Project 77
Sandy Creek Nature Center
Exhibit Modernization

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Sandy Creek Nature Center **Inc.** is...

- Nonprofit supporting the mission of SCNC
- Founder of SCNC
- Donated SCNC to Clarke County in 1981
- Active volunteer Board
- 300+ memberships

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Sandy Creek Nature Center is...

- A regional environmental education destination

- 225 acres of trails, classrooms, exhibits & historic areas

- Accessible to all; no admission charge

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The Nature Center serves...

60,000+ visitors per year

- All CCSD K-5 students

- Private & home school students, teachers & parents

One of ACC's top tourism destinations

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What we're requesting

- **$308,000** to update two aging interactive learning centers

- SCNC Inc. pledging additional **$30,000**

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2012

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Why it's needed

Flat

Limited interactivity

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Why it's needed

Update exhibits to reflect:

- Emerging science (climate change, plastic pollution, habitat & species loss)
- ACC priorities (recycling, water resource protection)
- Impacts on Athens, Georgia, the U.S. & world

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Why it's needed

Update "back room" systems:

- Reduce energy use & operating costs
- Improve staff & volunteer work environment
- Enhance animal caretaking & animal husbandry

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Why it's unique

High impact, low cost!

- Enhances passive & programmed educational opportunities for all ages & demographics
- Reduces operating & energy costs
- Enhances appeal of Athens-Clarke as a destination for education, recreation & tourism
- SCNC Inc. pledging additional $30,000

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Our goal

This level of interactivity

Questions?

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