

The New Nature Centre Project

City of Barrie - Active
Transportation & Sustainability
Advisory Committee

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Connect

Sparking imagination TODAY and
empowering the environmental
champions of TOMORROW.



Lake Simcoe
Conservation
Foundation

LSRCA Outdoor Education Programs

- A healthier Lake Simcoe watershed
- Connecting kids to Nature
- An engaged and connected watershed community



Connect

The Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek

Current Nature Centre



Inspired Design: Nature Centre 2022



The Current Nature Centre

- 3 re-purposed portables
- 2 classrooms
- 2,800 sq ft of space
- Capacity for 60
- Inadequate washroom and storage
- 1980's style
- At the end of its life cycle



The New Nature Centre: Inspired Design

- Approx. \$6.5 million project
- Grand opening in 2022
- Over 8,000 sq ft of space
- Capacity for 250
- Built using sustainable design
- 3 flexible multi use rooms
- Will attract 15,000 annually



Connect Campaign

Raised:

\$1.265 Million

City of Barrie Request:

\$150,000



Therapy in the Woods

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Lake Simcoe Region
conservation authority



Member of Conservation Ontario

What is Therapy in the Woods?

A program designed to provide children with special needs and their families an opportunity to meet their therapeutic goals while engaging them in outdoor environmental education programming.



Our Story



- Piloted at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area in the fall of 2017
- Subsequent spring and fall sessions in each of 2018 and 2019
- 76 children and their families in total

[CTV Barrie news clip](#)



It Works!

- The program reduces barriers to outdoor play, environmental learning, and quality experiences in nature
- Recognized as a Leading Healthcare Practice by Accreditation Canada



Expansion to Sunnisdale Park

- Provide alternative location in urban centre with access to public transit
- Address waiting list
- Expand geographic reach



Your Endorsement Can Help!

- In-kind donation: use of Dorian Parker Centre at Sunnida Park for both planned 2020 sessions

