

Kelvyn Park High School

2023 Project Report

The Project:

As a participant in the 2022-23 cohort of the Illinois Green Schools Project, Kelvyn Park students helped in the building and design of a butterfly garden. The butterfly garden will provide a safe, calming, and beautiful environment for the students to come together and talk, share ideas, and work on projects. This project will become a treasured part of the school and foster community and student connection over time.

Project Focus: Outdoor Learning Space

Staff Involved: 5

Location: Chicago, IL

Students: 67



The learning space has started having community people engaging and respecting outdoor activities related to gardening and butterflies.



The Process:

Students played an important role in the execution of this project. They were responsible for collecting data, conducting research, analyzing results, and presenting their findings to the class. Additionally, students were responsible for proposing potential solutions to the problem and making recommendations to the instructors and other stakeholders. Finally, students were responsible for developing a plan for implementing their proposed solutions.

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The Outcomes:

Kelvyn Park's project positively impacted the school building by providing a place for students to observe and study butterflies and other pollinators. The garden also provided a place to relax and enjoy nature, as well as a place to learn more about environmental conservation. Additionally, the butterfly garden provided a place to practice environmental stewardship through hands-on activities such as planting, weeding, and monitoring the population of butterflies. Finally, the butterfly garden helped to beautify the school grounds and provided a place to connect with nature.

Phase II will begin in April and go through November 2023. Kelvyn Park plans to start the living wall utilizing the beautiful wood recycled from the building, and hope to ultimately create a permanent greenhouse for the campus.

