



Youth Volunteer Corps

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Dear Mr. Kennerknecht:

The YVC is very excited about the Beaty Courtyard Revitalization project! Thank you for meeting with me regarding this opportunity. I am enclosing the information from the form 5210 required by the school district.

I am sorry that I will not be able to make it to the committee meeting on the 30th and I hope that what I have provided to you will suffice. If you need any additional information from me please do not hesitate to call. I greatly appreciate your time with this YVC project.

Sincerely,

Mary Tucker
Director, YVC

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Beaty Courtyard Revitalization Proposal
Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC)
Director (contact) Mary Tucker 723-7849

Re: Warren County School District Section 5210 Form (requirements)

The Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) is proposing to revitalize the Beaty Middle School's Courtyard as follows:

The project was initially designed to refurbish an unused inner courtyard at the beautiful old, gothic-style middle school in our community, Beaty Middle School. We set out to beautify the space and make the courtyard usable as an outdoor classroom and/or open study area.

PHASE I – Initial startup

A grant was obtained through Youth Service America (YSA), a Disney Minnie Grant, in the amount of \$500 in 2006,

We had two planning sessions with high school art students and Master Gardeners to put together a feasible plan for the space. The students prioritized their list of projects and set out to implement them during 3 after school work sessions. During the actual work sessions in Fall of 2006, students cleaned the courtyard, created several large mosaic flower pots, assembled 3-tier planters, planted tulip bulbs and perennials, created wind chimes, planted animal-shaped topiaries and laid out a human sundial. This spring, 2007, the pots and planters will be refurbished and new plants will be planted.

PHASE II – The Greenhouse and planters

Upon approval, we will be seeking additional funding in the amount of \$3,500 (grant applications submitted to Warren Community Foundation and Lowes) with the intention of further revitalizing the courtyard by adding a greenhouse, several planters, and study tables for the students. The PHASE II budget consists of the following:

Greenhouse (with delivery)	\$2,700
Plants and Supplies	\$ 200
Wood for planters	\$ 250
Tables and Chairs	\$ 350

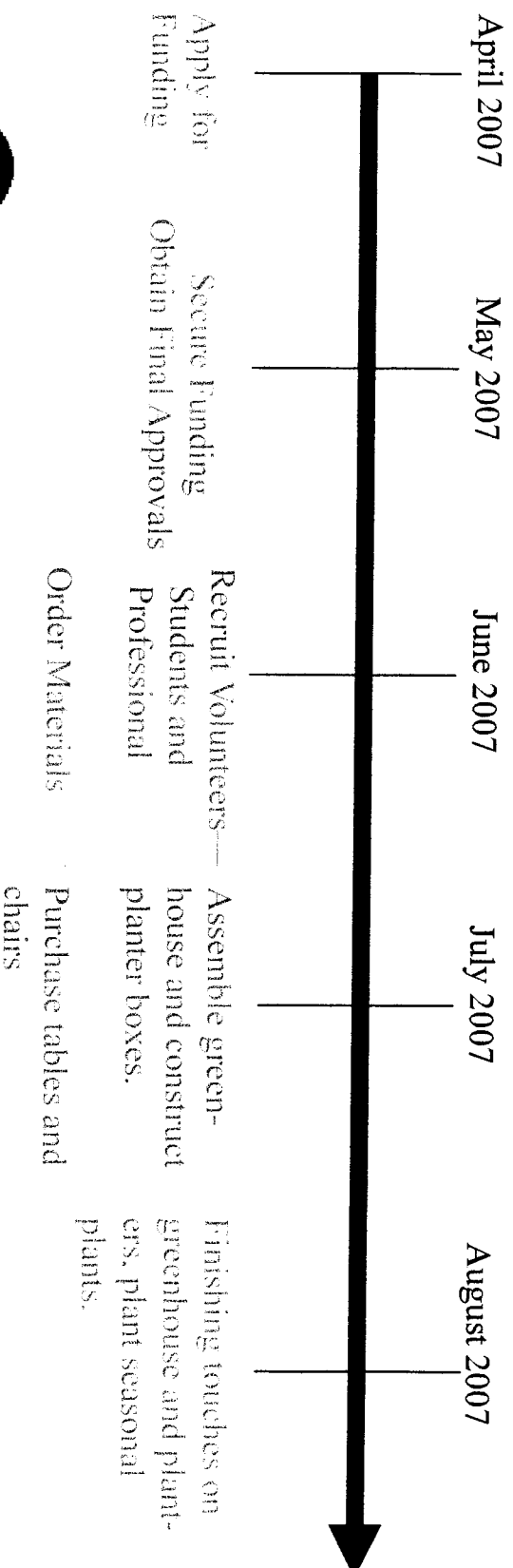
The Greenhouse will be constructed from the kit by the YVC students at Beaty and by other YVC volunteers over the summer, 2007. The wooden planters will be built by shop students as a project in the fall of 2007. YVC staff will recruit the necessary expertise (such as contractors and master gardeners) for the project as well as oversee the entire PHASE II and PHASE III of this project.

PHASE III – maintenance of the courtyard

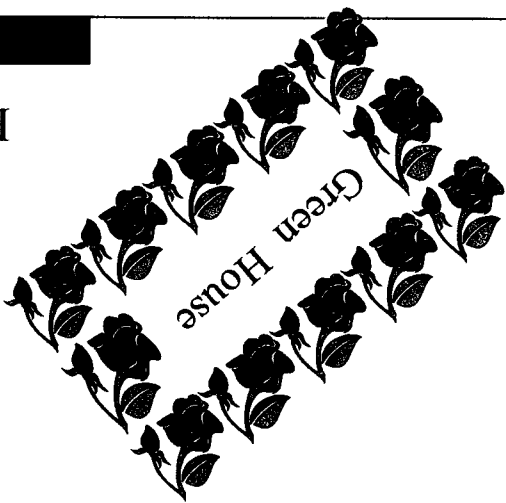
Phase III of this project involves the ongoing upkeep and/or maintenance of the courtyard. YVC fully intends to provide support to the YVC volunteers at Beaty by providing the necessary support to maintain this beautiful courtyard. See following page for a rough draft of the layout of the revitalized courtyard.



Beaty Courtyard Revitalization Project 2007 Timeline



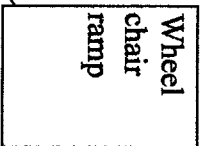
September 2007—Opening of the outdoor classroom to students and faculty. Refreshments and speaker provided by the YVC.



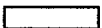
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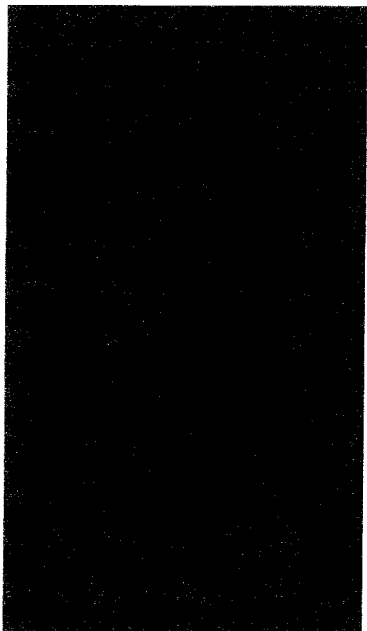
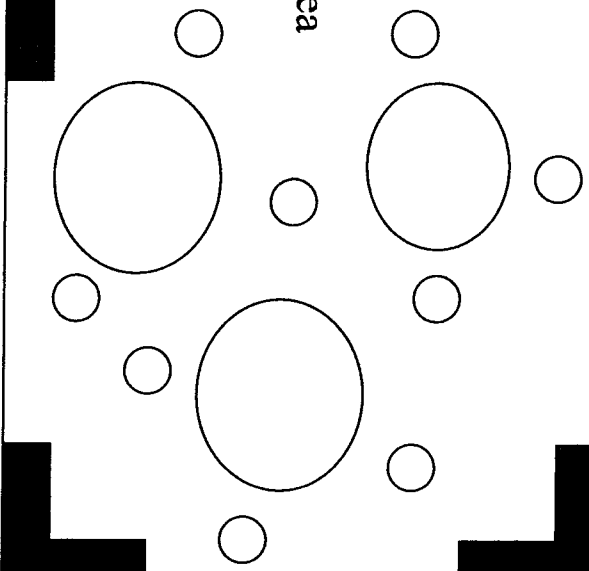
Wheel
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Planters



Study Area



Benches



Benefits of the Beaty Courtyard Revitalization Project

- 1. YVC volunteers will gain considerable experience building the greenhouse, planting and cultivating, and working in teams to establish a maintenance program.**
- 2. Science classes may want to utilize the greenhouse for experiments.**
- 3. A Beaty garden club could be established.**
- 4. The courtyard could be used as an outdoor study or classroom area.**
- 5. A previously unused, unattractive area becomes a beautiful place to learn, study and relax for the students and the teachers.**
- 6. The maintenance and upkeep program will be a wonderful outdoor project for the Beaty YVC volunteers.**
- 7. The shop students will gain experience building the wooden planters.**
- 8. Students will have an opportunity to meet and interact with area contractors, gardeners and other volunteers providing an invaluable learning experience.**