

You Can Help Reach the Goal!

Goal: \$1,200,000

Almost there!
Around
\$250,000 to meet the goal



PUT YOUR NAME ON IT:

Activity Room Sponsor \$ 50,000

DONOR NAME – April 30, 2024 deadline for recognition on the donor wall (the larger the donation, the greater the recognition, min. \$250)

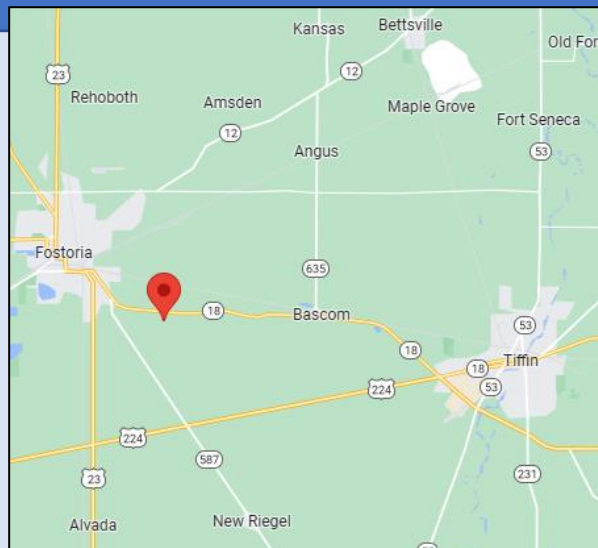
| Donor Levels: | Sponsor Levels: |
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| \$250 Tree Frog | \$10,000 Bronze |
| \$500 Dragonfly | \$25,000 Silver |
| \$1,000 Wood Duck | \$50,000 Gold |
| \$5,000 Heron | \$100,000 Platinum |

ALL Contributions Greatly Appreciated!

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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Checks: make payable to & send to:

Seneca County Park District
3362 S TR 151, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

- Or -

Make your donation online:

www.SenecaCountyParks.com

scroll down on homepage for
donation button

**ALL Donations are Tax-deductible.
Cash, check, or credit card accepted,
invoices available.*





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

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 \$1,200,000, with the following anticipated funding sources:

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| Seneca Parks Endowment Fund, (a fund of the Tiffin Community Foundation) | \$300,000 |
| Seneca Parks Budget | \$325,000 |
| Community Support (From individuals, businesses, corporations, Foundations, and others) | \$575,000 |

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



Construction Begins: *when funding goal is reached*

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



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