The New Nature Centre Project

City of Barrie - Active Transportation & Sustainability Advisory Committee

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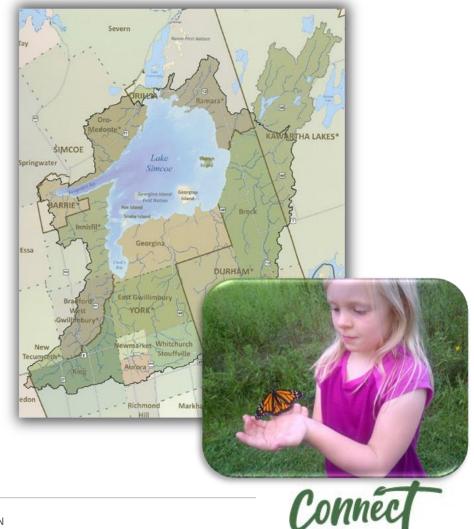


Sparking imagination TODAY and empowering the environmental champions of TOMORROW.



### **LSRCA Outdoor Education Programs**

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



### The Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek

#### **Current Nature Centre**



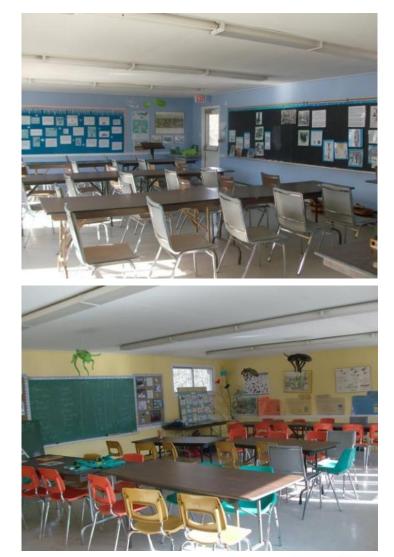
### Inspired Design: Nature Centre 2022





### **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





# Raised: \$1.265 Million

# City of Barrie Request: \$150,000





# Therapy in the Woods

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# 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



# 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 Sunnidale 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 Sunnidale Park for both planned 2020 sessions



