

Project Proposal: Heyer Outdoor Classroom

Project Type	Construction; semi permanent structure.
Proposal Date	April 17, 2023
Project Manager	Emma Koeppel, School District of Waukesha
Target Completion	June 9, 2023
Total Budget Est.	\$1,850.00 Cost incurred by School District of Waukesha Environmental Education and Heyer Student Council

Project Overview:

The School District of Waukesha Environmental Education and Heyer Elementary Student Council are engaged in a collaborative project to create an outdoor classroom for the students of Heyer Elementary School. This project will be completed by June 9, 2023 with the primary construction occurring on April 28, 2023. This project will be paid for and work completed by The School District of Waukesha Environmental Education and Heyer Elementary School teachers, students, and volunteers. The outdoor classroom will be located in the southwest corner of Heyer Park.

Project Objective:

The outdoor classroom will serve multiple purposes throughout the school year. It will provide opportunities to bring traditional learning outside as well as a space for play-based learning. . The outdoor classroom will benefit our school and community by creating a space that encourages children and adults to engage in the natural world. It will offer our community a space that piques curiosity, encourages people to explore, and gives a central location to rest and gather with others. Outdoor learning has shown to have huge benefits on mental health and academic performance. Results have also shown better behavior and social interactions with fewer disciplinary issues.

Project Timeline:

Design

- February-March 2023
- Space design
- Materials ordering
- Stakeholder tours
- Initial approval by building principal (12/21/22) and WPRF Building and Facilities Maintenance Supervisor and Ground Maintenance Supervisor (3/21/23)

Construction

- April 28, 2023
- Rain Date May 11, 2023
- Remove sod, place landscape fabric, lay mulch
- Construct benches
- Build Wigloo

Project Budget:

Benches

- \$800
- SDW Environmental Ed via WEF Grant

Wigloo

- \$200
- SDW Environmental Ed

Mulch

- \$0.00
- City of Waukesha

Miscellaneous Building Materials and Tools

- \$200
- SDW Environmental Ed

Classroom Materials and Tools

- \$500
- SDW Environmental Ed and Heyer Elementary School

Refreshments

- \$150
- Heyer Elementary School Student Council

Labor

- \$0.00
- SDW students, staff, and community volunteers

Supporting Documents:[Presentation](#)[Map of Space](#)[Materials](#)[Student Planning Documents](#)