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### **Zionsville Parks receives amphitheater donation for Carpenter Nature Preserve**

An anonymous donor has generously donated funds for a future amphitheater at Carpenter Nature Preserve. This is the first major gift for the Carpenter Nature Preserve that the Parks Department has received since acquiring the land in October of 2023.

While there is not a specific timeline for the establishment of the amphitheater, Phase One of the Carpenter Nature Preserve is expected to open in late 2025 or early 2026. The structure will accompany anticipated Phase One park amenities which also include a nature playground, accessible and rustic trails, a restroom and shelter facility and a parking area.

The amphitheater, which will overlook the wetlands, will fit into the natural world that surrounds it. It will provide a space for people to gather for programs, educational lectures and events, celebrations and performances.

“Establishing the Carpenter Nature Preserve was accomplished in part because of a series of gifts and donations from community members and organizations,” said Parks Superintendent Jarod Logsdon. “The donors of the amphitheater are inspired by what we are doing at Carpenter Nature Preserve and have generously contributed to this community-building effort.”

The donor will fund the amphitheater in three separate donations based on the estimates from the master planning process. The Parks Board is currently drafting a memorandum of understanding and will offer naming rights for the amphitheater to the donors.

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