OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 20

New Egypt Elementary School (K-8)
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The 20 students that made up the 7th grade Enrichment Class in 1994 chose the theme and focus as "Survival." The students researched both the local environmental conditions surrounding the school and those surrounding the State. They then tried to create favorable conditions to imitate nature, and also create an outdoor learning experience for the entire school community.

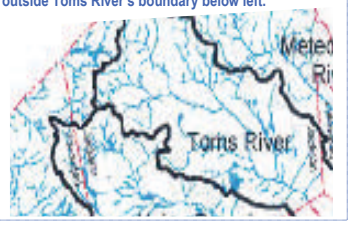
Goals & Objectives were written into the grant proposal:

1. to improve the natural habitat of New Egypt School
2. to allow students the opportunity to research the area & become familiar with surrounding environment
3. to establish an area where all students can share in the environment and learn from it
4. to leave a permanent "gift" to the lower school from the 7th grade
5. To develop a sense of pride in the students & their ability to appreciate and improve their surroundings
6. To enjoy the environment that surrounds their school and learn from it

PROJECT HABITAT OPEN AIR

GO WITH THE FLOW! This school is actually located in the Crosswicks/Rancocas Creek watershed which drains to the west into the Delaware River. Predominantly, schools within Ocean County are part of the Barnegat Bay watershed

The School is just inside the County line (red) & just outside Toms River's boundary below left.



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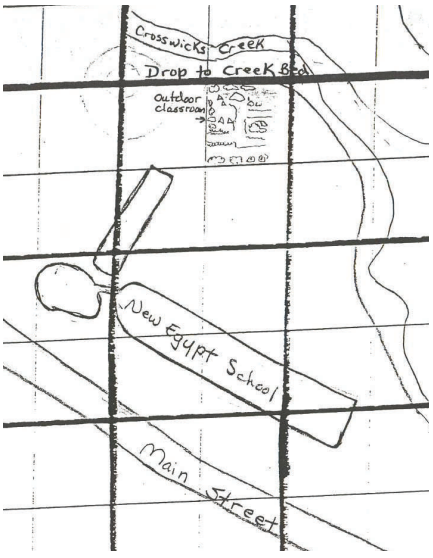
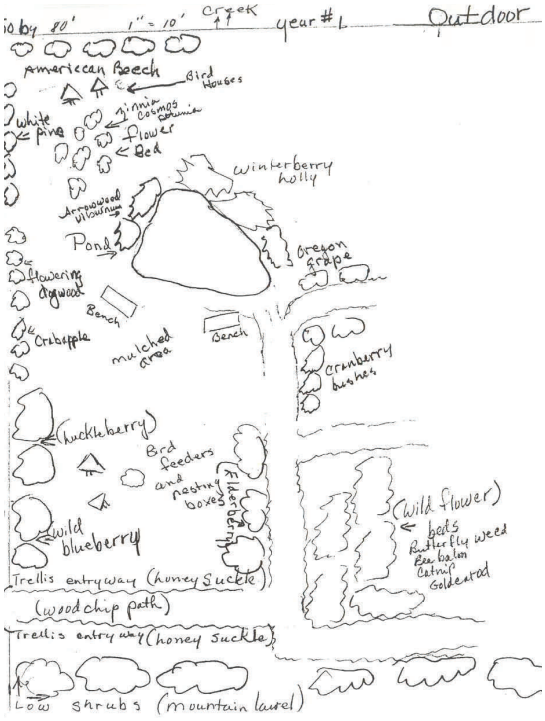
WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

The project was kept manageable for year one, with various components for future development and expansion.
This was done with the intent that the class involved would not be overwhelmed, and the understanding that the classes that follow can feel equal ownership of the project.

The $ Thing

In 1994, the OCSCD awarded a $500 grant for the development of a wildlife habitat area near Crosswicks Creek, adjacent to the school



The school is located along Main Street and is an older building (66 years in 1994.) The property is adjacent to the Crosswicks Creek.