



# OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPACT



The Bluff Lake Nature Center Campus Improvements Project gives Bluff Lake the opportunity to better fulfill our mission, vision, and values. Together, we can make this community asset blossom!

IMPACT AREA	OPPORTUNITIES
<b>CONSERVATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More inviting "gateway" to nature</li> <li>• Better understanding of site use, carrying capacity, and protecting it from being "loved to death"</li> <li>• Teaching model for human/nature interface (habitat restoration, water quality, flood mitigation)</li> <li>• Increased research capacity</li> <li>• Enhanced security of site assets and safety of visitors</li> </ul>
<b>EXPERIENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more weather based program cancellations! Rain, snow, heat, no problem!</li> <li>• Expansion of programs including new forest school opportunities for nontraditional students (preschool &amp; homeschool)</li> <li>• 2,000+ more students through year-round field trips</li> <li>• 200+ more summer campers due to increased childcare license capacity and shaded space (currently annual wait list of 600+)</li> <li>• Deeper curriculum development</li> <li>• Multidisciplinary learning and partnership opportunities for youth and adults</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE &amp; ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased awareness of and access to this natural resource</li> <li>• Greater ability to meet accessibility needs of visitors</li> <li>• Increased capacity allows for increased reach and scholarship opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows investment of our community in natural spaces, accessibility, and environmental education</li> <li>• Creates welcoming community asset</li> <li>• Celebrates multigenerational love of BLNC</li> <li>• Enhances quality of experience through better facilities</li> <li>• Increased opportunity for socialization among different communities</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring staff onsite, hence better connected and more accessible</li> <li>• Strengthens community connection and support</li> <li>• Increased capacity to manage new programs, spend less time making adaptations to "fit in" to childcare licensing</li> <li>• Increased fundraising opportunities</li> </ul>

**EXPANDING IMPACT  
MANAGING CAPACITY  
ENHANCING EXPERIENCE**

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