Teatown Preserve in Ossining, one of the leaders in local environmental education, is opening a new Environmental Science Center on the 1,000-plus-acre preserve.

The center will provide state-of-the-art facilities for environmental education programs that serve more than 20,000 people a year, including its award-winning Teatown Environmental Science Academy (TESA). In partnership with schools and universities, natural science day camps and programs for under-resourced communities, Teatown has served as a living laboratory for scientific research.

The $500,000 renovation includes a fully equipped laboratory, classroom space and video-conferencing, smartboard technology and offices for interns, guest lecturers and researchers.