



Farmington Hills Nature Center
Taking learning outside!
Self-Guided



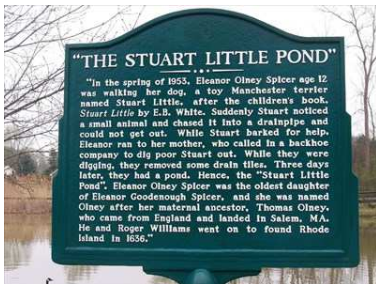
FPS Kindergarten Science Unit – Living it Up

The Farmington Hills Nature Center is excited to offer **self-guided fall nature walks connected to your child's current science unit!** Programs are designed in partnership with FPS science teachers to support classroom learning outcomes. Enjoy the beauty of fall and enhance your child's learning!

Use the provided map to take a nature walk along the Heritage Park trails, stopping at the spots marked with a red star. Encourage your child to be a detective and think about what they're learning in science class: **How do animals (or people) change the environment? Why do they do it? Hint: to meet their needs (animals) and sometimes wants (people).** Bring a pencil so your student can record their observations and discoveries! After, consider stopping by the Nature Center (during open hours) to see our live animals and exhibits.

1) Start at the Pond  on the Map. **CIRCLE THE EVIDENCE YOU FIND:**

SIGN



MUSKRAT DEN



DUCK HOME



DRAIN




BIRD NEST



GEESE EAT MOWED GRASS



DRAW A PICTURE OF THE POND BELOW:

2) Now it's time to walk to the Children's Food Garden! Cross the bridge in front of the Nature Center and take the Estate Trail around to the Garden located in back of the Nature Center at  on the Map. **Please REPLACE the lock (but don't lock it!)** We use it to keep wildlife out! Although vegetables have already been picked, you'll still find **evidence of how we change the environment to grow our food!** **CIRCLE THE EVIDENCE YOU FIND:**

Bean vines



Herbs (rub gently and smell your fingers)



Vegetables



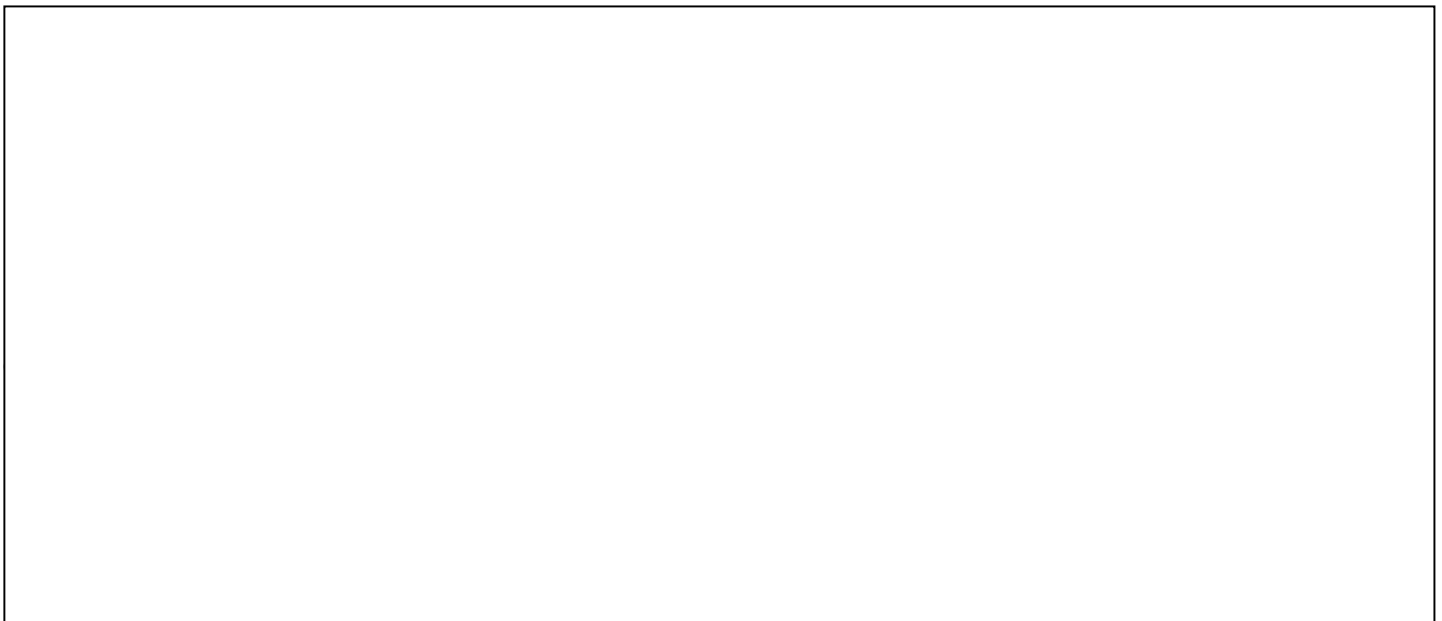
Soil



Water



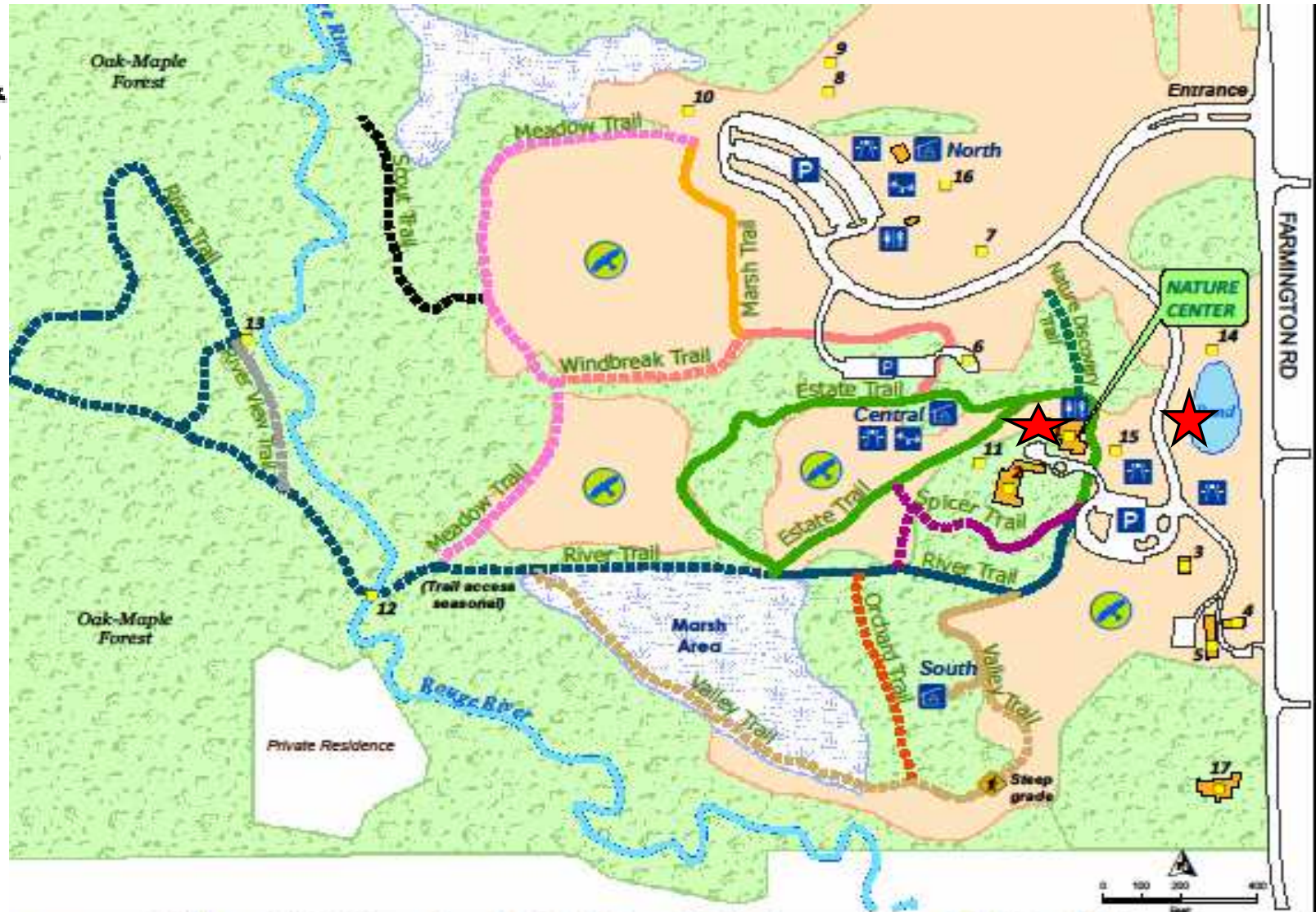
DRAW A PICTURE OF THE GARDEN BELOW:





FPS
Kindergarten
Heritage Park
Self-guided
Education
Nature Walk


Observation
Spots
Kindergarten
Science Unit:
Living it Up



Trail Legend (Solid lines=Paved, Dashed lines=Mulched)		Points of Interest
	Estate Trail - 0.5 mi	1. Nature Center & Day Camp
	Marsh Trail - 0.1 mi	2. Vagnucci Center
	Meadow Trail - 0.3 mi	3. Barn
	Nature Discovery Trail - 0.06 mi	4. Heritage & History Center
	Orchard Trail - 0.1 mi	5. Stables Studio
	River Trail - 1 mi	6. Amphitheater
	River View Trail - 0.08 mi	7. In-line Rink
	Scout Trail - 0.1 mi	8. Volleyball
	Spicer Trail - 0.05 mi	9. Horseshoes
	Valley Trail - 0.5 mi	10. Sled Hill
	Windbreak Trail - 0.3 mi	11. Serenity Garden
		12. Ruge River Bridge
		13. Ruge River Overlook
		14. Windmill
		15. Campfire Ring
		16. Splashpad & Concessions
		17. The Longacre House