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## WILD BEAR MOUNTAIN ECOLOGY CENTER

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The Wild Bear Mountain Ecology Center at Mud Lake is the exciting formalization of this non-profit's mission to provide hands-on education to people of all ages, fostering a life-long appreciation of the environment and promoting an environmentally aware, responsible and ecologically sound community. Located at the gateway to over 3,000 acres of protected land, the state-of-the-art Nature Center will incorporate interactive sustainable systems, educational & research facilities, and places for playful learning into a functioning expression of nature's abundance.



The planning of the Center encourages exploration of all levels of life occurring at the site. This exploration occurs physically in three principle elements: the main Observation House with integrated photovoltaic roof array, the Mound House sunk under an indigenous planted roof, and the Tower Observatory constructed of recycled timber. Naturally lit by at-grade skylights, the basement houses administrative & research functions.

