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The Edison Environmental Science Academy has contracted with the Kalamazoo Nature Center for technical environmental science services. The Nature Center will provide a full-time staff person, responsible for supporting the science academy's teachers and curriculum in a number of ways.

These duties will include teacher training, curriculum and project development, technological assistance, assisting with the operation and upkeep of the greenhouse and environmental science labs, assisting with landscaping projects at the school and in the neighborhoods, providing a summer outdoor education experience at Edison, and facilitating the development of a Neighborhood Naturalists after-school program at Edison.

The Nature Center's staff position will be filled by Julia Kirkwood, a former Adventure Ranger with the Nature Center's Michigan State Parks Adventure Program, who has also held other positions in environmental education. Other Nature Center staff will provide advice and assistance as well.

"We're very happy to be a partner in this unique opportunity to provide excellent environmental education to the children of Edison school," said Kalamazoo Nature Center President Bill Rose.