



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 18

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**WILD OUTDOORS
GARDEN LAB**

COMMUNITY

INVOLVEMENT

and **PRESS**
can do

WONDERS

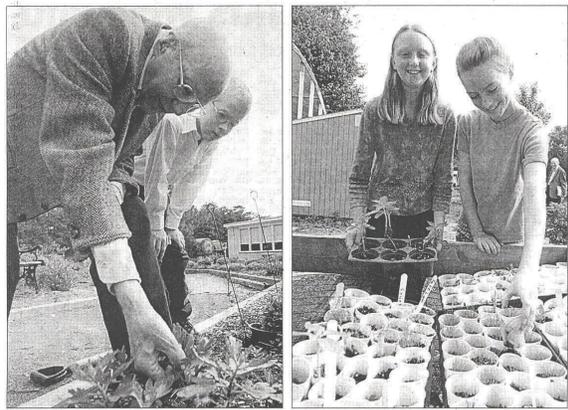
for your project !

YOUNG & OLD

work

SIDE-BY-SIDE

FLOWER POWER



Volunteers Carl Carlson (left in left photo) and student Michael O'Brien, 10, take a chrysanthemum cutting from the student garden at Whiting School, Manchester, as Emily Froehlich (left in right photo) and Rachel Rittinger tend the garden.

STUDENT GENERATED IDEAS—THE BEST KIND

INCLUDE: birdhouses, birdbath, birdfeeders, nesting boxes, toad houses, bat houses.

PLANT: blueberry bushes, elderberry, lilac bushes, butterfly bush, columbine, heather, milkweed, salvia, magnolia &

Newsletter Spotlight

The site planned for in the original application was deemed inappropriate due to inaccessibility to water. The ability to water plants—especially newly planted ones— is critical to the success of a garden project. Often, water spigots require a special key to access, are VERY far from the site, and long hoses are impractical.

PLAN AHEAD

The \$ Thing

In 1999—OCSCD awarded a \$500 grant

In 2000—OCSCD awarded an additional \$500 grant to continue the highly successful project.

The school also invited community involvement & donations. Attended Rotary Breakfast, BOE Meetings, Parent Advisory Council, local Garden Clubs & businesses. School sold engraved paver stones as a fundraiser & to create a pathway for the garden.



Assemblies were used in the beginning to motivate students and solicit their input.



Several Community Planting Days were organized—thus bringing in parents, scout leaders, and various volunteers to help with the “heavy” work. One planting day had 75 people in attendance!

MORE PRESS COVERAGE—MORE COMMUNITY SUPPORT



GROWING AND LEARNING... Whiting School students, parents, staff and community members have been hard at work on their new Wild Outdoor Science garden. The dream garden, complete with greenhouse, is becoming a reality thanks to grant funds and donations from the community. If you would like to help by purchasing an engraved brick for the garden path, please contact the Whiting School at

DETAILED BUDGET

Providing a detailed budget like the one shown to the right is an important component to any grant application. This example is representative of only a small portion of the total project. It is most often the case that Outdoor Classrooms tend to be multi-year and multi-phased projects—often with multiple funders as well.

Budget for Wild Outdoors Science Garden

Materials	#	Cost	Total
Super Grow	3	\$ 22.00	\$ 66.00
Peat Moss	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00
Indigenous shrubs & plants *	5	\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
Bird feeders	2	\$ 12.00	\$ 24.00
Bird Seed	5	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
Bird Bath	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Bird House	2	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00
Labels for Plants (5Pkg.)	5	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
Mulch	5	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00
Total		\$	533.00