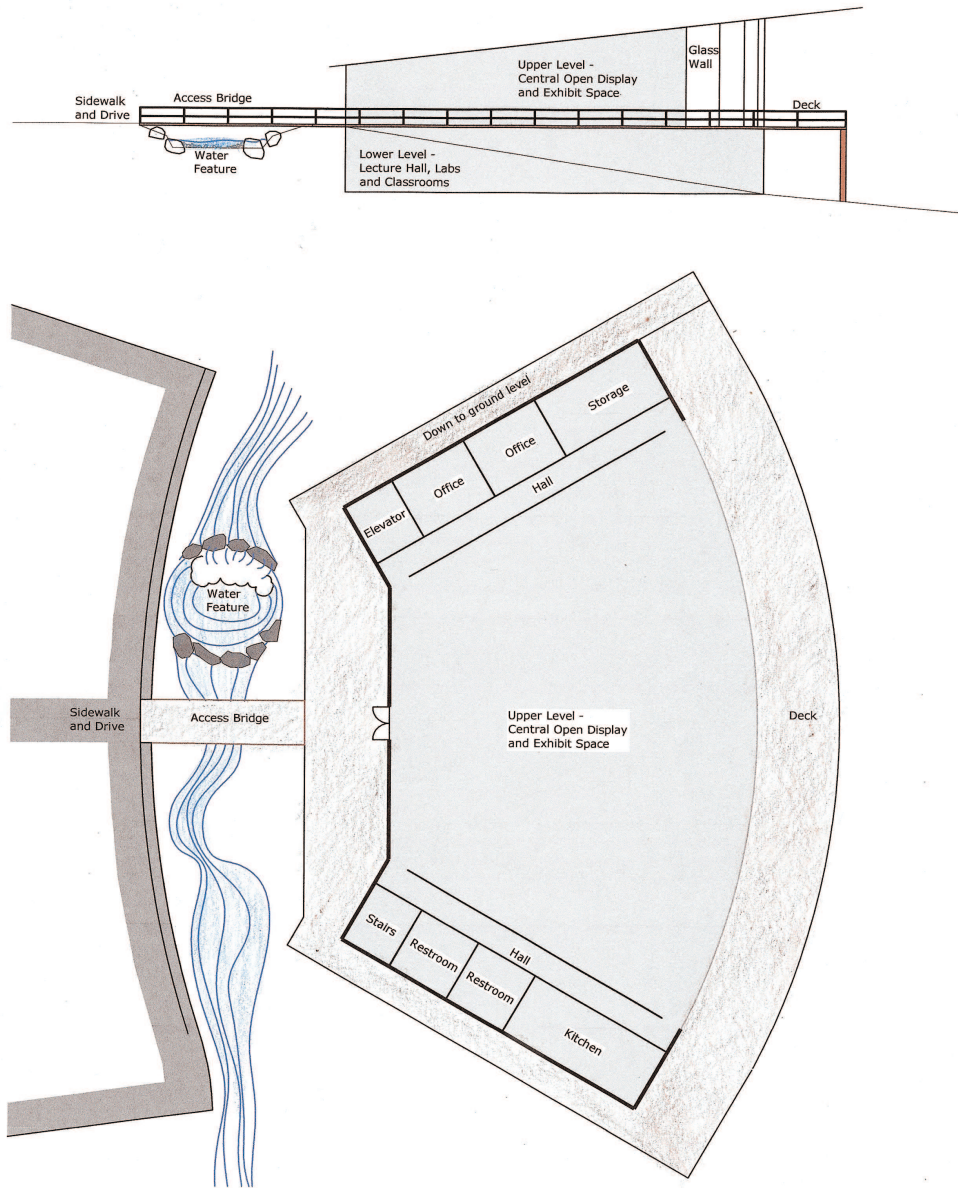


Environmental Education Center



The Environmental Education Center shall be a state of the art teaching facility for the region that utilizes the latest audio/visual technology, wet labs, computer modeling, and exhibits. The above plan is a conceptual placeholder and the next phase of the project will involve the architectural development of the building. However, the conceptual program suggests that the education center be approximately 15,000 sq ft on two levels with a large, flexible exhibit space on the main level and a lecture hall on the lower level in which the city, schools, and community can conduct events. Offices, storage areas, restrooms, classrooms and labs should all be included in the design. The building should meet LEEDNC standards for energy efficiency and eco-friendly building practices such as day lighting, HVAC systems, solar utilization and water use reduction. The development of this facility should be guided by the ideal that the Nalley Brown Nature Park is a regional resource for environmental education.