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Wilson, Connell to be honored as Friends of the Flint Hills

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Annie Wilson listens to Osage elder Eddy Red Eagle explaining Osage history and culture. (Flint Hills Map & Education Program's map for schools in background)
Photo courtesy Geneva Horsechief-Hamilton, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

MANHATTAN — Emily Connell, Annie Wilson and the Flint Hills Map & Education Program are being recognized as the 2020 Friend of the Flint Hills by the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation.

These two dedicated Flint Hills community members provided key leadership to the creation and development of the Flint Hills Map & Education Program, which placed

maps in schools and institutions throughout the region. In 2018, the program was recognized with the “Award for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education” from the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education.

The Educational Map and accompanying online learning materials can be found at the Flint Hills Learning Center at <https://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/233/Learning-Center>.

“This project represents a most significant effort to educate young people about the Flint Hills and provide resources for that education,” Bruce Snead, President of the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation said. “The Foundation was privileged to support this endeavor and work with Emily and Annie over several years in coordination with the Discovery Center, where the unique educational resources are hosted on the Discovery Center’s web site.”

The Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation has given the “Friend of the Flint Hills” award to an individual, couple, program, nongovernmental organization or public institution each spring since 2012. The award honors significant time, effort and resources devoted to the cause of conserving the Flint Hills of Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

As developers of the Flint Hills MAP & Education Program, Connell and Wilson will be honored during an online recognition event from 7 — 8 p.m. Oct. 24.

To learn more contact Snead at fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com, or go the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation Facebook page for event information.