

Magnolia West High School Art Club Landscape Project

2017

Proposed Design



The MWHS art classrooms have no windows and, therefore, no natural lighting for the creation of art by the students. Regina Michael, one of the art teachers, contacted Keep Magnolia Beautiful on behalf of the other art teachers asking if we could assist with the landscaping of an area outside the art classroom to be used as an outdoor classroom space. Although the art classes will utilize this space, it will also be available to other classes as an alternative classroom space. The student members of the West Art Honors Club are working with their teachers to realize this dream.

It is envisioned that this space will provide opportunities for displaying three dimensional work done by students, including a venue for art shows and displays, as well as permanent installations. This may be the first step in a series of innovative and creative outdoor spaces in which MISD art students can excel.

Tom Richards, a professional landscaper, has volunteered his time to design the area. He met with some of the West art teachers and created a design plan and proposed budget. Both are attached for reference as is a photo of the area to be landscaped. The area measures 45' x 60.'

The work will be done in February or March 2017. The West Art Honors Club will be heavily involved in working with their teachers, the landscaper, and Keep Magnolia Beautiful to plan and implement the landscaping. They will work to recruit volunteers, including other art students and their families, to do the manual labor of installing the plants, trees, compost, mulch, and gravel on the day of installation.

Keep Magnolia Beautiful will assist with fundraising by applying for grants, seeking discounts on and donations of the materials needed, and seeking monetary donations and sponsorships for the materials to be purchased. We will also work on locating donations and labor for the preparation for the landscaping (removal of grass, installation of irrigation, and installation of fencing).

KMB has had success in the past receiving substantial discounts on and donations of plants, trees and other landscaping materials. This grant from MCF will assist in covering items for which we cannot locate donations.

The total estimated budget is \$11,042. Initial estimates are that about \$5,000 of that amount will be covered by in kind donations. KMB is requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from MCF. The remainder of the money will be raised by monetary donations.

KMB will send press releases acknowledging all grants, donations and sponsors and promoting this innovative aspect of art education in MISD.

KMB, West Art Honors Club, and MWHS Art teachers sincerely appreciate MCF's consideration of this grant request.