

2013 Facility Improvement Partnership Program

Brief Project Descriptions

Dunwoody Nature Center – Expanded Classroom and Lecture Space

*The current configuration of the Nature Center building and its main classroom area limits any lecture, program, or other indoor activity to 20 attendees (with table setup) or 40 attendees maximum (chairs only, no tables). This severely limits the number of visitors that can be served through our programs. In response to community demand, the Nature Center has added programming, often at no charge to the public. However, these programs frequently quickly fill up due to space limitations. Expanding the classroom space, while also enhancing the visitor experience by adding much needed deck sitting area overlooking the newly restored meadow, will achieve the city's master plan objective of enhancing the park experience for its citizens. **Requested Funds: \$44,000***

Dunwoody Nature Center – ADA Accessible Entranceway

*The front entrance area of the Nature Center faces three major issues: unsafe and out of compliance steps leading to the building, broken and improperly sloped concrete that causes flooding during rain events, and general aesthetic concerns that lead visitors to an unfavorable "first impression." A complete renovation and overhaul of this area will address all of these issues by providing ADA access to the building, removing the hazard and liability of the front steps, and providing a welcoming entrance that is in keeping with the environmental theme of our non-profit. This is a singular opportunity to show the public how an outdated facility can be brought up to date in an environmentally responsible, sustainable, and experientially pleasing manner. **Requested Funds: \$45,000***

Dunwoody Nature Center – Public Restroom Access

*Currently, there is no public access to restroom facilities on the 22 acres that the Nature Center operates. This serves as a major impediment to park usage during times when the building is unstaffed – primarily on weekends when park usage for passive recreation is highest. Further, with only 3 interior toilets and frequent high volume traffic (such as school field trips of 100+ visitors during the fall and spring), bathroom usage becomes a major bottleneck and impedes on time that would otherwise be used for programming. The addition of two male and two female toilets, available to the public at all times, would greatly alleviate these issues. **Requested Funds: \$20,300***

Spruill Arts Center – Facilities Improvements

*This request is not for one large project, but for many smaller facilities improvements. These projects will improve infrastructure, address some safety issues, upgrade capabilities of the arts center, and enhance the aesthetics of the complex and its grounds. This project request includes interior equipment, interior structural, exterior structural, plumbing, electrical, and landscaping/grounds. Examples of projects within the request include replacing chalkboards with whiteboards, a new sink counter in the ceramics department, and repairs to the kiln room. **Requested Funds: \$24,980***

Dunwoody Senior Baseball – Outfield Leveling

*The baseball fields were constructed as clay based fields close to 40 years ago and have experienced settling from buried organics and water. In those years the fields have never been leveled or re-graded. There are several sinking depressions, dips and humps that create drainage problems and are a safety hazard to the players. We are proposing that the outfields be leveled and the Lower Field drainage improved in order to reduce the potential for injury to players and allow for improved field availability. **Requested Funds: \$40,000***