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The Hungerford Nature Center **Joins Museums for All Program**Participation to increase accessibility of high-quality museum experiences and learning resources

**Berlin, CT**—Today The Hungerford Nature Center announced that it has joined *Museums for All*, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children's Museums (ACM). The program encourages people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits. The program supports those receiving food assistance (SNAP) benefits visiting The Hungerford Nature Center for a minimal fee of \$5 per person, up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Similar free and reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than 1,350 museums across the country. *Museums for All* is part of the Hungerford Nature Center's broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all.

<u>Museums for All</u> helps expand access to museums and also helps raise public awareness about how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 1,350 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children's museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing all 50 states.

## About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)

Started in 1962, the Association of Children's Museums (ACM) champions children's museums worldwide. With more than 470 members in 50 states and 11 countries, ACM is the world's foremost professional society supporting and advocating on behalf of children's museums, and those who work at and otherwise sustain them. We leverage the collective knowledge of children's museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at <a href="https://www.childrensmuseums.org">www.childrensmuseums.org</a>.