



Dahlem Center Receives \$226,000 Grant

JACKSON, Michigan, May 22, 2023 - The Jackson Community Foundation's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce a \$226,000 grant from the Berlet Fund for Nature, a component fund of the Foundation, to the Dahlem Conservancy. The Fund was established in 2021 by the estate of Myrna I. Berlet with a \$5.1M gift, the Foundation's largest to date. The purpose of the fund is to support the Dahlem Conservancy in perpetuity. Myrna was a longtime resident of Jackson and lifelong conservationist..

"It is very exciting to see Myrna's vision to provide a sustainable source of income to the Dahlem Conservancy at work," said Monica Moser, President and CEO of the Jackson Community Foundation. "This grant will ensure residents of Jackson County have a place to learn about and experience nature in our community's own backyard."

"We are so incredibly grateful to the Berlet Fund for Nature for their support of the Dahlem Conservancy. Dahlem provides a unique place for the Jackson community to connect with the natural world through our five miles of trails and nearly 300 acres of nature preserve featuring a diversity of animals, plants, and ecosystems," said Hannah Schauer, Executive Director. "Dahlem's education programs for schools, adult programs, summer camps, as well as our nature preschool, all thrive because of the Berlet Fund for Nature. With the generosity of the Berlet Fund for Nature, Dahlem continues to be a place for everyone to commune with nature and experience year-round environmental education programming for all ages."

- Dahlem's programs, events and conservation activities are made possible by generous donors, sponsors, members and volunteers.
- Dahlem's trails are open to the public every day from dawn to dusk.
- To learn more about the Dahlem Conservancy visit [DahlemCenter.org](https://www.dahlemcenter.org).
- Myrna Berlet, inaugural member of the Dahlem Founders' Circle, was a passionate educator whose impact on Dahlem continues today:
- <https://www.dahlemcenter.org/about/berlet-fund-for-nature/>

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