

Connect

Sparking
imagination
TODAY and
empowering the
environmental
champions of
TOMORROW.

A campaign to build an
incredible new Nature Centre at
the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.



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When did you last **STOP**, **BREATHE** and **APPRECIATE** the great outdoors?

There was a time when being a kid meant staying outside until dark. It meant coming home with a new rip in your jeans and muddy fingers, eyes sparkling with a day's worth of adventures to share.

Now, each new day brings another new technology that links the world together to a greater degree—yet ironically our integral connection with nature continues to slowly erode away. Many children and adults spend less time outdoors and are becoming alienated from the natural world. It's no wonder our physical and mental fitness levels are quickly eroding.

Nature is a powerful teacher. When we immerse ourselves in nature, it stimulates our creativity and imagination to a whole new degree.

Now, we have the opportunity to help the community rediscover the great outdoors through the Connect Campaign. This initiative is the driving force behind the construction of a new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek. Here you can plug back into nature through hands-on activities, including natural programs that promote experiential learning, appreciation of nature and a healthy lifestyle.

The Old Centre AT-A-GLANCE:

3
re-purposed
portables

2
classrooms

2,800 ft²
of space

Inadequate
washroom and storage facilities

Style taken right from
the '80's

At the
end of its life cycle



The OLD Nature Centre

Since the 1980's, the Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area has been the anchor of the region's outdoor environmental education.

Generations of students can fondly recall their first trip to Scanlon Creek. For thousands of schoolchildren, it was the highlight of the year and the catalyst that encouraged a healthy respect for nature and its role in everyday life.

And now, after decades of use, it's painfully evident that we've outgrown the existing centre.

"Cozy" has turned into "cramped", "outdated" has become "obsolete", and we can no longer maintain the lofty standards that we expect from our educational programs.

The time has come for a new building that will carry the torch further!





The **NEW** Nature Centre

Welcome to the region’s premier destination for experiencing and learning about nature!

In 2022, we will open the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek, a place unlike any other where you can become inspired by the wonders of the natural world and learn about your role in preserving it for future generations.

From exploring a hiking path and trailblazing through the woods, to learning to work together and discovering a fantastic insect, the new Centre will be a place for all of us to get active outside and to reconnect with nature.

With additional capacity for captivating hands-on workshops and events, the new Nature Centre will help cultivate a newfound sense of environmental responsibility and demonstrate the importance and necessity of preserving our precious green spaces.

The new Centre will be an immersive natural experience, blurring the lines between indoors and outdoors by incorporating the latest innovations in sustainable design and construction.

By joining the Connect Campaign you can help build a new environmental hub where our entire community—young and old—will have the opportunity to reconnect with nature once again!

The New Centre AT-A-GLANCE:

Approximate
\$6 million
project

Grand opening in
2022

Over
8,000 ft²

Capacity for
250

Built using
sustainable design

3
flexible, multi-use rooms

Will attract 15,000

kids, students, seniors and community members of all ages each year



ABOUT THE Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Located on the northern edge of Bradford, Scanlon is a 750-acre nature preserve with forests, streams, trails and picnic areas.

The area is an attractive choice for environmental appreciation and for recreation, a close-to-home escape for both the young and young-at-heart to experience and build their connection with nature.



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