Throughout the new Wilson Center for Nature Discovery, more than a dozen interactive exhibits will enable you and the many school children and visitors who join us each year to experience the 16 natural communities that comprise Grandfather Mountain. PGAV Destinations, a recognized leader in the design of museums, zoos, aquariums, resorts and brand destinations, has done an amazing job taking input from many people to design educational spaces that reflect the values we share.

New exhibits will focus on biodiversity and preservation of the high-elevation forests of the Southern Appalachian region. They will include an interactive 3D map of Grandfather Mountain, a geology/mineral display, flora and fauna exhibits, an interactive field guide and depictions of the physical evolution of Grandfather Mountain, its climate and its important role in migration paths for birds and animals. Throughout the exhibits, we will share the stories of the threats to the environment, the positive impact of conservation efforts and the steps that individuals can take to Be a Force for Nature as stewards of the natural world.

**TOTAL EXPENSE**

$8,475,000

**COMPONENTS**

- Nature Discovery Center Renovation and Expansion $3,572,000
- Nature Discovery Center Exhibit Design & Fabrication $1,100,000
- Site Grading and Preparation $973,000
- Exhibit Gallery $885,000
- Educational Classrooms & Technology $845,000
- Animal Habitat and Naturalist Office Space $350,000
- Catering Kitchen Renovation $350,000
- Auditorium Renovation $250,000
- Outdoor Classroom & Pavilion $150,000
Details about the new Conservation Campus

- **10,000 square feet dedicated to education**, total expansion 12,000 square feet

- Nearly doubling the size of the Nature Museum and creating the new Wilson Center for Nature Discovery with new state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, which will allow visitors to make real-time, real-life connections to such topics as natural history, flora, fauna and our local environment

- **Three new classrooms** for smaller groups and increased capacity for larger groups

- Restoration of ADA-accessible auditorium

- New outdoor learning spaces, including an amphitheater with terraced seating and a pavilion

- New office space on site for our educators and habitat staff to prepare and support new, enhanced educational programs

- Larger, more modern food service facilities for catering and serving educational groups

- Expanded capacity for hosting conferences, seminars, receptions and community events, which will increase revenue available to reinvest in educational programs and facilities

- Electric vehicle charging stations at park and Wilson Center entrances

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**Conservation Campus Naming Donors**

A. Wilson Center for Nature Discovery
   - Bob & Susan Wilson

B. The Thoresen Foundation Exhibit Hall
   - The Thoresen Foundation & Paul & Susie O’Connell
   - Luther H. Hodges Jr.
   - Terry & Joe Williams
   - William S. & Frances H. Rose
   - Ginny Burton
   - Munroe & Becky Cobey

C. The Hodges Auditorium and Documentary Theatre
   - Luther H. Hodges Jr.

D. The Williams Outdoor Learning Space
   - Terry & Joe Williams

E. Environmental Education Classroom
   - William S. & Frances H. Rose

F. Habitat and Education Office
   - Ginny Burton

G. Grandfather Mountain Botanical Garden
   - Munroe & Becky Cobey

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**Exhibit Naming Donors**

H. Flora Wall Exhibit
   - Dickson Foundation

I. Tree Stories and Timeline
   - The McLendon Family

J. Migration Mapping and the World of Birds
   - Kelly & Meredith Graves
   - John & Connie McLendon
   - David & Joanie Andrews
   - Gail & Dan Settle
   - Anonymous

K. Extremes and Weather
   - John & Connie McLendon

L. Shadow Play
   - David & Joanie Andrews

M. Fauna Wall Exhibit
   - Gail & Dan Settle

N. Environmental Education Classroom
   - Anonymous

P. Interactive 3D Map

Q. Panoramic Viewing Tower A
   - Dan & Debbie Boone

R. Panoramic Viewing Tower B

S. Panoramic Viewing Tower C

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**Additional Campus Naming Donors**

V. Electric Vehicle Car Charging Station
   - NC Department of Environmental Quality
   - John & Janne Mack

W. “Lazy Days” Bear Sculpture
   - Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation
   - Dan & Debbie Boone
   - John & Faye Cooper
   - The Patrick Daniely Family
   - Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation

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**Boulder Naming Donors**

Jerry & Janet Enos, Lory Lockwood & Tony Watts, W. Bennett Love & Laura Kiefer, Tucker & Karen Mann, Mary & Bruce Rinehart, David & Cathy Thompson, Jim & Ann Wood

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**Opportunities available**

- Environmental Education Classroom
  - $100,000

- Sunroom Meeting Space
  - $150,000

- Grand Deck and Patio
  - $150,000

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