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- Building Sponsor \$100,000
- Activity Room Sponsor \$ 50,000
- Outdoor Meeting Area Sponsor \$ 25,000

DONOR NAME Placed on Wall inside Building (the greater the donation, the larger the recognition):

Donor \$ 250-24,999+

ALL Contributions Greatly Appreciated:

Special Supporters \$ 0.01-\$249

****ALL Donations are Tax-deductible
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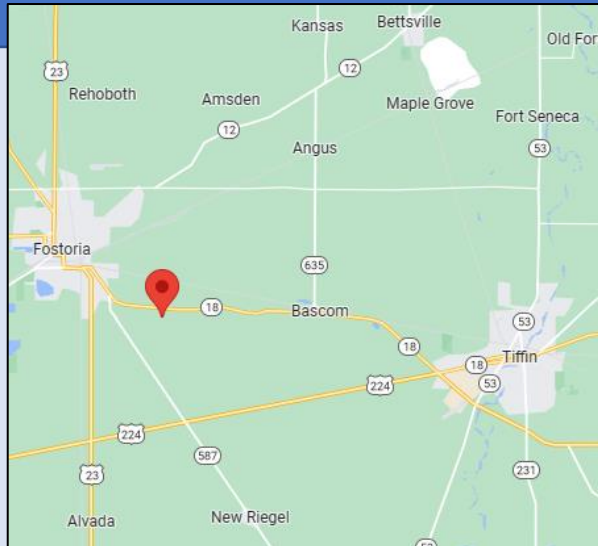
Please make checks payable & send to:
Seneca County Park District
3362 S. TR 151, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

**Or contact Park Office for Credit Card
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419-447-8091
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A Facility For

- The Community
- Outdoor Fun
- Nature Education
- All Ages & Abilities
- Life-Long Environmental Learning
- Individuals & Groups
- Youth, Families, & Seniors
- Collaborative Meetings
- Life Celebrations
- Year Round Use
- ... And MORE!

Nature Education Center To be located at:
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve
10130 W SR 18
Fostoria, Ohio 44830



FRUTH NATURE EDUCATION CENTER



*Creating Lasting
Impacts & Experiences*

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A Facility For Life-Long Outdoor Learning and Fun, Year Round

Amazingly, the Seneca Parks offered over 400 programs last year, but could expand to offer many more and diversify programming with this new facility.

Currently, most programs are offered entirely outdoors, so many opt out of attending programs when the weather is bad.

Seneca Parks are also unable to provide in-park programming to people with physical limitations, who are unable to access many of the natural surface trails, where the majority of our programs take place. A new facility could help meet this growing need.

Over the past few years, folks have learned a great deal about public space needs and the necessity of parks for physical, mental, and emotional health benefits.

Planning, Design, & Location

The public determined a nature center in Seneca County was a high priority for Seneca Parks to accomplish, as included in the county-wide Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan approved in 2020. The Seneca Parks are implementing your plan!

A lot of thought went into planning this facility to include both indoor and outdoor public use facilities where people of all abilities could participate inclusively, even in cold and inclement weather.

The building is primarily made up of a large education – multipurpose room directly connected to a large covered outdoor meeting area.

Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve was chosen for this type of facility due to its location - between the two greatest populated cities in Seneca County.

Project Funding

The current project estimate is around \$1,100,000, with the following anticipated funding sources:

Seneca Parks Endowment Fund, (a fund of the Tiffin Community Foundation)	\$200,000
Seneca Parks Budget	\$300,000
Community Support (From individuals, businesses, corporations, Foundations, and others)	\$600,000

The current park levy is an **operational** levy (not a capital levy) put in place to maintain and manage the park system. It generated less than \$650,000 last year. Currently, there are 11 parks with one more addition expected later this year, donated by the Black Swamp Conservancy.

Tentative Construction Timeline: *October 2023-February 2024*



This will be the first heated & air-conditioned facility available for public use and provide the first public flush restrooms available in the parks!



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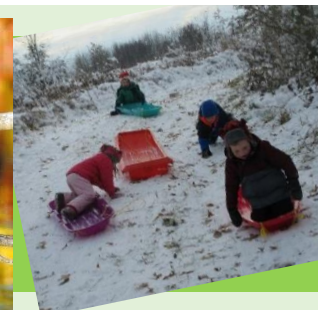


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