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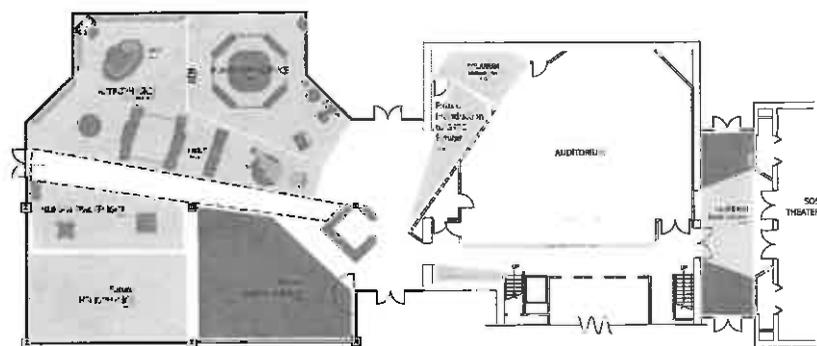
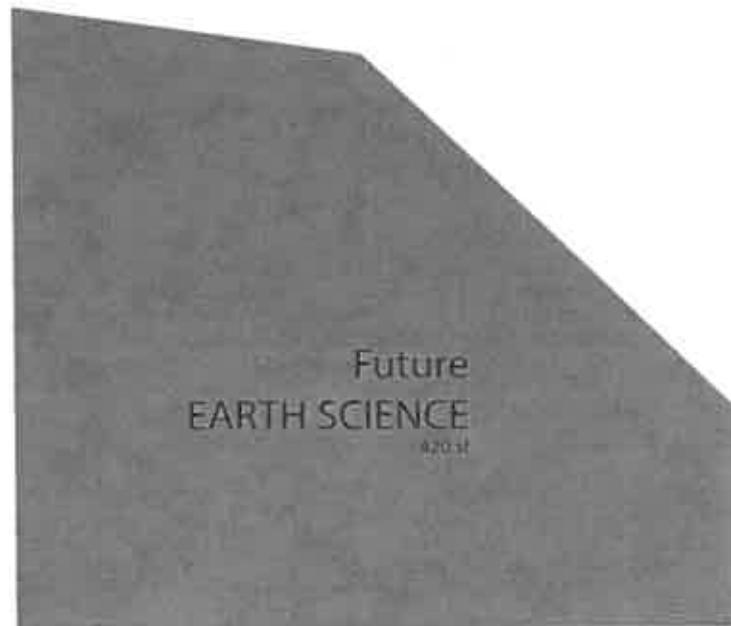


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EARTH SCIENCE

Despite being one of the largest areas of study at GSFC, Earth Science is currently very unrepresented at the VC. Any discussion of future exhibits must include a significant plan for presenting Earth Science to visitors. The proposed Master Plan includes two main exhibit areas for Earth Science, in the Main Gallery and in the SOS Lobby, which would be renamed the GLOBE Hall.

The Main Gallery exhibit will present a broad overview of Earth Science, with the potential for a small changing exhibit space to highlight current GSFC missions. The exhibit may also include some existing exhibit components, such as the Dynamic Planet or the Geochron Clock.

Exhibits in the new GLOBE Hall would focus on the GLOBE program, a science and education program for primary and secondary schools around the world that brings the scientific method to the classroom. Ozone, an existing exhibit added to the VC in 2014, will remain. The exhibit measures ozone levels in the garden just outside the door, and is an excellent model of the relationship between indoor exhibits and live outdoor experiments that will be duplicated in three other exhibits on subjects such as weather, water quality or soil quality. There is plenty of space in the Rocket Garden to create outdoor experiments.

A third option for Earth Science exhibits, in addition to areas for GLOBE experiments, is the Rocket Garden. The Rocket Garden is a popular part of the VC, and there are ample opportunities to add durable outdoor exhibits such as the Astrobiology Walk, added in 2013.

