



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 14

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The teachers write:

"Lakewood is a socially, economically depressed area with a multi-cultural racial population, and, as such, many of the students are unaware of the nurturing their natural environment requires. By implementing Project Wild, we will create an outdoor classroom that will be used to show that the future of our environment is dependent on how we care for it today. The entire school community including parents, staff and students, will benefit educationally from this project." Ms. DeYonker & Ms. Weisman

The \$ Thing:

Phase 1—Initially, a \$500 grant was awarded in 1995 to begin the conversion of the school's courtyard. A pond was installed as part of this grant.

Phase 2—This school was also awarded \$3000 from the OCSCD Partnership Grant in 1996 to continue the development of habitats in the courtyard.

- Year 1—Install Hummingbird & Wildflower Gardens
- Year 2—Install Butterfly Garden and add benches
- Year 3—Add Rock Paths, a Rock Garden, Bird baths and more Benches.

PROJECT WILD SITE & OUTDOOR CLASSROOM HABITAT DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TIPS:

- Requests for Help were sent home with each of the school's 600 students asking for SPECIFIC help.
- Administrative support is critical.
- Curriculum integration is key to success and utilization of the outdoor classroom.

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