



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 11

Cedar Creek Elementary School (K-5)
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Third Grade teachers Marilyn Fox and Jennifer Van-Houten began the journey of developing this outdoor classroom in 1994 with their first grant application. They intended to make use of a wonderful 4000 square foot courtyard space that was created when an addition was constructed on their school. They envisioned a multi-year and phased project. Indeed, the development of this courtyard oasis has continued to evolve.

The \$ Thing

- OCSCD provided the initial \$500.
- Lacey Township Environmental Commission contributed an additional \$1300.
- A local landscape designer donated the plan & his expertise.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Go Native!

*Red-twig Dogwood, Service Berry, Bayberry, Fetterbush, Sweet Pepperbush, Red & Black Chokeberry, Winterberry, Bearberry, Goldenrod, Coreopsis, Wild Columbine, Butterfly Weed, Aster, Broom Sedge, Blue Stem Grass, Indian Grass,FEED THEM, AND.....
.....THEY WILL COME!*

Newsletter Spotlight

Volunteers. Volunteers. and some more Volunteers—it took MANY people to move all the soil, mulch, pavers, plants into the courtyard—one wheelbarrow at a time! The transformation is AMAZING! See below



Although a Professional Landscape design and plan is a wonderful “Blue Print” for the development of an Outdoor Classroom, one surely isn’t necessary.

Many fabulous designs have been done by very young students.

