

Baldwin-Wallace Campus Gardens

Vision:

- The general conception of the project was discussed in the faculty Sustainability Committee toward the end of spring term 2011. The project has grown significantly since the beginning of this semester. We are looking to start a student organization that would be centered on managing 2 campus gardens, driven by student and faculty participation.

Mission Statement:

- “Hereby promise to educate the Baldwin-Wallace College and its surrounding community on the importance of composting, sustainable initiatives, and local food through upholding a healthy local community garden and ensuring it’s presence to be known on campus and in the Berea area. “

Location of garden:

- Both garden locations will be on North campus on Fifth Street where there is a playground(which will be removed in late January by the city) and around the native plant garden.

Plan:

- Establish the organization and open it to students and faculty to join
 - ➔ Without advertising, we already have 44 students/faculty interested
- Through fall, create a strategic plan for planting and maintaining the garden
 - ➔ Create a student garden manual to be utilized each season
 - ➔ Create a rotation calendar to garden maintenance
 - ➔ ***We have storage space***
- Utilize outside resources
 - ➔ Todd Alexander and Matt Petro of Ohio City Farms said that they will come in and speak to our organization to help us plan, as well as allow us to come to their farm
 - ➔ Cleveland Botanical Corps
 - ➔ Growhio
- Determine what will be grown
 - ➔ ***Dave Jenson said that anything will grow, food service will purchase***
- Determine how will we will be funded
 - ➔ Equipment
 - ➔ Composter for Lang Hall
 - ➔ Rain Barrels
- Determine how the organization will be ran
 - ➔ we will be chartered by Student Government, but not funded

- Tie academic credit to executive positions
- Determine how the garden will be maintained over the summer

Start Up Costs

- We can utilize the discretionary funds of the student body President and Vice President for an estimate of \$400-500
 - ➔ This can cover seeds, equipment, and materials
- 10-15 Rain barrels could range from \$1000-\$1500 (can we overcome this?)
 - ➔ Use Oatey's Mystic Rain Diverters
 - ➔ Get rain barrels donated
 - ➔ Kris Smeage will look into any other discretionary funds that can be tapped into, if need be
 - ➔ Determine if water source is nearby, and if buildings near gardens are suitable for installation of rain barrels
- **Composter for Lang - \$5,000-\$15000**
 - **Depends on type**

Challenges

Organizational Funding & Structure

- Devise Funding Strategy Plan (adjust with finalization of organizational model)
 - ➔ Immediate S-R: donations
 - ➔ S-R: Grants & donations
 - ➔ L-R: Grants, profit from produce, & [to be determined (continued brainstorming on organizational model & consequent revenue streams)]
- External funding (not from Student Government) allows for structuring leeway
 - ➔ Establish positions tied to independent studies, internships & service-learning
 - ➔ Lay foundation for Community Garden to be integrated into institutional framework of college
 - More discussion needed

Continuity Concern

- Academic credit for executive positions
- Summer Internship
 - ➔ Student will tend garden over summer
 - ➔ Conduct research on various sustainable agricultural techniques
 - ➔ Summer 2012 funded through Summer Scholar Program
 - ➔ Future, seek external funding for sustainable agriculture research