

A scenic view of a pond surrounded by lush greenery and trees. In the foreground, there are several clumps of tall, thin grasses and a patch of green lawn. To the left, there are some red flowers and a stone path leading towards the pond. The pond is bordered by a low stone wall. In the background, there are many trees, including a large evergreen on the left and several deciduous trees on the right. A building is partially visible on the far left. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

The Witte Museum Ten Year Capital Needs Plan

Phase I: Priority Project Success

Priority Project	Project Total	Philanthropy & Grants	Midtown TIRZ
Dawson Family Hall	\$6.9	\$3.4	\$3.5

COMPLETED

- Renovation and expansion of the former Prassel Auditorium into the Dawson Family Hall
- Doubled capacity for the museum's Science Showcase STEM programs, which reach over 50,000 local student each year
- Auditorium capacity of 450 for STEM students
- Now open and hosting events, including the IPW Press Brunch and public meetings



Photo by Vanessa Velazquez



Reach & Community Support



375,000

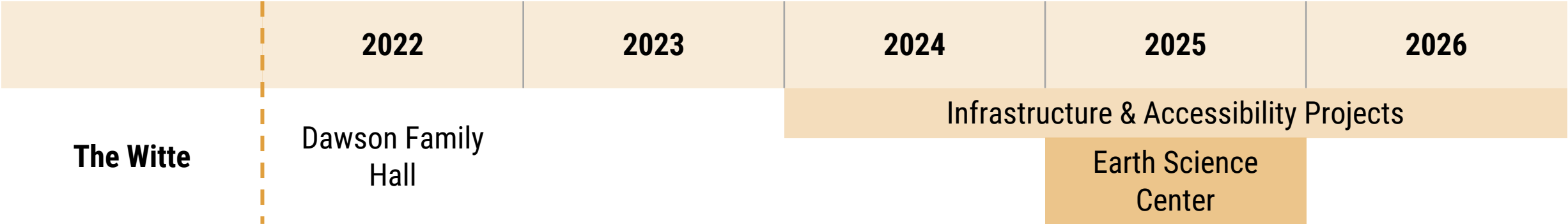
VISITORS ANNUALLY

70%

LOCAL VISITORS

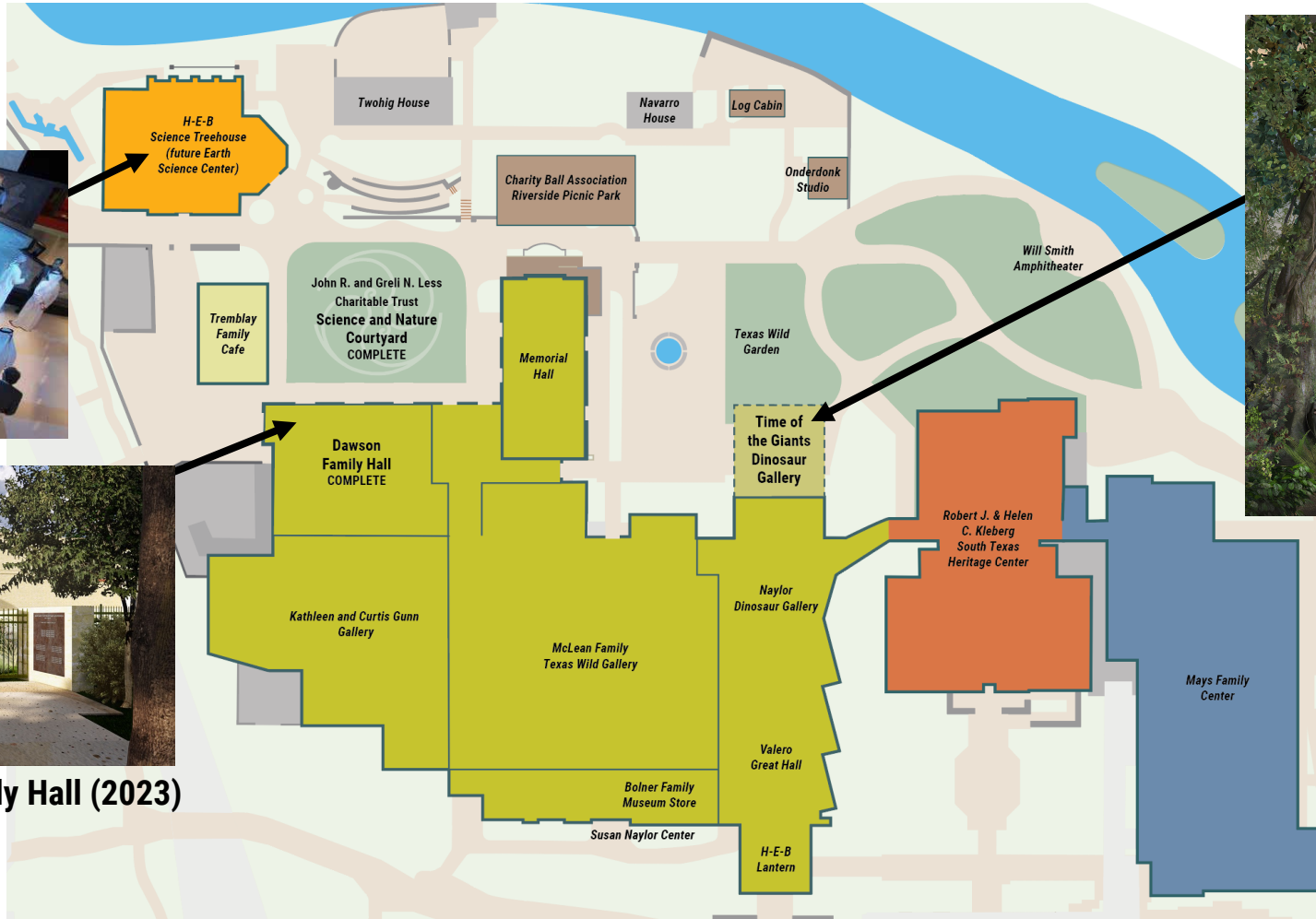


Phase I: Revised Project Schedule



Witte Museum Campus Map

Earth Science Center (2025)



Time of the Giants Dinosaur Gallery (2027)



Dawson Family Hall (2023)



2024-2026 Projects

Priority Project	Project Total (3 years)	Philanthropy & Grants	Midtown TIRZ
Accessibility, HVAC, Infrastructure	\$15.8	\$7.9	\$7.9

- Upgrade:
 - Automatic doors and accessible entryways
 - Main Campus and Texas Heritage Center HVAC and controls
 - *We Are Texas: Origin Stories* infrastructure
 - Safety systems (PA and exterior gates)
 - IT networking
- Renovate the Memorial Auditorium



2025 Earth Science Center

Priority Project	Project Total	Philanthropy & Grants	Midtown TIRZ
Earth Science Center <i>Renovation of the H-E-B Science Treehouse</i>	\$30	\$20	\$10

- Address the perfect storm: Extreme Weather, Water Stress and Environmental Threats to Health and Wellness
- Prioritize the well-loved H-E-B Science Treehouse renovation at the end of a successful 10 years as the H-E-B Body Adventure
- Apply the award-winning PowerPass model toward cultural change in Earth Science, Environmental Health and Public Health
- Bold goal to renovate an existing structure to a Net Zero building



Center for the Future of Water (2018)



Earth Science Center Concept Planning

- Build a center where an ongoing dialogue and interactive experiences inspire and empower an enlightened citizenry
- Meet community needs for Earth IQ, Empowerment and Environmental Stewardship
- Draw on more than 100 powerful partners and educational resources from the Center for the Future of Water planning



Core Principles of Public Engagement



Careful Planning & Preparation

We will ensure that all design, organization and convening serve both a clearly defined purpose, and the needs of the community and visitors.



Witte summits revealed community demand for public access to Earth science and public health resources through exhibitions and programming.



Inclusion & Demographic Diversity

We will always seek diverse people, voices, ideas and information.



The Witte serves a diverse audience that mirrors the City of San Antonio.



Transparency & Trust

We are committed to being clear and open about our public engagement process. We will always maintain a public record of our engagement process, organizers, sponsors and the range of views and ideas expressed.



The Witte is collaborating with corporate and community partners and will continue to maintain transparency as a trusted steward.



Participatory Culture

We will champion a culture of sustained community engagement whenever we expand our physical grounds or programming.



Community engagement is central to the program planning of the Earth Science Center and the next phase of the H-E-B Science Treehouse.



Openness & Learning

We will always be open to exploring new ideas (unconstrained by predetermined outcomes). We will apply new information to generate new options. We will rigorously evaluate our public engagement activities for effectiveness.



The Witte's bold goal is to renovate an existing structure to a Net Zero building in response to community counsel.



Impact & Trust

We will ensure that each participatory effort has real potential to make a difference, and that participants are aware of that potential.



The H-E-B Body Adventure is a trusted model that will take on a new life in the Earth Science Center.