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## WICHITA'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER IN LINE FOR \$675,000; DOLE SECURES FUNDS FOR SECOND PHASE OF PROJECT

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) last night secured \$675,000 for the Environmental Education Center in Wichita as the Senate approved his amendment providing the funding during action on the FY92 Interior Appropriations bill.

Dole's amendment calls for \$675,000 for planning and design of the center. The site will include nature trails, demonstration plots, and wildlife observation posts. Plans for the center include aquarium displays, wildlife exhibits, classrooms and audio visual rooms.

"I'm pleased the Senate agreed with me to continue funding this important environmental site. Mike Hayden began pushing for this project last year to give Kansans a place to view our state's distinct natural land and wildlife habitat," said Dole. "When complete, the center will be a tremendous educational resource to teach young Kansans about our state's unique wildlife and environmental treasures -- right in Wichita."

Last year, Senator Dole won Congressional approval for \$450,000 for the Fish and Wildife to purchase the land for the center, 7 acres next to Chisholm Creek Park.

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