



Denison Pequotsepos
Nature Center

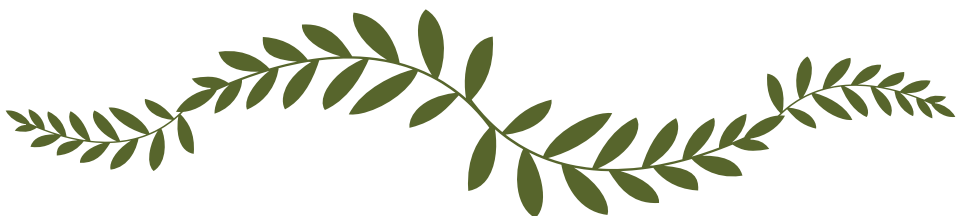
STRATEGIC PLAN
2025-2028

PREPARED BY
DENISON PEQUOTSEPOS NATURE CENTER
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Today, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center stands at an exciting crossroads as we launch our new Strategic Plan. As we look toward the future, we see tremendous opportunities for the growth of our impact. We're expanding our programming to reach families who haven't yet discovered what DPNC has to offer. We're developing new partnerships that will bring our environmental education directly into schools and communities. We're creating innovative ways for people to connect with nature and become environmental stewards.

This is about deepening our mission. Every new program and partnership expands access to the expertise and experiences that make DPNC special. By reaching more people and communities, we're ensuring a greater love for our natural spaces, one that inspires lifelong stewardship and lasting memories.

We thank everyone in our community who participated in the information gathering phase. Enjoy this sneak peek before we make the full plan available.



VISION The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center envisions a future for our community where all people thrive through deep connections to nature, where educational experiences, wildlife care, and our shared ecological history inspire individuals to become active caretakers of the natural world that sustains us all.

MISSION The Nature Center connects people with nature through education and experiences, fostering a lifelong appreciation for the natural world, and acts as a catalyst for environmental stewardship of our local ecosystems.

VALUES



CONSERVATION We are committed to protecting, restoring, and celebrating the natural environment. We act as responsible caretakers of the land, wildlife, and local ecosystems entrusted to our care.

CONNECTION TO PLACE We recognize the power of our local ecosystems, landscapes, and trails in grounding people in a sense of place. We nurture this connection as a foundation for environmental appreciation and action. We strive to create welcoming experiences for people of all backgrounds and abilities, enabling everyone to enjoy, learn from, and contribute to the natural world.

LIFELONG LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE We believe in the power of experiential education to spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and inspire action. Our programs engage people of all ages in hands-on learning that fosters a personal connection to the natural world.

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAMS & PRACTICE We deliver high-quality, science-based environmental education programs, conservation practices, and animal care.

RESPECT FOR WILDLIFE We treat all animals in our care with compassion, dignity, and professionalism. Best practices and a commitment to the protection and well-being of each animal and species guide our wildlife rehabilitation and education efforts.

SUSTAINABILITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS We make decisions with future generations in mind, cultivating an ethic of care, sustainability, and hope that ensures the long-term health of our planet and our organization.

GOALS



GROWING PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT Expand public programs and community outreach to build the Nature Center's reach

BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY Grow organizational capacity to support long-term growth

IMPROVING FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE Build infrastructure through strategic relationships and investments

STRENGTHENING BOARD DEVELOPMENT Strengthen and evolve the board of trustees to foster strategic growth, accountability, and connection

