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Indorama Ventures funds \$30,000 for Continued Support of Wetland's Edge Environmental Center

DECATUR, Alabama (September 13, 2022)—The Decatur City Schools Foundation is pleased to facilitate a \$30,000 pass-through from Indorama Ventures Xylenes & PTA (IVXP) fund the Wetlands Edge Environmental Center (WEEC).

“We are pleased to facilitate this pass-through with Indorama Ventures because Wetlands Edge provides such a unique hands-on experience for Decatur City Schools’ students,” said Foundation Executive Director, Stevi Price.

WEEC is the culmination of a partnership between IVXP (formerly bp) and Decatur City Schools (DCS) to offer DCS students, students from other public school systems, IVXP employees and their families, and the public a chance to learn about nature "up close and personal."

Located on 500+ acres of IVXP's award winning Certified Wildlife Habitat, WEEC offers students and teachers the opportunity to experience the joy and excitement of studying environmental-based concepts across the K-12 curriculum in a nontraditional setting using the outdoors as the classroom. The property contains several different habitats including a wetland swamp, a marsh, a pond, grasslands, bottomland hardwoods, upland species, a young stand of pines, and an oak grove climax community all of which enhance the study of biodiversity.

More than two miles of trails traverse the property, and along the way visitors will find benches, picnic tables, and interpretive markers. Inside the Center are two classroom labs, a computer room, and more than 30 living habitats including two floor touch tanks, one marine, and the other freshwater. Most of the exhibits contain flora and fauna native to North Alabama and to the entire state of Alabama.

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