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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 21, 2018

TO: Committee on the Environment

FROM: Katherine Barnett, Sustainability and Customer Initiatives Manager

SUBJECT: Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center update

Denton ISD

The 2017-18 school field trips just wrapped up, 23 elementary schools visited, all fourth grade classes, most 2nd grade classes and five fifth grade classes planned trips this year. The Elm Fork Chapter Master Naturalists volunteered on field trips days this spring, offering additional activities to supplement existing DISD curriculum. Some minor tweaks are planned but a great time was had by all.

Clear Creek

The numbers of visitors to Clear Creek continues to increase, our workshops and volunteer days are having more and more participants and we are developing a trial schedule to have the parking lot open for set hours this summer.

Davis Trailhead

The restroom building has been placed at the Davis Trailhead and utility connections are being scheduled. Master Naturalist and volunteer workdays have the Davis trails looking good and signage plans are underway. Sign material has arrived, next step is building and placing posts.

Rotary Youth Leadership Project

This year RYLA has elected to perform their service project at Clear Creek. We will be working with up to 140 students on Saturday June 16th to build benches to place on trails around the area.