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To: Dunwoody Facility Authority

From: Michael Cowan, Dunwoody Nature Center Director

Date: May 20, 2019

Subject: Naming Request for the Dunwoody Nature Center Eco Classroom

### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

Request by the Dunwoody Nature Center to name the Eco Classroom after Mr. Dennis M. Crean

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Facility Usage Agreement adopted in January of 2018 between the Dunwoody Facility Authority and the Dunwoody Nature Center states:

DNC shall be allowed to recommend that portions of the Facilities be named in honor or in memory of those making capital campaign contributions. All naming recommendations shall be subject to the approval of the AUTHORITY per the AUTHORITY'S Facility Naming Policy.

### The Naming Policy states:

A person (non-living and deceased for a minimum of five years) or group who significantly contributed to the acquisition or development of the park or facility.

An individual (non-living and deceased for a minimum of five years) who provided an exceptional service in the interest of the city or community.

The Mayor and City Council have the authority to waive the minimum number of years an individual must be deceased in order to be considered.

Naming may be considered based on the provision of significant funding which substantially underwrites the cost of renovation or construction of city property. Financial underwriting shall be broadly defined as substantial monetary contributions that completely or significantly enable city projects such as parks, buildings or property acquisition to occur. This may include monetary gifts and/or grants that leverage federal, state, and local funding for such projects or complete donation of land.

Based on the language in the Facility Agreement and the Naming Policy the request meets the criteria for consideration by the Facility Authority.

### **REQUEST**

The Dunwoody Nature Center respectfully requests that the Authority approve the naming of the Eco Classroom to be the "Crean Eco Classroom"

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### **Eco Classroom Construction Update**

- 2018 FIPP grant requested & approved
- March 25 Permit issued
- Construction now underway





- Early June Occupancy
- June 23 Dedication
- Fall Greenroof installation

### **Eco Classroom Concept Sketch**



- Program education during camps & field trips
- Community meeting space
- Demonstration native plant greenroof

# **Crean Family Donation**

Dennis M. Crean (1940 – 2015)

- Active in Dunwoody over 30 years
- 2015 Citizen of the Year
- Special commitment to environmental education & stewardship



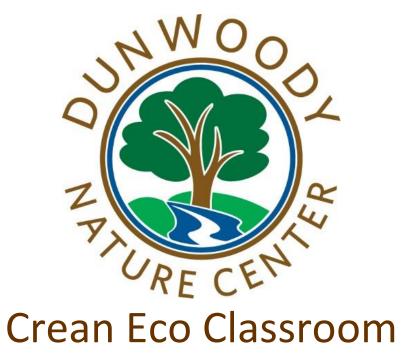


- The Nature Center was always special to him and his family
- In his honor, the family made a significant capital campaign gift

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## Naming Recommendation

The Board of the Dunwoody Nature Center unanimously recommends the Crean Eco Classroom naming be approved by the Dunwoody Facilities Authority



Dennis M. & Marie B. Crean Family 2019