

Edgewood Community Garden

Proposal for Service Project

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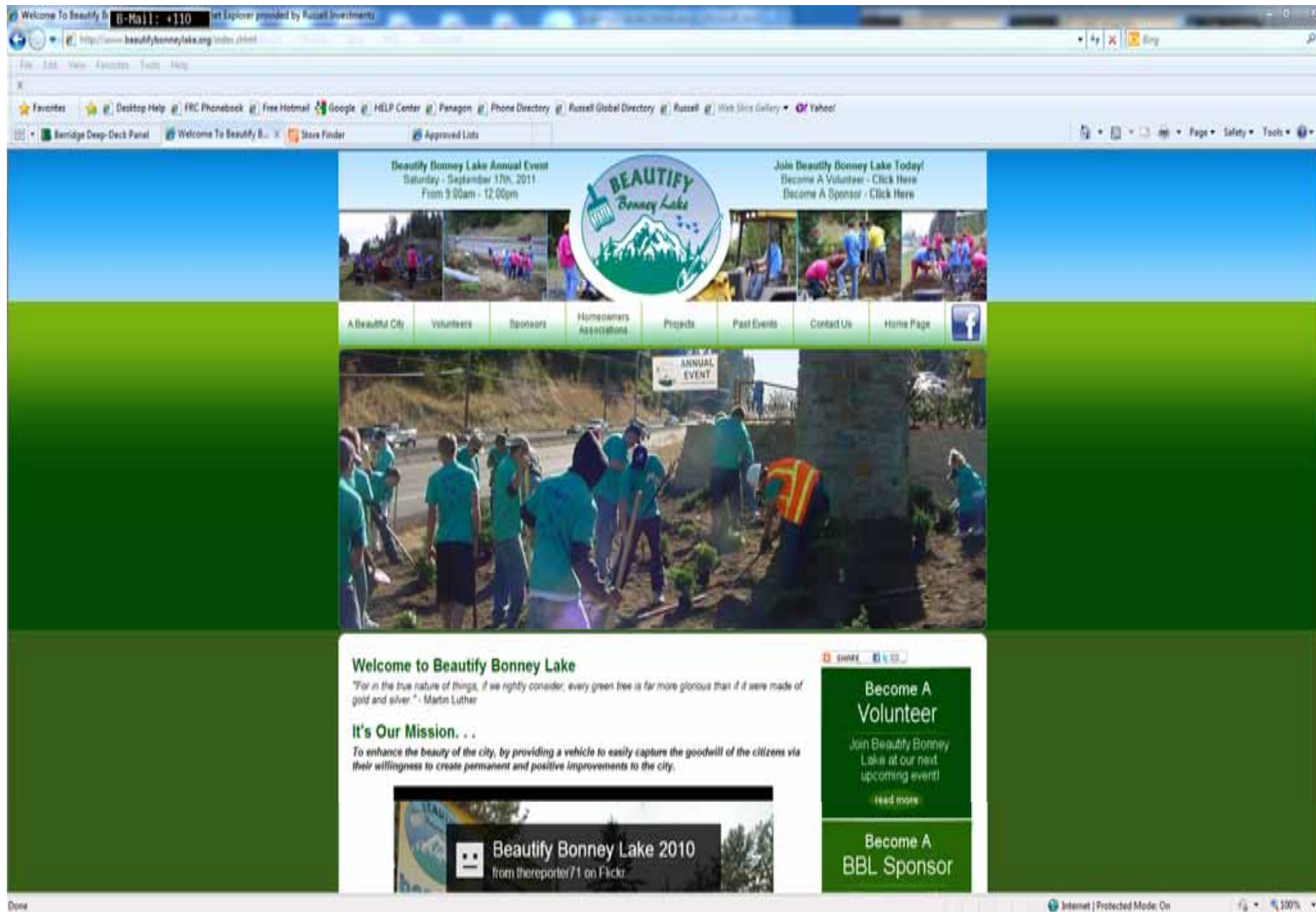
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Mission of Project – 4 Fola

- Strengthen citizen bonds through making permanent improvements to City of Edgewood
- Serve as catalyst for bring Beautify Bonney Lake Concept to Edgewood
- Educate on the benefits of gardening
- Alleviate hunger through food bank donations

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Beautify Bonney Lake



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Business & Community Sponsors

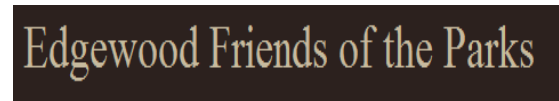


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Scope

- Current arrangement has eleven garden beds
- Repair existing garden beds
- Add another nine garden beds in first year to bring total small number of garden beds to 20.
- Build five long beds to allow for planting of plants like corn, pumpkins, squash, zucchini and to accommodate temporary plantings of native plants to use around city.
- Relocate compost bin to accommodate removed weeds and end of year garden clean up.

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Current State



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Beneficiaries

- City to benefit from improvements to Nelson Farm Park.
- Garden harvests to accommodate families who maintain garden beds.
- Garden vegetables also to be donated Fish Food Bank located in Edgewood near 122nd Ave and 36th.
- Work with local city businesses to donate. They'll receive recognition for their contributions.

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Materials

- Cedar Wood boards/ Metal
- Heavy plastic to line the inside of the garden beds
- Topsoil
- Compost
- Newspaper Cardboard
- Seeds
- Soaker hoses
- Garden stakes
- Bark walking area

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Planting Bed Concepts

- Nine new beds to be located on same side of property as existing garden beds.
- Height of new garden beds to be increased
- Dependent upon available resources from fundraising efforts replace boards on existing 11 beds to increase height, include plastic and permeable barrier at the bottom to prohibit farm grasses from growing up through beds.

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Complete Cedar Board Option

- Any Shape
- More expensive



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Metal and lumber designs

- Metal may be available from Mortenson Park
- Shape of beds limited
- Less expensive materials cost
- More durable and consistent with farm experience

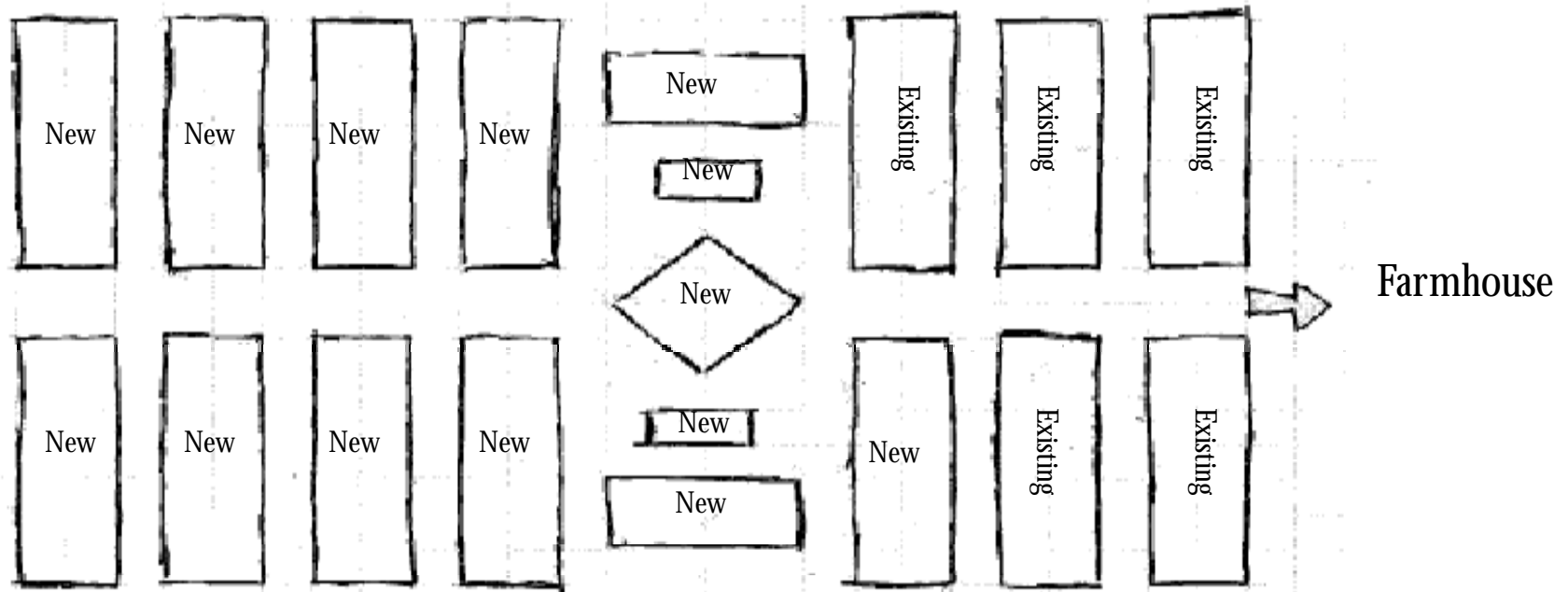


A Noble Foundation corrugated sheet metal raised bed



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Potential Garden Bed Layout



Driveway to Nelson Farm Park Farmhouse

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Service Project Garden Launch

- Organize work party to restore garden beds and increase number of garden beds.
- Creation of beds and preparation of planting expected to be full day service project.
- Build wooden or wood/metal garden beds
- Fill with topsoil compost
- Work day in March to prepare a couple beds for planting of early crops
- Work day in April in preparation for May planting

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Maintenance Schedule

- Establish maintenance schedule and sign up sheet in first year to ensure garden is maintained, weeds removed and garden watered.
- Maintenance intended to occur two evenings during mid-week and on Saturdays.
- Maintenance schedule not applicable to a couple privately designated beds

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Costs of Project

- Costs of initial construction of beds to be paid through private donation (Garden Bed Sponsors)
- Water expense in first year to be paid by city.
- Incidental energy expenses for construction (energy to run circular saws/ miter saws or table saws to cut materials) to be covered by city.
- Work to establish modest gardening fee/donation in future years to meet water costs, improvements and expansion efforts.

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Materials Costs

- Cedar Boards: 2x8x10 boards approximate costs \$19 each. Each garden bed would use approximately 6 Boards.
- Approximately 2.5 cubic yards of topsoil required for each garden bed 10'x5'x1.5'. Each cubic yard ~\$18 dollars.
- Corrugated metal sheets if purchased ~\$14.75 per 10 feet lengths. (These may be available from Mortenson Park)
- Heavy clear plastic \$150 for 100'x20' by 8 mil.
- Approximate costs per 10' Garden Bed \$200.00 (Cedar Model)

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Available Resources

- Donation from Friends of the Parks \$1,000.
- Ability to utilize Friends of the Parks Tax ID EIN number to allow public tax donations
- Corrugated metal sheets if purchased ~\$14.75 per 10 feet lengths.
- Intend to raise \$2,500 to \$3,000 dollars or discounts from businesses to equivalent

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Timeline

Fundraising
Efforts
February &
March

March
Garden Bed
Creation
TBD*

April through September
Garden Maintenance
Twice Weekly and Saturday

August to Oct.
Harvest

Garden Bed Winterization
End of October TBD*

* To be determined (Two Saturdays in March and on Saturday in Late October)

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Impact to Nelson Farm Park Visitation

- Expect 20- 40 people during initial three service days in March/April to Clean-up and launch creation of garden beds.
- Maintenance schedule weekly visits expectation of no more than 2-4 (two families) cars on assigned garden care days.
- Communication flyers will be made available for participants during maintenance visits to be cognizant of fire lanes.

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Edgewood Friends of the Parks

- Edgewood Friends of the Parks is a state recognized non-profit organization. Its purpose is to enhance, promote, and protect parks and trails in Edgewood.
- <http://www.edgewoodfriends.org/>
- This non-profit organization is co-sponsoring the service project and as a state recognized charitable organization under RCW 19.09 is able to accept tax deductible charitable contributions.

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Questions

Q & A