



## Dunwoody Nature Center

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### **Dunwoody Nature Center to re-open Wildcat Creek** **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**

Dunwoody, GA –The Dunwoody Nature Center will re-open Wildcat Creek to the public during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. The public is invited to join with local elected officials and restoration partners during the unveiling.

Wildcat Creek is literally the introduction point for thousands of children to the wonder of nature and to an understanding of their small place in the larger world. Unfortunately, deteriorating bank conditions during major storm events over the years had caused extensive scouring and erosion along the creek banks. A grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in 2015 began the process of restoring the creek to its proper function and, along with nine community partners, the restoration is now complete. This grant completes the comprehensive renewal project also supported by the NFWF Five Star Grant in 2012 that included 21 community partners and resulted in a total of more than \$60,000 invested to reinstate the meadow as Dunwoody's central gathering place for communal learning and cultural activity. While that grant restored the riparian buffer leading to Wildcat Creek, this most recent grant completes the process by restoring the stream bank that contains the creek. The overall project design includes the creation of a bank full bench that serves as a flood plain terrace and amphitheater for the living classroom, allowing visitors a place to rest and learn while their families are experiencing Wildcat Creek. The final musical addition of a playable piece of public art from Play Me Again Pianos was installed at the site and completes the project.

#### About the Nature Center

The Dunwoody Nature Center was organized in 1990, incorporated January 30, 1992 and today serves more than 21,000 participants each year through its programs. As the Nature Center celebrates the beginning of its 25<sup>th</sup> year of providing environmental education to the community, it will unveil 25 community based programs and park features throughout the year, including this restoration project. The Nature Center welcomes all visitors to experience nature firsthand and is open free of charge to the public 365 days a year from sunup to sundown.

Find the Nature Center's full event calendar and other information at <http://www.dunwoodynature.org>

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