



BUILDING TOMORROW'S STEM WORKFORCE IN HENDERSON COUNTY

Hands On! Children's Museum first opened its doors of discovery in 2007, featuring a variety of engaging exhibits designed to educate the mind and captivate the imagination of young children.

Since the completion of the museum's first expansion in 2022, Hands On! consistently attracts over **60,000 visitors** each year. As the demand for the museum grows, support from the community *inspires* Hands On! to think boldly about its future.

Our community lacks indoor opportunities for **youth ages twelve and up** to have fun and meaningful STEM learning experiences.

As our economic development grows in Henderson County, it is imperative to cultivate a future workforce that is prepared to pursue local careers in STEM to advance our innovation economy.

To address these needs, Hands On! will create an innovative and engaging destination experience for youth aged twelve and older, designed to spark their interest in science and inspire them to pursue careers in STEM fields.



COMING SOON: THE HANDS ON! SCIENCE CENTER!

8,000 square-feet of DISCOVERY and WONDER!



The new **SCIENCE CENTER** will be a state-of-the-art 8,000 sq. ft. destination experience designed for youth ages 12 - 15. The **SCIENCE CENTER** will be located on the lower level of the existing 13,500 sq. ft. children's museum.

EXPERIENCES WITHIN THE SCIENCE CENTER INCLUDE:

- **STEM Career Lab**
- **Live Animal Gallery**
- **Interactive STEM Exhibits**
- **Citizen Science Classroom**
- **AND MUCH MORE!**

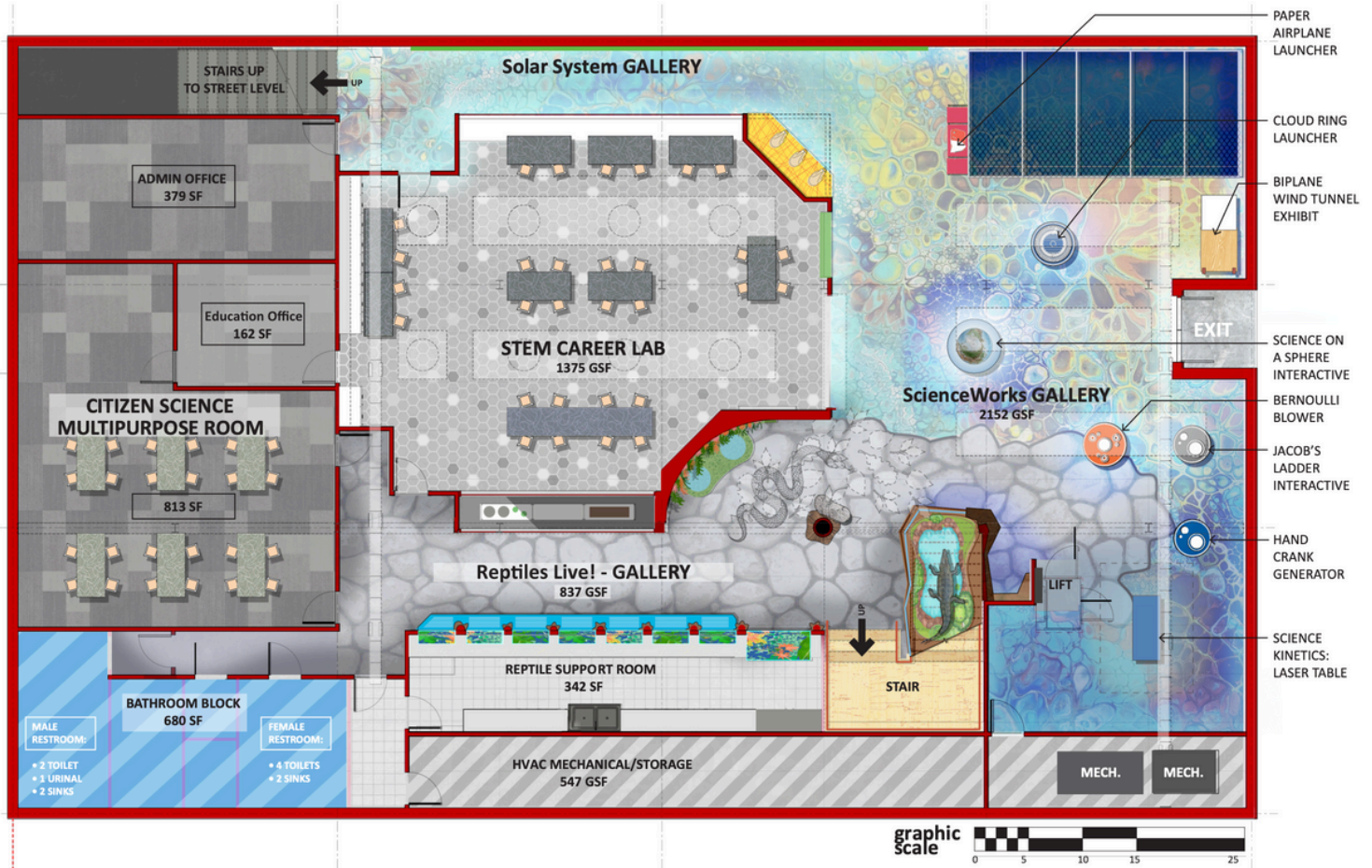
The **SCIENCE CENTER** will feature a variety of interactive learning experiences that will inspire and motivate Henderson County Youth to realize their potential in a STEM career.



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Science Center Floor Plan - LOWER LEVEL OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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The **SCIENCE CENTER** will lead the way in developing the future STEM workforce needed to grow the advanced manufacturing and agriculture STEM sectors in Henderson County.

LOCAL YOUTH will discover STEM career pathways available within Henderson County and WNC, allowing them to pursue STEM careers without leaving the region.

RETAINING LOCAL TALENT is essential for growing our economy and preserving the culture and heritage of our region.