshops that deepen participants' relationship with the land, farmers and each other.



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About Angelic Organics Learning Center

Angelic Organics Learning Center helps urban and rural people build local food systems. We offer opportunities to grow healthy food and a better quality of life, connect with farmers and the land, and learn agricultural and leadership skills. The Learning Center, a nonprofit organization, reaches more than 3,000 people each year through our programs at partner farms and urban growing sites in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.



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Kinnikinnick Land Fund
of the Angelic Organics Learning Center



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