Exterior

$1,000,000—Nature Playscape—Stretching the entire eastern boundary of Wild Bear’s property, children can enjoy a wild space to play, run, climb, pretend, dig, create, dream and freely explore in wild nature. The landscaping allows for different play zones, and includes two outdoor classroom spaces on round decks ideal for project-based learning.

$500,000—Wild Bear Hiking Trail—the half mile trail loops around the building and moves through and around the distinctive rock outcropping at the top within view of the continental divide. An ADA accessible trail will also be available near the building.

- 5 @ $50,000 each—Trail Interpretive Exhibits—Along the trail, enjoy bird viewing, the lichens or smell a ponderosa. Hands on and interactive correlating with the special bilingual guide book. One is —COMMITTED—
- 5 @ $10,000—Benches—Artistically crafted benches to honor a loved one or an idea

$250,000—Board the Bus—This 1940’s Canadian Transit Bus is one of the last remaining remnants of trash removed during the 30-ton Mud Lake trash cleanup in 2000. This bus will be reimagined and renovated into an exhibit encouraging visitors to “get on the bus” for the earth and make a statement for our commitment to stewardship.

$250,000—South facing Patio—At the entrance to the nature center, families can sit and enjoy the sun and fresh mountain air while enjoying the beautiful gardens, as well as rocks for children to climb on and explore. Coffee and snacks will be available for purchase on the South Patio, making it a popular gathering place to meet and relax.

- $75,000—Hummingbird-Butterfly-Bee Garden—Native and xeriscape, these gardens are there to attract pollinators and educate visitors about how to help them at home.
- 3 @ $10,000 each—Picnic Tables—These special picnic tables will allow for interactive learning while eating lunch!
- $50,000—Rock Climbing and Group Welcoming Space—This special geologic feature can double as a climbing area or seating for special groups before a program begins.

$100,000—Eastern Patio—At the entrance to the nature classrooms and maker’s space, the doors face east, inspired by Wild Bear’s Arapaho Indigenous Advisory Council. All tipis are erected with the door facing east, the direction of the rising sun, so that when they woke in the morning, they stepped out to greet the dawn. This will be a place where parents can relax while children play on the Nature Playscape.

- $50,000—Water Garden—a special architecturally crafted water feature which is especially active on a warm winter day after a snowstorm or after a thunderstorm in the spring and summer.
- 3 @ $10,000 each—Picnic Tables—These special picnic tables will allow for interactive learning while eating lunch!
- $50,000—Northern Patio—Head out the exit toward the Amphitheatre and the shaded Northern Patio, and enjoy the Bird Attracting Garden and learn about the birds who migrate or stay year-round.
- $50,000—Bird Garden—Native landscape to attract birds throughout the year
- $10,000 each—Benches—Artistically crafted benches to honor a loved one or an idea

Amphitheater/Outdoor Classroom—for public programs such as evening nature talks, musical performances, guest speakers, theatre and family celebrations. —COMMITTED—

- $100,000—Solar Powered Stage—This special stage facilitates presentations and performances with power.
- $100,000—Educational Fire Pit—The need for forest wildfire education grows in importance on a daily basis. This tamper-proof fire pit will be used in accordance with Boulder County outdoor fire guidelines.
- $10,000 each—Benches—Artistically crafted benches to honor a loved one or an idea

$75,000—Compost Outdoor Restroom—An educational exhibit unto itself, this facility will model sustainability.

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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Interior

$5,000,000—Wild Bear Endowment Fund— Name the future for Wild Bear and secure its growth as it will continue to thrive and serve the community for generations to come.

$2,000,000 We Are Nature Hall— underscores our place in nature: We are earth, we are fire, we are water, we are animals. Learn how we can be good stewards. Playful hands-on exhibits as well as serious climate change research (CU Mountain Research Station connection, tundra cam). Gift of an anonymous donor. —COMMITTED—

$100,000—Nature’s Breezeway—When you enter the building through the South Facing Patio, walk past the We Are Nature Hall, and head out the back door to the Northern Patio. This special area is bound to feel fresh and breezy in the summer and warm and cozy in the winter with the passive solar warmth!

- 2 @ $25,000 each—We Are Animals! Restrooms—a very important place for visitors who are travelling through.
- $25,000 - Information Gathering Place— Stop by the front desk to ask about what is blooming, the best trails, register for a program or grab a booklet to take out on the self-guided trail.
- $250,000—Community Gathering Hall— a place to bring people together to learn, laugh and listen to the wisdom shared through guest speakers, movies, panel discussions, music, and more. When not conducting programs, the space will host docent driven education through hands-on touch carts.
- $100,000—Community Stage—on the north wall, this will be a special stage for guest speakers, musicians and panel discussions.
- 3 @ $25,000 each—Docent Touch-Carts— volunteers will be sharing hands-on learning from a cart that displays seasonal learning opportunities.

$150,000—Wildlife Observation Window—This window along the north wall in the Community Gathering Hall will offer window seating where visitors can relax and enjoy bird viewing and watching for signs of wildlife, and participating in activities for children.

$500,000—Nature Education Center—Occupies the entire ground-level walkout floor dedicated to formal programs.
- $50,000—Makers’ Space— where people can create using natural materials and recycled art,
- 2 @ $25,000 each—Nature’s Classrooms—where we can make one big classroom or a series of smaller ones, depending on the size of the group.
- 2 @ $25,000 each—We Are Animals! Restrooms—COMMITTED—

$500,000—Mountain Sky Deck— Visitors can enjoy the night sky with telescopes, or use the spotting scopes to spy on the hawks or identify the mountain peaks, Boulder’s water source. This space doubles as an outdoor classroom and is partially shaded by a Lumos Solar Array.

$250,000—Stairway to the Mountain Sky— Visitors will head up the curving stairs as if they are climbing to the top of the world. This special piece of integrated architectural art will be a journey unto itself.

$50,000—Busy Beaver Workspace—This space is where the work gets done by volunteers, staff or community members participating in a workshop. Open air and naturally lit, this space is sure to inspire creativity and mindfulness.
- $50,000—Balcony to the Earth—Attached to the Busy Beaver Workspace is a lovely balcony where visitors can look down onto engaged and creatively busy participants in the Nature Education Space. The south facing windows allow for beautiful views and natural light.
- $100,000—Squirrel’s Kitchen—How convenient to have a kitchen for all to enjoy! This will be used for catering special programs, wild culinary classes or simply a place to have tea and cookies. —COMMITTED—

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