

## ***Turkey Creek Nature Preserve*** ***Meadow Garden Demonstration Area Project***

*A garden that will lure more than insects, it will lure children to learn about the wonders of nature.*

The Southern Environmental Center at Birmingham-Southern College began its latest education project with the dedication of the Turkey Creek Environmental Education Center this past May. The education center focuses on environmental education and nature programs for school-age children; and also serves as an interpretive center for public and private programs held out at Turkey Creek.

Over the past year, the Southern Environmental Center along with Alabama State Lands Division has made some dramatic improvements to the preserve; one being the Turkey Creek Ecoscape adjacent to Turkey Creek Falls. The Turkey Creek Ecoscape serves as a wonderful landscape demonstration area that showcases many of the native plants species found in the preserve. The ecoscape also serves as a riparian buffer for Turkey Creek allowing surface water runoff to slowly infiltrate into the constructed bioswales that also irrigate the native plants and improves water quality.



**Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Ecoscape (Turkey Creek Falls)**

The Southern Environmental Center is now looking at the construction of a meadow garden adjacent to the Narrows gate entrance at the preserve. The meadow garden will be used as a teaching and demonstration site focusing on the importance of creating suburban meadow gardens to promote biological diversity of native insect, plant and animal species. Anyone interested in helping out with this project can contact Taylor Steele, Education Manager Turkey Creek Nature Preserve at 680-4116, or email [tsteele@bsc.edu](mailto:tsteele@bsc.edu)



**Proposed site for Turkey Creek Nature Preserve Meadow Garden  
(Narrows Gate Entrance)**