Barrington Area Library
Teaching Garden
Project Narrative

The Teaching Garden is a proposed site improvement on the eastern side of the Barrington Area Library's campus to provide a space for community and special library programming.

The Teaching Garden is a joint project between the library, the Barrington Breakfast Rotary, and the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. The Garden will provide a teaching space for library customers to learn about gardening and native pollinator plants. Additionally, the Garden will provide seed for the library's ongoing Seed Library service, which distributes free seed to residents looking to start their own gardens.

Library programming in the space will include gardening workshops for children and adults, 'work days' in the garden for interested volunteers, and potentially small-scale storytelling programs for families.

Outside of library-specific programming, the Garden will be an excellent place for residents using the library footpath between Citizens' Park and the Garlands to stop and rest or meet with other community members. In partnership with the Library, community groups could volunteer to tend the space or use it for small events.

An additional benefit of the Garden is the remediation of two portions of the library site: one previously occupied by the library's demolished air conditioning cooling tower and the other an unused plot previously overrun with buckthorn and construction material.

Proposed Garden Area

Existing Paver Path Sample

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Project Budget

SOURCES		
BALibrary		
Pilot Programs Fund	$	5,000.00
Gift Fund	$	12,985.00
	$	17,985.00
Barrington Breakfast Rotary		
Donation	$	9,445.00
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TOTAL SOURCES	**$**	**27,430.00**
EXPENDITURES		
Landscaping		
Soil Remediation	$	1,950.00
Permeable Paver Path	$	7,920.00
Granite Garden Border	$	2,945.00
	$	12,815.00
Furniture and Fixtures		
Split-Rail Fence	$	2,200.00
Benches (2) and Installation	$	11,500.00
	$	13,700.00
Total Project Cost	$	26,515.00
Project Contingency (3%)	$	915.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$**	**27,430.00**
PROJECT NET	$	-