



An Update On

Harambee's New Vision

October 14, 2025

Agenda

- 9-month calendar approved
- Defining Harambee's new vision
- Listening to community voices
- Focus of Environmental Education
- Next steps
- MN DNR School Forest

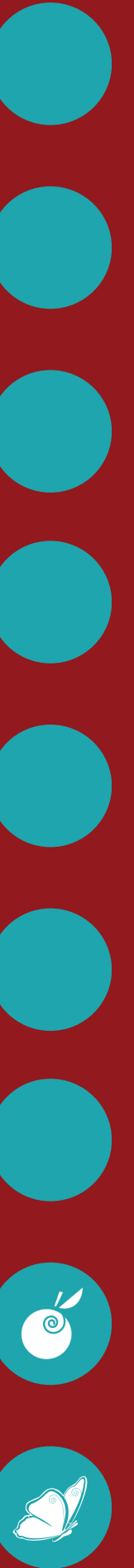


9-Month Calendar Approved

April 2025 – Staff, family, community meetings to discuss changes and answer questions

April 8, 2025 – Roseville Area School Board approved transition to 9-month calendar based on an administrative recommendation:

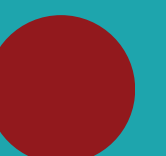
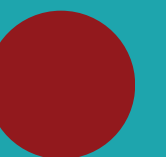
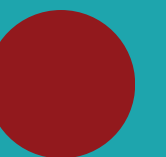
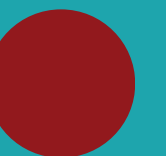
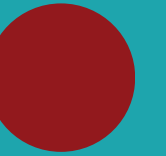
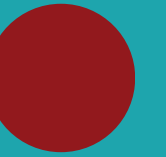
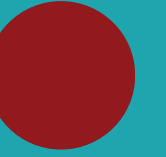
- seamless pre-k to 12 experience
- consistency for families
- support enrollment



Harambee's New Vision

Following the calendar announcement, the process of creating a new vision for Harambee began immediately. This comprehensive process involves staff, students, families, and external partners to ensure the new vision is grounded in community values and high-quality instruction.

- **Steering Committee** – building and district staff, families, and consultants
- **External Consultants** – BrightWorks and Captivate Media
- **Environmental Education Specialist** – Jenny Eckman was hired and made her return to Harambee

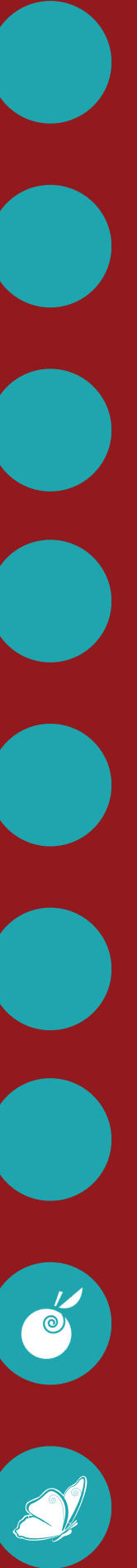


Listening to Community Voices

Through large group listening sessions & over 25 interviews conducted by BrightWorks and Captivate Media, the community strongly affirmed the following key values and desires for Harambee's future:



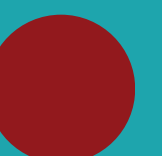
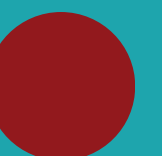
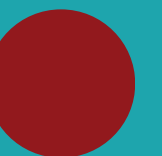
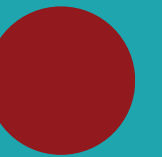
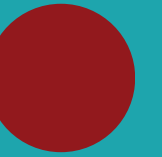
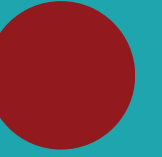
- **Culture & Community**
- **Diversity**
- **Unique Identity**
- **Quality Instruction**



Renewed Focus on Environmental Education

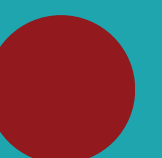
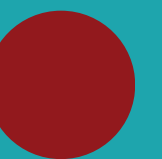
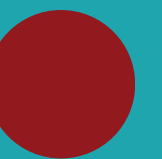
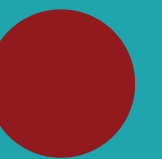
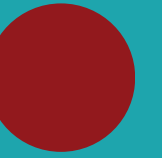
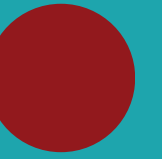
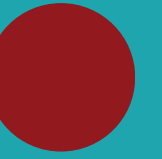


The PTO led a volunteer effort to rebuild the school's raised garden beds, allowing students in the Out-of-School-Time Program to plant a pizza garden, a three sisters garden, and a pollinator garden.



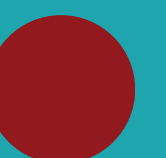
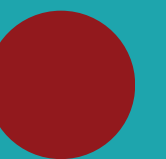
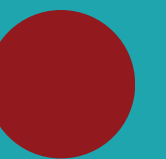
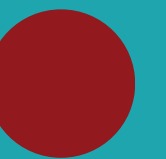
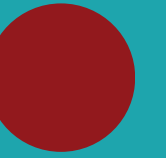
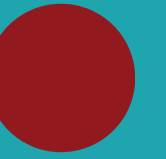
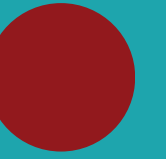
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Our grounds crew has cleaned up the outdoor classroom and trails to enhance learning opportunities.



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Over the summer and into the fall our new Environmental Education Specialist began building community connections and attending trainings to deepen expertise in nature-based experiences.

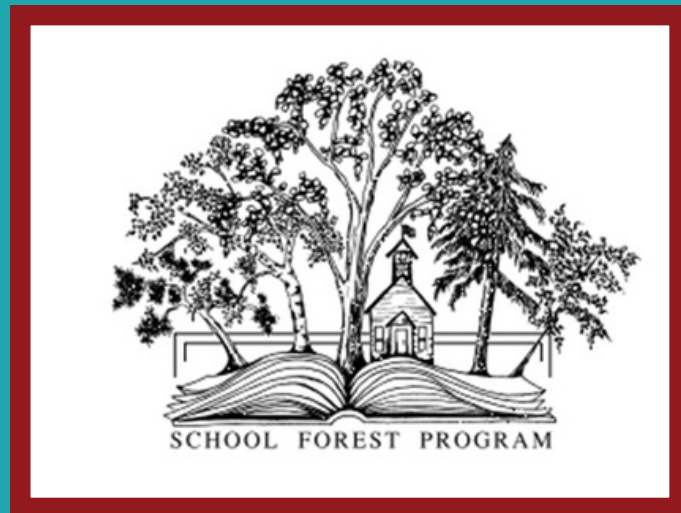




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Childcare Center



Roseville Area
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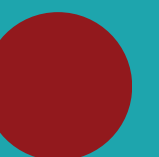
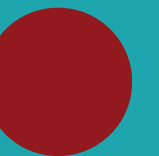
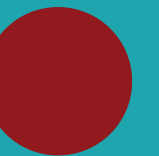
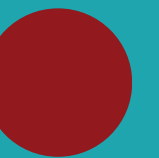
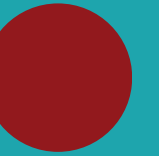
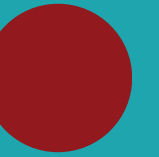
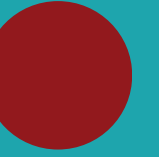
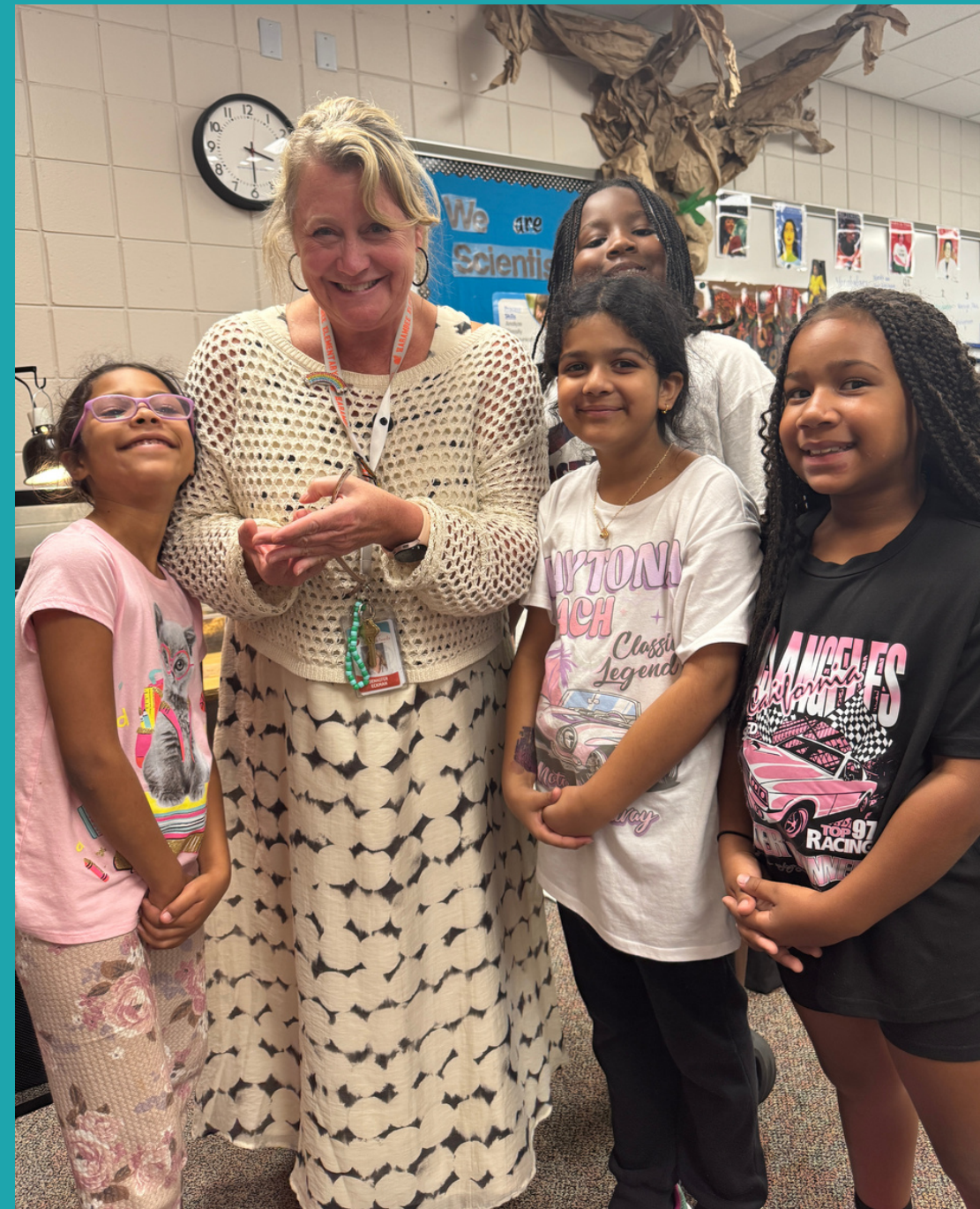


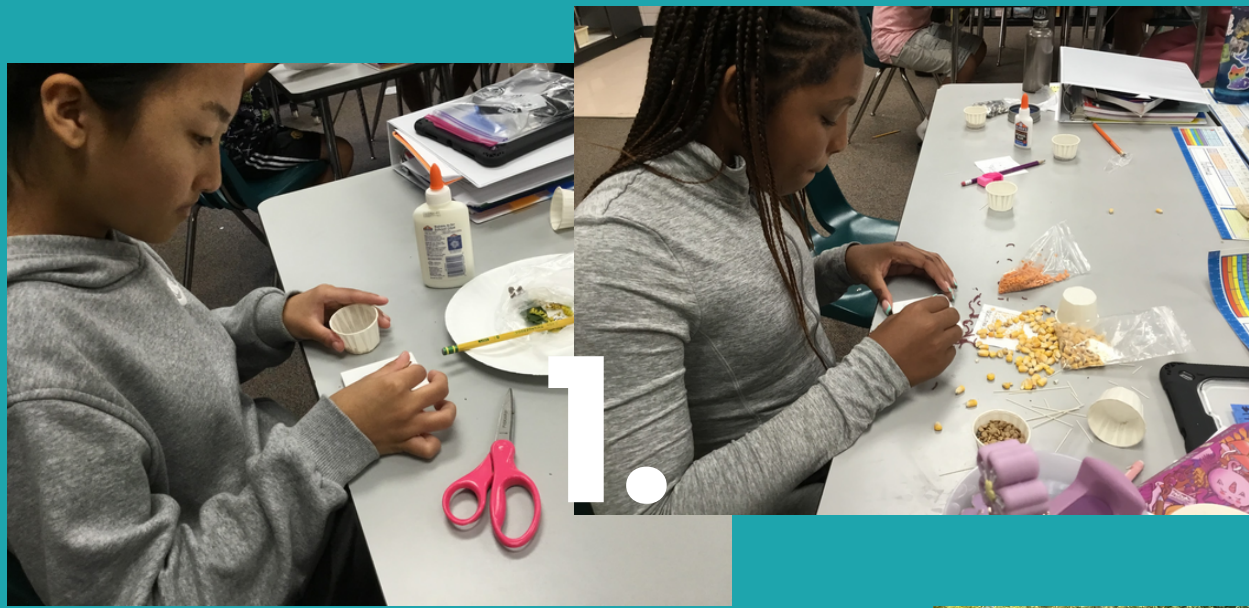
**Twin Tiger
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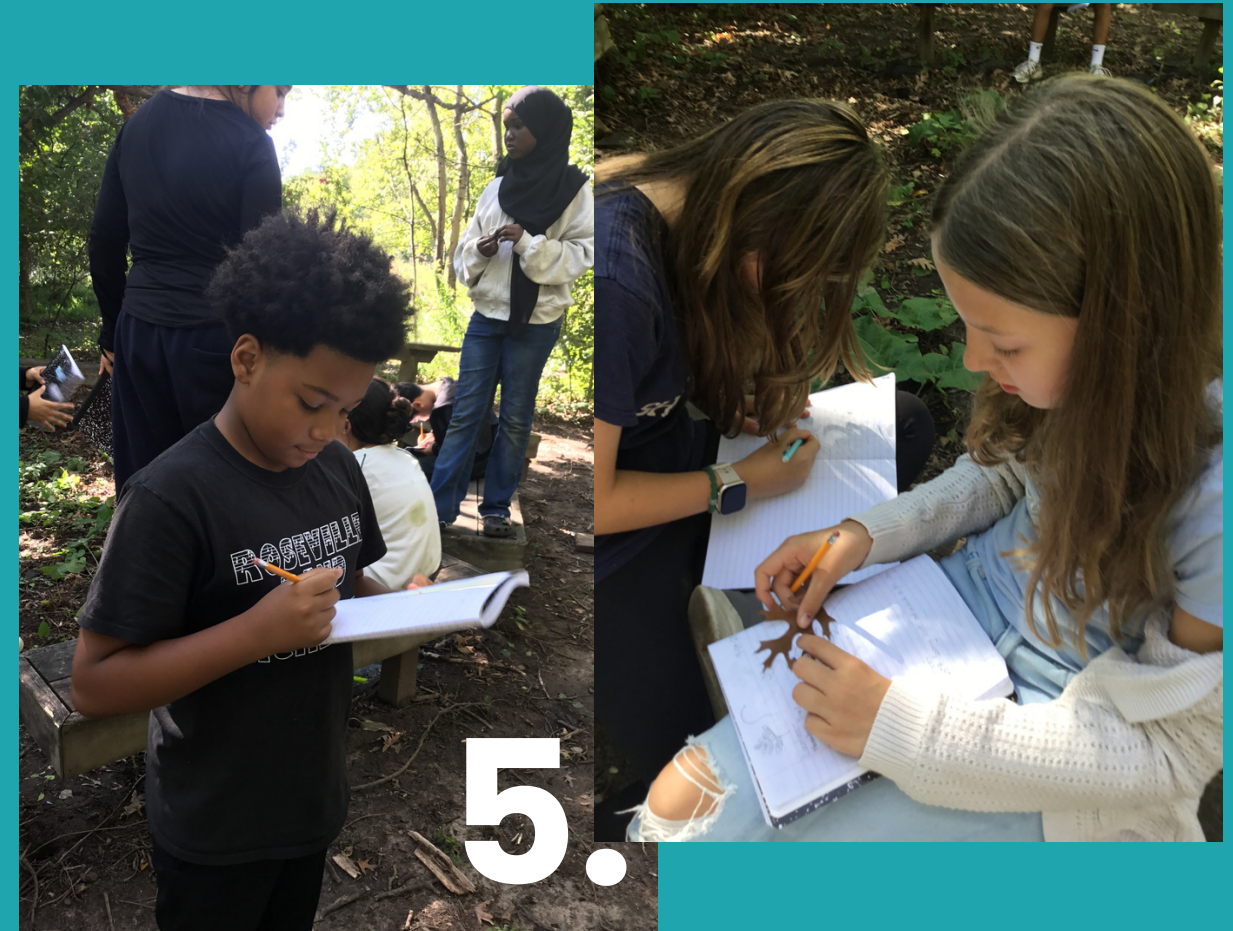
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This fall students began working directly with Ms. Eckman in science class.



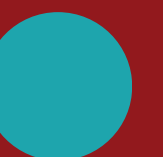
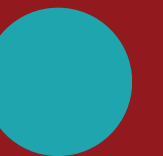
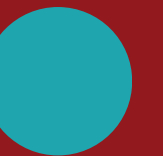
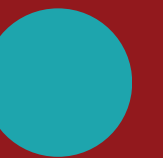
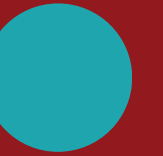
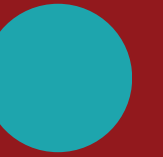
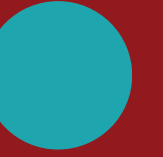


1. Students learned about crop art and then created your own
2. Students collected items to create their own crop art
3. Students learned about the new corn snake and how to care for it
4. A 6th grade student works on a stop motion animation project
5. Students work in their science notebooks in the Harambee backyard.



Next Steps

- **October 23 – Family Night with a focus on monarch migration and Latine Heritage Month**
- **November 6 – Nashke Games**
- **November 6 – Kindergarten Information Night**
- **November 20 – Environmental Education Night**
- **Continued work with Captivate Media, BrightWorks, and the Steering Committee**
- **Continued and consistent communication with staff, families, and the community**



For Continued Information



Harambee Elementary School

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Harambee's New Vision

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Dear Harambee Families,

I'm excited to share an update on the important transitions and visioning work taking place to shape the future of Harambee Elementary School. Your voice and partnership are essential to this process.

Last year, I committed to keeping you informed about the work we are doing to create a new vision for Harambee as we prepare to transition to a 9-month calendar beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Since our last update at the end of the previous school year, we've welcomed new families and made meaningful progress.

This message provides a comprehensive summary of the work completed so far. Please take a few moments to read through it. We will share another update during fall conferences, where I will also be available to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

As always, I am grateful for your partnership and look forward to hearing your thoughts as we continue this important work together.

Same team,
Principal Nathan

School Calendar Transition Confirmed

The Roseville Area Schools school board officially voted to transition Harambee Elementary from a year-round



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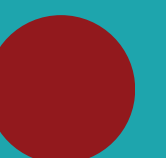
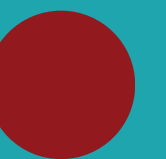
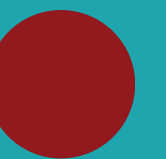
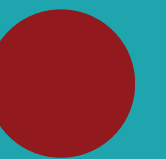
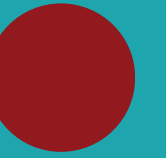
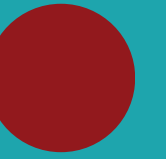
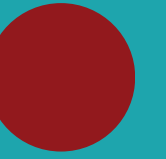


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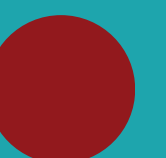
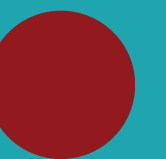
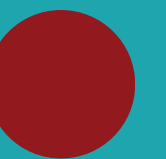
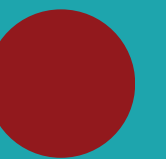
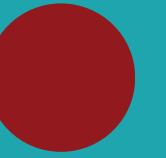
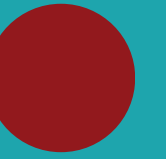
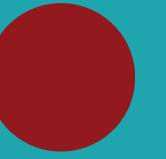
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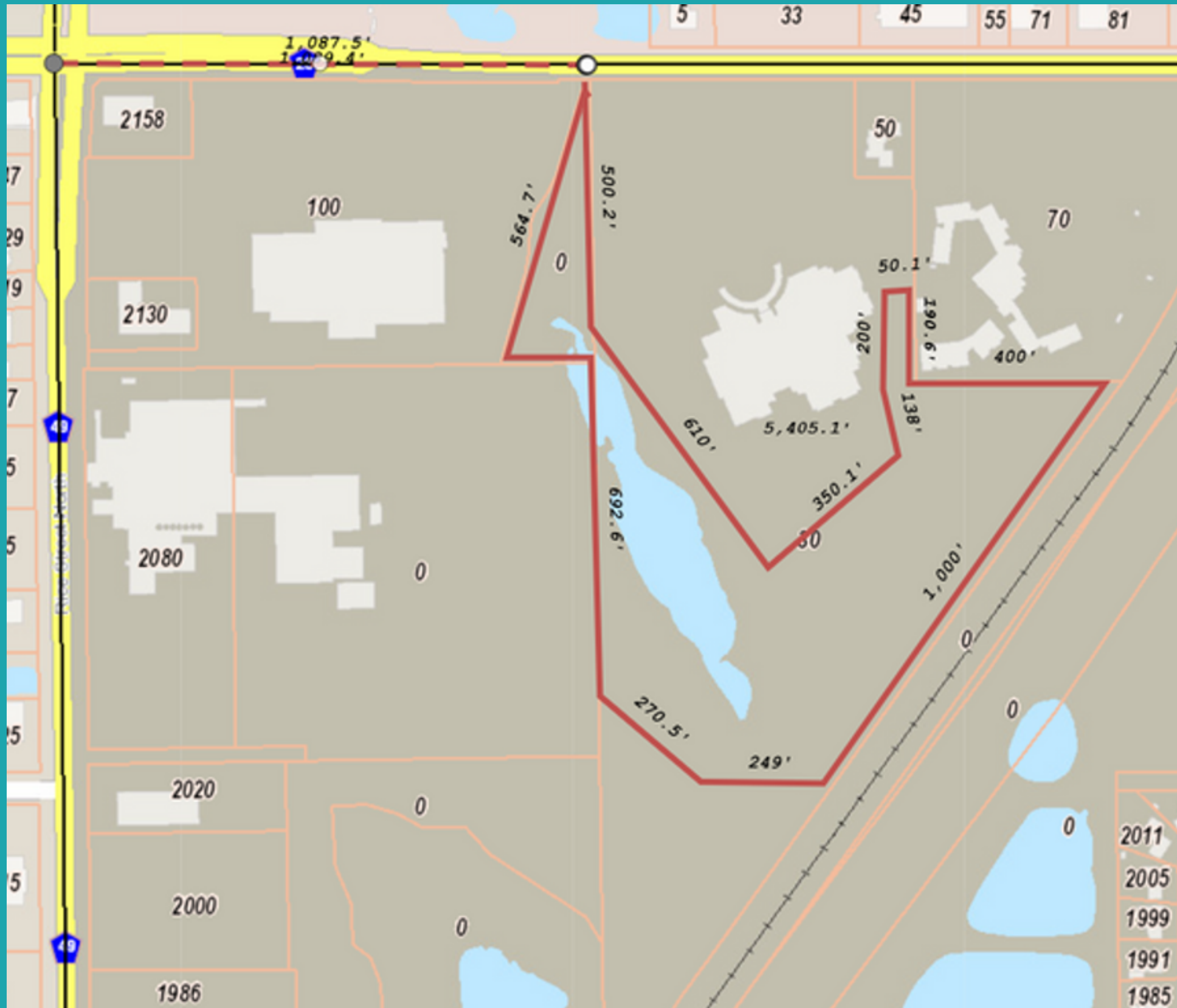
By enrolling our school nature area in the DNR school forest program, we gain access to a wide variety of resources and support!



Harambee School Forest Committee

- Althea Archer, Harambee Parent
- Mike Boguszewski, Roseville School Board
- Jenny Eckman, Harambee Teacher
- Eric Hanson, Harambee parent
- Melissa Kleemeier, Harambee Teacher
- Kristen Lonetree, Harambee Teacher
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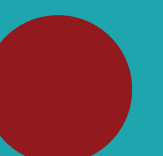
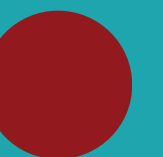
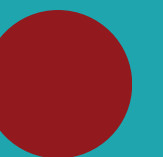
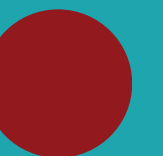
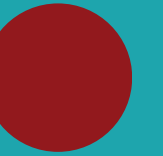
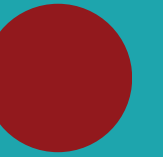
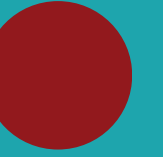
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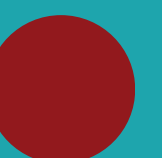
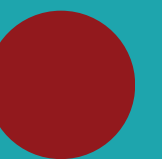
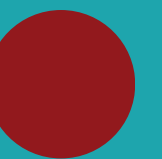
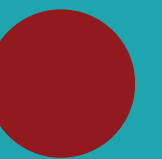
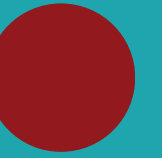
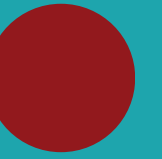
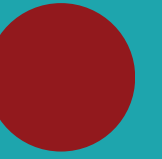
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Questions?