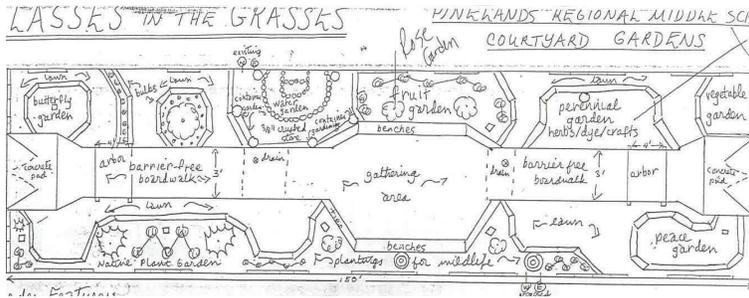




## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CASE STUDY # 19

Pinelands Regional Middle School (Grades 7-8)  
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### Detailed Drawings Provide a Plan and a Visual Map of the Site



*When designing this courtyard, consideration was given to provide hardy species; seasonal color and texture, wildlife value, accessibility, room for plants to grow & mature, sense of place and tranquility, & opportunities for multi-disciplinary curricular integration.*

### The \$ Thing

- ➔ Initial support came from the NJEA Frederick Hipp Foundation to create the courtyard gardens in 1999.
- ➔ In 2000, a \$500 grant from OCSCD was awarded to expand the native plantings and to supply lumber for the construction of various bird feeders and nesting structures for placement

### CLASSES IN THE GRASSES

This courtyard was designed to provide seven theme-based gardens:

1. Butterfly
2. Native Plants
3. Water
4. Vegetable
5. Perennial Herb
6. Peace Garden
7. Roses

### Newsletter Spotlight

In 1999, Mrs. Jane Hall & the courtyard project was featured on NJEA's "NJ Close-Up."

Approximately 350 seventh and eight grade students participated in the construction of the outdoor classrooms & was inclusive of the special education classes that Jane teaches.

The "Peace Garden," established by the English Department, remembers the victims of the Holocaust, and special education students developed a bird-friendly habitat.



This courtyard has a multitude of features that make it both student friendly and wildlife friendly. Wooden walkways and built-in benches make it easy to transect the courtyard and utilize it for instruction.

Numerous raised beds of varied plantings, feeders and nest boxes built by the wood shop students, and a small pond, provide food, water & shelter for wildlife.

