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McFADDEN NATURE CENTER **CONCEPT**



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ABOUT US

Guided by the vision of Larry “Pat” McFadden, McFadden Nature Center is more than just a piece of land; it’s a sanctuary where nature, people, and purpose thrive together. Set across 1,200 acres, this land has been transformed by volunteers and visionaries since 1999 into a thriving, sustainable environment rich with native plants and wildlife.

Here, we hope people of all ages come to know and cherish the land, water, and air that sustain us. Through immersive, hands-on experiences, we aim to inspire curiosity, foster peace, and build an enduring commitment to conservation. Together, we can create a place where nature, people, ideas, and hope flourish side by side, leaving the world a little better than we found it.



VALUES

- STEWARDSHIP** Pass it on. Considering what comes next in conservation and preservation that envisions a sustainable future for generations to come.
- EDUCATE** To cultivate curiosity and create opportunities for study, observation, research, awareness and lifelong learning.
- TRANQUILITY** Encouraging quietness, peace and harmony for enjoyment and health.
- RESPECT** For the bigger picture that includes but is not limited to, land, water, air, farming, plants, animals, birds, reptiles, insects, and artifacts.
- COMMUNITY** Sharing responsibility through connections and partnerships for our watershed and land, whether it's in our backyards or farm lands, prairies or forests.
- PASSION** Excellence and enthusiasm in all we do, to the best of our ability. Asking ourselves - what is the next best thing?

VISION

Our vision is to share a responsibility to conserve and preserve our natural places, and enhance appreciation and love for the land, water and air that we share. To spark curiosity, and joyfully share the quiet peace that comes from time and close attention to nature and our own human spirit. To link actions to hearts. To be a place to grow...for nature, for people, for community, for ideas, and for hope.



MISSION

To share and care for the land, air, water, and animals entrusted to us through meaningful environmental education, balanced conservation and preservation, for the benefit of our community now and future generations.

“BY DISCOVERING
NATURE, YOU DISCOVER
YOURSELF.”

~ Maxime Lagacé

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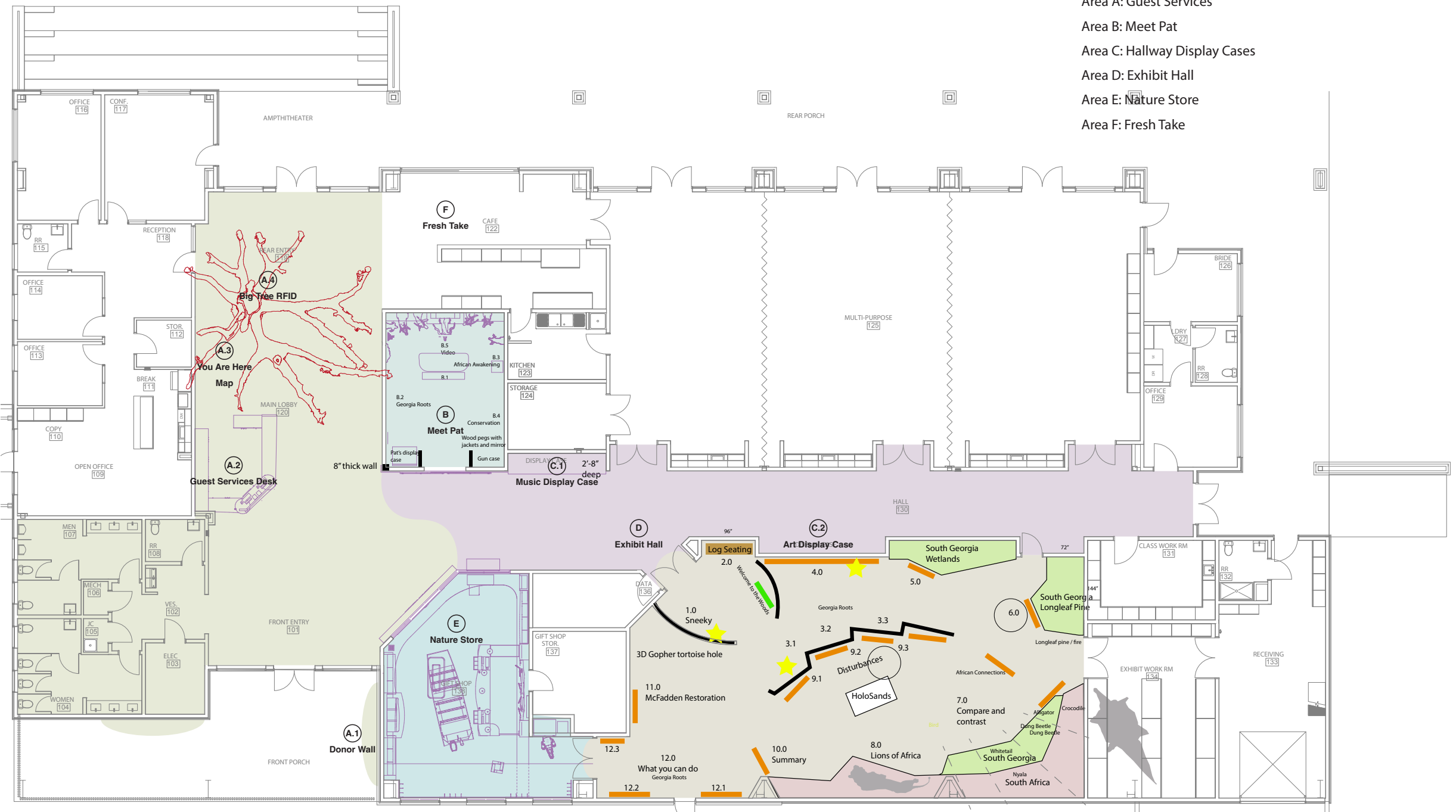


THE CONCEPT

Imagine a Nature Center where the vast African savannas blend seamlessly with Georgia’s lush wilderness, creating an immersive experience that celebrates the beauty, biodiversity, and importance of two captivating landscapes. This visionary space transports visitors into a world of open grasslands, dense woodlands, and serene waterways, showcasing native flora and fauna while highlighting the critical role of water in sustaining life. With engaging exhibits focused on Southwest Georgia’s native flora, fauna, and waterways, visitors learn about the importance of conservation and preservation. Inside, a dynamic Museum with interactive displays and educational panels brings to life the ecological significance of these environments, and a versatile events space crafted with natural materials offers a warm, inspiring setting for community gatherings. Through this harmonious design, the Center aims to spark wonder, foster environmental stewardship, and inspire conservation—bridging continents and ecosystems while bringing people together in shared responsibility for our environment.

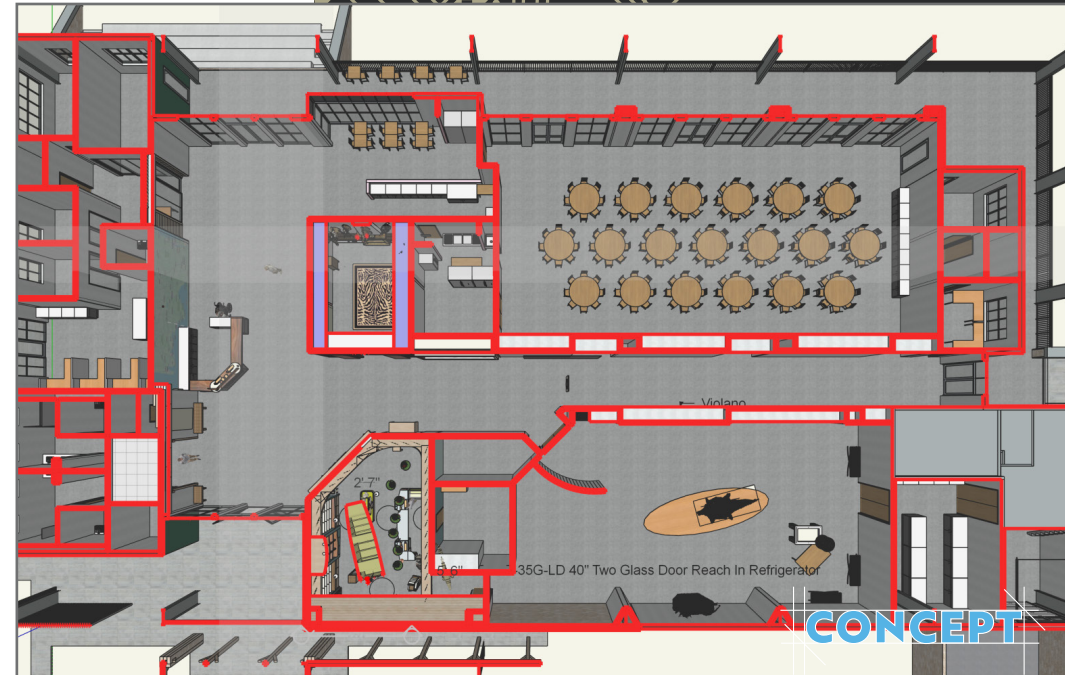
Primary Visitor Experience

- Area A: Guest Services
- Area B: Meet Pat
- Area C: Hallway Display Cases
- Area D: Exhibit Hall
- Area E: Nature Store
- Area F: Fresh Take



THE DESIGN

Designing a Nature Center that offers a Museum, event space, nature trails, an RV resort, and scenic views of the Chattahoochee River is an inspiring, collaborative journey. Guided by a deep respect for the site’s natural beauty, the team thoughtfully planned each element—from accessible trails that weave gently through the landscape to camping and RV spots that offer immersive views while preserving the environment. The Museum’s educational exhibits connect seamlessly with a versatile event space, creating a unified experience that flows effortlessly into the surrounding wilderness. Every feature honors the ecological and cultural heritage of the Chattahoochee, providing visitors with meaningful, enriching experiences that celebrate nature and foster environmental stewardship.

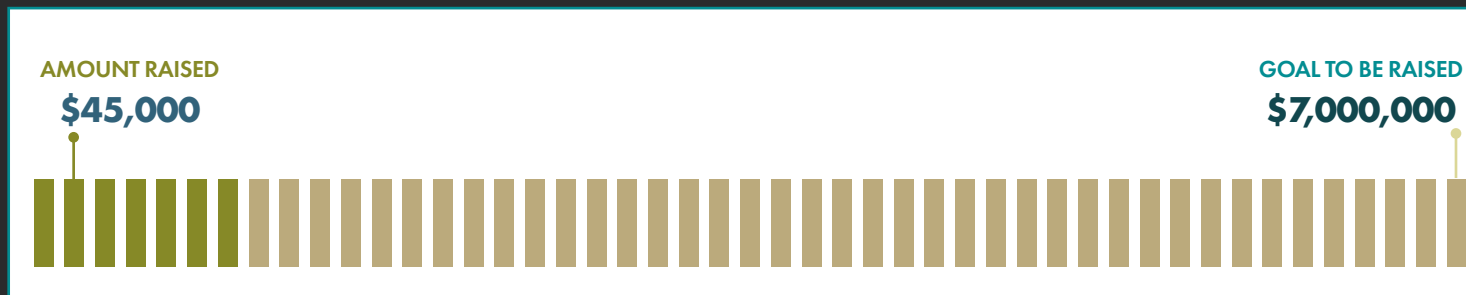













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Supporting the Capital Campaign for the McFadden Nature Center is essential to bringing this vision to life. This campaign will provide the resources needed to build a high-quality, sustainably designed space that offers educational and recreational amenities, benefiting the community and deepening our connection with nature. By securing these funds, we can create a lasting legacy of environmental stewardship, offering a beautifully crafted sanctuary that invites visitors to learn, conserve, and enjoy the natural world for generations to come.



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

 <div>BALD EAGLE LEVEL \$1,000,000+</div>	 <div>ALLIGATOR LEVEL \$500,000 \$999,999</div>	 <div>WHITE-TAIL DEER LEVEL \$250,000 \$499,999</div>
 <div>TURKEY LEVEL \$100,000 \$249,999</div>	 <div>BOBCAT LEVEL \$50,000 \$99,999</div>	 <div>BLUE HERON LEVEL \$25,000 \$49,999</div>
 <div>BARN OWL LEVEL \$10,000 \$24,999</div>	 <div>GOPHER TORTOISE LEVEL \$5,000 \$9,999</div>	 <div>EASTERN TIGER SALAMANDER LEVEL \$1,000+</div>

EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

Opportunity to leave a legacy of nature, conservation, and science-based education and experiences for surrounding communities and for present and future generations.

501(C)(3) CHARITABLE GIVING BENEFIT

Tax-deductible donation for the amount of the sponsorship less any goods or services provided. Donation receipts provided as contributions are made.

RV CAMPGROUND

Enjoy the comfort of your home on wheels while staying close to nature. Our RV sites offer convenient access to trails, the McFadden Nature Center, and other outdoor activities. Whether you relax at the campground or explore the beauty around you, it's the perfect base for your adventure.



RV PARK:

Full hookups with 30 or 50 amp service • Pull thru or back-in sites
Grassy and gravel sites • Water and electric sites • ADA pads
Short term stays • Fishing pond • Playground • Laundry facility
Wi-fi • Disc golf • Walking trails • Restrooms and showers

PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Experience the magic of nature at McFadden Nature Center, where you can camp under lantern-lit tent walls, fall asleep to the soothing sounds of the outdoors, and wake up overlooking the serene pecan orchard and wetland pond. With access to the nearby lagoon trail, 1,200 acres of trails and open woodland, the Nature Center, and playgrounds, adventure awaits at every turn.



PRIMITIVE CAMPING:

30 Amp • Laundry • Wi-fi
Playground • Walking trails • Disc golf
Restrooms and shower • Fishing catch and release

GOLF CART WOODLAND TOUR

Embark on our Woodland Tour, available as a self-guided walking experience or a ride on an electric golf cart. The trail meanders through diverse landscapes, from low-lying hardwoods to upland planted pines. Along the way, you might encounter wildflowers, native plants, and wildlife such as deer, bobcats, armadillos, and even alligators. This self-paced adventure invites you to reconnect with nature at your own pace!



WALKABLE NATURE TRAILS

Discover the beauty of the wetlands and the Chattahoochee River on a peaceful walking tour. Stroll along the serene Rock Oak Trail and Agriculture Trail, taking time to stop at points of interest along the way. This leisurely Southwest Georgia experience offers breathtaking views and a chance to connect with nature. Keep an eye out for turkeys, deer, and other native wildlife that call the area home.



STAY WITH US

Experience the comforts of home while enjoying convenient access to outstanding amenities and stunning outdoor destinations. Stay active as you explore the site, hike the trails, visit the Nature Center, enjoy a picnic at one of our scenic spots, participate in engaging educational programs, and immerse yourself in the beauty of the natural environment.



Wi-Fi



Camping



Laundry



30-Amp



ADA Pads



Disc Golf



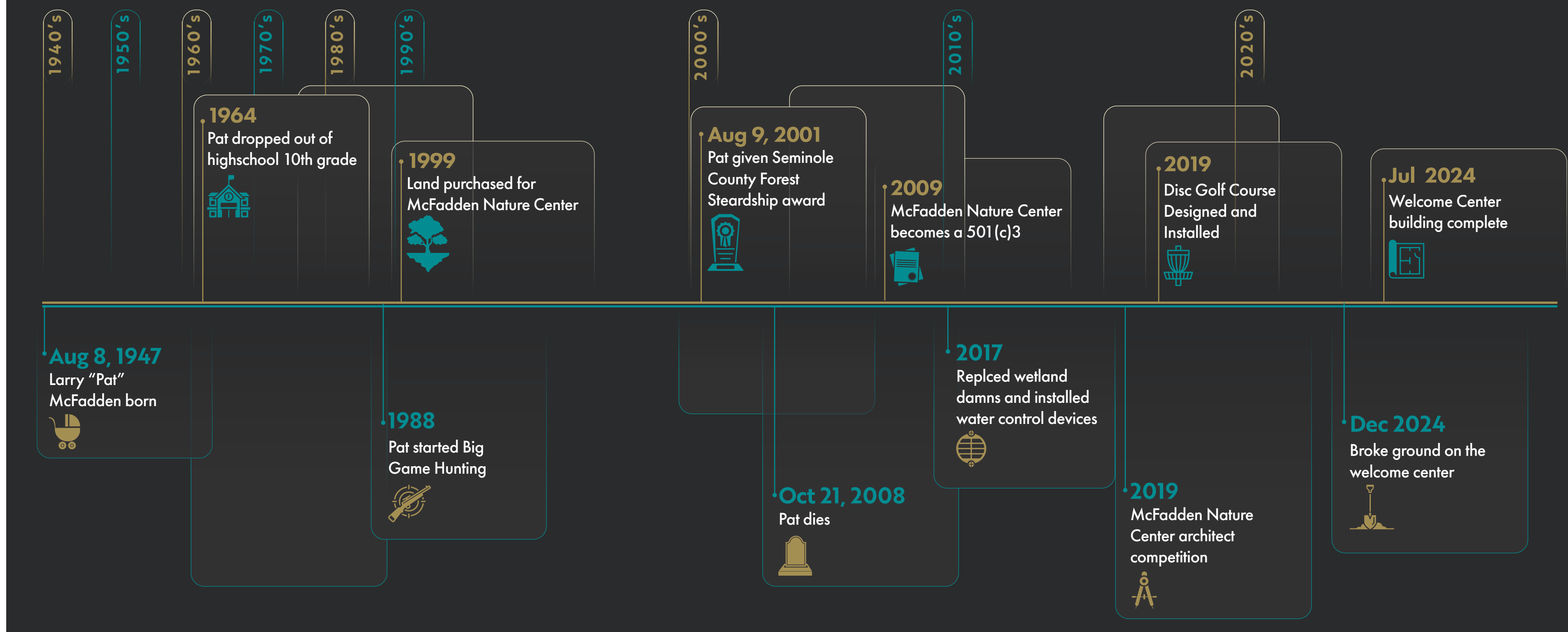
Restrooms



McFADDEN TIMELINE

A NATURAL LEGACY

The McFadden Nature Center in Donalsonville, Georgia, is a tribute to the vision of Larry "Pat" McFadden, whose passion for conservation and community inspired the creation of this serene natural space. The project, which originated as the Lokchasassa Wilderness Project, is dedicated to preserving the McFadden Foundation property for future generations.





EXECUTIVE STAFF



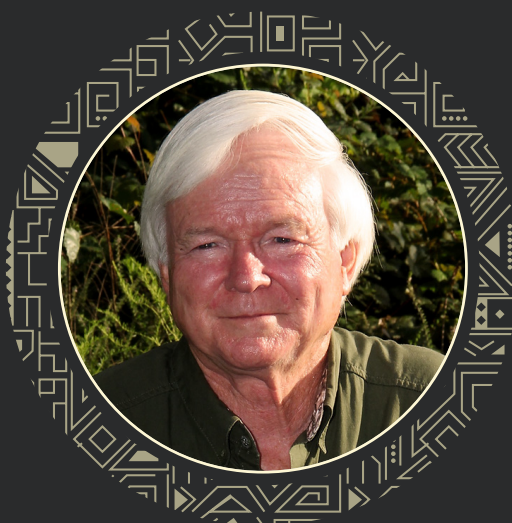
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“...YOU SHOULD LEAVE
THIS WORLD BETTER
THAN WHEN YOU
CAME INTO IT...”

~ Pat McFadden

MEET LARRY “PAT” MCFADDEN

The McFadden Nature Center is named in honor of Larry “Pat” McFadden, a man of many talents and an enduring legacy of service and passion for the natural world. Throughout his life, McFadden wore many hats—sign maker, airplane repairman, welder, boat captain, pilot, artist, stock market investor, and expert marksman. Domestically, he was an avid turkey hunter, while internationally, he was celebrated for his hunting adventures, particularly in Africa, a place he held dear.

McFadden’s interests extended far beyond hunting. He enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, speechwriting, and collecting rare music boxes. In 2002, alongside his life partner, Angela Hagen, he co-founded People for the Welfare of Animals in the South (P.A.W.S.). By 2007, this organization had rescued over 1,800 cats and dogs, ensuring they were spayed or neutered and finding them loving “fur-ever” homes.

In 2001, McFadden facilitated the property’s first “Hunt-On-Wheels” to help manage the deer population at what is now the McFadden Nature Preserve. His vision for conservation and education extended to hosting Boy Scouts of America troops, fostering a deeper understanding of wildlife preservation.

McFadden’s philosophy, “You should leave this world better than when you came into it,” continues to inspire the work of the Nature Center. This principle is at the heart of our design vision, which seeks to honor his legacy, passion, and dedication to sustainability. By integrating site-specific and locally sourced elements unique to Donalsonville and Seminole County—the “Cornerstone of Georgia”—our Capital Campaign embodies the spirit of McFadden’s remarkable contributions.





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