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Full STEAM ahead for the SEC!

Dear Park Friend:

We are very excited to announce that the construction for the Stewardship Education Center (SEC) is well under way! On a cold January morning, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and the Fairfax County Park Foundation (FCPF) broke ground for the Center at the beautiful Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (ECLP). While the wind was blustery, **we were warmed by the incredible outpouring of support from Fairfax County area residents who celebrated with us.**

FCPF raised an amazing \$291,700 for the SEC that includes The Adler Foundation's very generous \$100,000 sponsorship for the Amphitheater. Full funding for the Amphitheater would not have happened without The Adler Foundation. The Adler Foundation's commitment to the educational importance of the Amphitheater made it possible to include the Amphitheater from the outset of this exciting project.

We are grateful for the contributions from donors like you who are helping fund the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) features in the educational Learning Observation Outdoor Pod (The LOOP).

There are still LOOP features that need funding, including the antique mill stone, waterfall pump and table, hollow climbing log, and the boulder/web net climber. These are listed on the FCPF website at www.FairfaxParkFoundation.org. **Your donation of \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can give will help launch these and other features that are part of STEAM LOOP.**

The SEC will have dynamic educational spaces that support the interpretive programming by providing outdoor spaces for the community to gather, play and learn. These elements will be complemented by a structure designed to 'blend' into the landscape using color, materials, and design. **The Center will use renewable energy and be a resource where everyone can learn about the environment, nature, and the importance of stewardship of our precious land.**

Jai Cole, FCPA's Executive Director stated, *"The STEAM features in The LOOP at the Stewardship Education Center will be a critical supplemental component of children's science and environmental education especially as climate impacts our world in many ways. The creative features in the LOOP will provide hours of fun and learning for children and parents alike!"*

Please visit www.FairfaxParkFoundaton.org to learn how more **about the SEC and how you can help fund these critical STEAM Learning Observation Outdoor Pod elements. Your donation today will help our environment tomorrow!**

Thank you for supporting your 420 Fairfax County award-winning parks!

Sincerely,

Anita Herrera, Chair
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Roberta A. Longworth, CFRE
Executive Director

P.S. Names of supporters giving \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a donor plaque that will be prominently displayed on site at the Stewardship Education Center!



Yes, I will become a Park Steward! Donate online at www.FairfaxParkFoundation.org or mail your gift with this form to 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 404, Fairfax, VA 22035-5508

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