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Commissioner Delaney:

As the commission considers allocating additional funds not originally considered in the City's yearly budget, please bear the following information about Morningside Nature Center in mind:

The existing facilities need approximately \$50,000 in immediate repairs. This includes items such as roofs, improvements to Half-moon schoolhouse to meet HRS classroom codes, and repairs to the farm buildings.

To maximize staff's ability to operate the facility, consider hiring an additional staff person at approximately \$22,000/year, including benefits.

A new multi-purpose pavilion (outdoor covered area) would allow additional classroom and activity space, and would cost approximately \$25,000.

Thank you for giving the needs of Morningside Nature Center your consideration. Please call me at 375-8999 if you have any questions about Morningside Nature Center or the information in this message.