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 \mathbf{T}^o create a state-of-the-art Nature Center connecting the indoors to the outdoors. The Center and surrounding pine-oak-hickory forest will be dedicated to conservation, nature, restoration and most importantly, education. New building construction will be 13,000 square feet for an estimated cost of \$15 - \$18 million dollars.

Teachable opportunities indoors and outdoors at the expanded Nature Center to include:

4,000 square feet of exhibit space highlight the natural resources, outdoor activities, and ecosystems native to Caddo Parish and our region

5 miles of existing trails allow for taking in nature at your own pace

- Memorable field trips
- Environmental education
- Wildlife habitat
- Bird watching
- Native plants

This "green island destination" will allow people to enjoy the natural world and experience unique local wonders on a regular basis.



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BENEFITS:

Everyone Benefits...

- Caddo Parish Residents including youth, adults, seniors, families, military veterans, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Educational Systems such as Caddo Parish Schools and surrounding public and private school districts
- Visitors throughout the ArkLaTex and Southern Region
- **Community Health** time spent in nature provides both short and long-term mental and physical health benefits
- Community Vision Nature Center would put Caddo Parish on the cutting edge of nature and conservation and related tourism

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