

Vancouver Parks Board – Arts – Neighborhood Matching Fund Proposal



Windermere High School, Student Environment Club
(may be better to use picture of what you want the project to look like, a drawing, etc..)

**Greening and beautification for Windermere High School and
surroundings
A Proposal for Neighbourhood Matching Funds**

To: Vancouver Park Board, Neighbourhood Matching Fund Committee
From: Student Environment Club, Windermere Secondary School
(school location)

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Who are we?

We are the Student Environment Club (SEC) at Windermere Secondary School (*school address here*). We are a group of thirty students very active in the school and our community. Our club has been involved in many environmental and alternative transportation projects over the last four years. We have actively educated our school and community population on anti-idling education and alternative transportation to and from school. We have been successful in fundraising bicycle racks at our school and have worked with the City of Vancouver to install anti-idling signs around Windermere Secondary School. We also did an Off Ramp Project with Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST) on educating students on the value of sustainable transportation in our community. We also serve as the youth committee on the City of Vancouver's Renfrew-Collingwood City Plan Committee. Our contact person is our Community Schools Coordinator Bill Hamilton who can be reached at 604-713-5885 or whamilton@vsb.bc.ca. Our contact person at the City of Vancouver is Edna Cho (Planning Department) who can be reached at 604-873-7271.

Our Vision

Our long term vision is to create a 'green hub' around the school that makes it easier for students to walk and bike to school. We want to improve the area in front of our school and work with our neighbours on 27th Ave. between Renfrew and Rupert to start a 'blooming boulevards' planting project where interested residents plant gardens on their boulevards. This will provide a green connection between the school, the entrance of Renfrew Ravine on Renfrew Street, and Rupert Street.



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Our proposal

Our proposal is for the first stage of this project – beautifying the area in front of our school with plants and art. This involves greening a street end at East 27th Avenue and Windermere Street at the front of Windermere Secondary School. We would like to install art – specifically, mosaics, trees, shrubs, benches, cut-outs to decorate our fence). Currently, the area in front of the school is in disrepair and cluttered with excessive parking and roadway erosion (see pictures below). This is a student-led initiative. We have been working on an ideal plan and hope to partner with the five home owners on the south side of 27th Avenue who will benefit from the greening project. This initiative will be a tremendous physical improvement for the community and the school. It will build a sense of pride and ownership for all participants involved in the project as well as the students attending Windermere Secondary School.

Our actions to date

We are involved with the Renfrew-Collingwood CityPlan Committee, the community steering group responsible for implementing the Renfrew-Collingwood Community Vision, adopted by City Council on in 2004. The Vision includes directions to make school grounds more attractive and usable for the whole community, greening streets, and beautifying the community with public art. We are also working with the Environmental Youth Alliance and have ongoing meetings approximately twice a month since September 2004 to work on the design, community outreach, researching existing green ways and other school/city greening projects.

Through the City's Local Improvement Program, we have initiated a petition to install curbs, gutters, and a repaving of the street and hope to work with the owners of the five houses on 27th Ave. across the street from the entrance of the school.

This greening project is the first stage in accomplishing our vision to green the areas around our school and make it easier to walk and bike to other parts of the community -- Renfrew Ravine Park, Slocan Park, the 29th Ave. SkyTrain Station, and shops along Rupert Street. Once we complete this project, our next step will be to try to start a blooming boulevards project in both directions of East 27th connecting to Renfrew Ravine and a safe crossing on Rupert Street.

Windermere Secondary School (3100 Block E. 27th Nort Side) – what it currently looks like...



(put captions here...describe location and use strong adjectives!)

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Windermere Secondary School – what it currently looks like (continued)...



(describe the location and what you want instead on these pictures)

Windermere Secondary School – what it could look like...

Insert ideal map here and write something about it...

We went and visited other schools and here are some ideas of what the entrance of our school could look like...



(describe location)

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Our Partners (who we've worked with on this project)

- Our Principal _____ at Windermere Secondary School
- Renfrew-Collingwood CityPlan Committee
- City of Vancouver Planning and Engineering staff
- Environmental Youth Alliance
- BEST
- Renfrew Community Centre
- (*plus who ever else*)

Time line and Proposed Plan of Action

September 2004 to March 2005

We formed a student group, carried out a number of visioning and planning sessions with the Environmental Youth Alliance, met and communicated our plan with our City Plan Committee, met with staff from the City's Engineering and Planning Departments, engaged in fundraising activities, created a number of drawings and designs, and researched similar projects around the city.

March 31st 2005

Submitted our Neighbourhood Matching Fund Grant Application (Phew! We made the deadline!) Letters of support will be included with the application. We are also in the process of enlisting the support of registered owners of properties affected by our greening project by having them sign the City of Vancouver engineering services petition form for corner bulges, curbs, gutters, and repaving of the street.

May 2005 to November 2005 (Upon receipt of funding)

Purchasing of materials, gardening, and art-making. We will be working with a local artist to.... (Bill, please fill this out, maybe just write a list:

- plant X gardens on the boulevard in front of the school
- decorate the fence
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**Our Student Environment Club runs throughout the summer months, so we hope to do a lot of work during July and August.

Late fall of 2005

Opening and community celebration of the completion of this phase of the project.

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Budget

Materials	Project Costs
Plants/flowers (perennial/annuals) on the boulevard in front of school	3,000
Shrubs on the boulevard in front of school	1,000
Signage/Archway on school property	1,000
Mosaics/Art work to do decorative art on the fences and With artist coordinator from Renfrew Community Centre (?)	2,000
Stepping Stones	500
Sidewalk Painting	500
Fruit Trees on school property	500
Meeting materials and refreshments	500
Project celebration (translated, flyers, food)	500
Total	9,500

Matching your money with sweat equity

There will be 30 students participating in this project and X volunteers from the community. We are each expecting to put how much time in (you can't count me or other city staff because we get paid for this stuff).

Use this kind of calculation:

30 students	25 hours each @ a match of \$10/hr	\$7,500
X volunteers		2,000
	Total:	\$9,000