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## **NEW CLASSROOM COMING TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE CENTER**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Sept. 1, 2015) – The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in Buford will convert existing storage space to build a new classroom and educator workroom. The Board of Commissioners approved a \$409,506 contract Tuesday with low bidder, Bayne Development Group LLC. The 2014 SPLOST program is funding the work.

Educational programming doubled during the last year, causing the center to reach its capacity. The EHC offers classes and special events for K-12 students, homeschoolers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and seniors, plus it holds exhibits, symposiums and community events for the general public.

The contractor will convert existing storage and open space into new classrooms and teacher workroom space on the first and second floors. About 3,500 square feet will be renovated and improvements will include relocated HVAC, electrical and pneumatic air systems and new energy efficient lighting. Construction will begin in October and finish by the end of the year.

Executive Director Steve Cannon said, “The additional space will allow us to keep up with our continued growth and customer demands. We are looking forward to offering even more programs that focus on the environment, natural resources, and healthy lifestyle and wellness.”

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