



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION USED BY THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

Please submit Agenda Request Form, including back up information, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to the requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: August 7, 2018 Date of Meeting: August 16, 2018
 Submitted by: _____ Time Required: 15 min.
 Department: _____ Background Info. Supplied: Yes No
 Speakers: Brigham Parker I will provide a powerpoint presentation for the council to review

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Outdoor Classroom in Grater Woods

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

I am a Boy Scout from Troop 48 and am seeking my Eagle Scout Award. For my Eagle Scout Project I would like to construct an outdoor classroom in Merrimack's Grater Woods. I have reviewed this with the Conservation Commission and am seeking final approval from the Town Council.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA: _____ Warrant Article: _____
 Charter Article: _____ Town Meeting: _____
 Other: _____ N/A: _____

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Brigham Parker Address: 4 Linda Ln. Merrimack, NH
 Phone Number: (603) 921-0208 Email Address: beparker02@gmail.com

APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No

Hold for Meeting Date:

1 completed by October 12th. How the benches would be affixed to the cement has not yet been
2 determined. There are a few options; attach posts when cement is poured or pour the cement, allow to
3 harden, and attach posts with angled brackets to cement.

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5 Commissioner Tenhave spoke of another option whereby the cement is poured, and a threaded bolt
6 dropped in before the cement hardens.

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8 A brief discussion of how the cement would be mixed, transported, etc. ensued. The importance of
9 keeping the cement away from the waterbody was relayed (always use clean bucket for water grab).

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11 **2. Scout Project - Brigham Parker of Troop 48 is presenting his project to work on the outdoor**
12 **classroom at Grater Woods**

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14 Life Scout Brigham Parker stated his project to be the Outdoor Classroom located in Grater Woods
15 directly behind the Merrimack Middle School. The Outdoor Classroom would replace the previous
16 one, which has decayed over time. The project includes a teaching platform (8'x10'), which would be
17 located in the area where the first bench was previously located, and 12 benches (2 rows of 6; 5' in
18 length). Also considered is the last three benches on each side being 10' in length (15" in depth).

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20 Materials and supplies would be sought from local merchants at a lower cost or donation.

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22 The structures would be stabilized in cement (2' deep). Pressure treated lumber would be wrapped in
23 tar paper (to keep from rotting) and placed in cement. Commissioner Tenhave questioned if the
24 teaching platform would also be elevated off the ground and was informed it would be raised (put in
25 cement).

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27 Councilor Albert questioned the impetus for cementing the posts underground, noting the difficulty
28 that would be experienced were a post to break, etc. Life Scout Parker responded he is uncertain how
29 such a repair would occur; could potentially be drilled out. It was suggested the posts could be placed
30 directly in the ground. Chair Perry commented on the previous benches having been removed and
31 found in other locations. Vice Chair Caron stated agreement, if not cemented in place, they would be
32 moved.

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34 Life Scout Parker commented on having spoken with a contractor who works in the area and suggested
35 wrapping the wood in tar paper and placing in cement.

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37 Fundraising will include a pancake breakfast or soup and salad dinner at the troop's location in
38 Nashua. There is also the potential for donations of material(s).

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40 Vice Chair Caron commented when speaking with Life Scout Parker he brought something impactful
41 to his attention; as this is not on school property, it is not just for the school children. It could be
42 utilized by other groups, organizations, etc.

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44 Chair Perry noted the project location is on Town owned property; therefore, the project will have to
45 go before the Town Council for final approval.

Outdoor Classroom in Grater Woods

Presented by Brigham Parker
Life Scout in Troop 48 (Merrimack, NH)

An Eagle Scout Project Presentation

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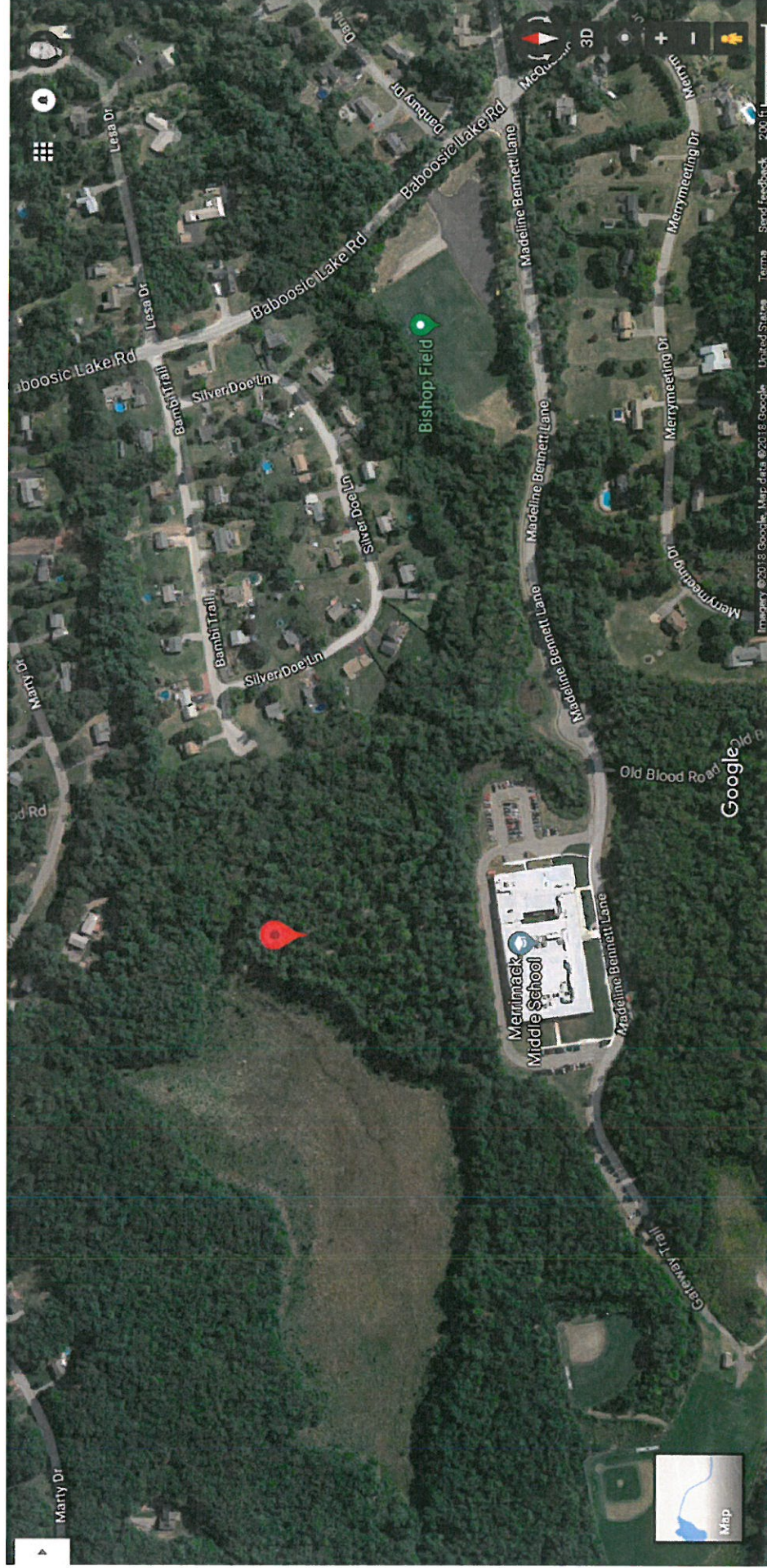
Agenda

- **Purpose**
- **Location**
- **Past/Current outdoor classroom**
- **Proposed outdoor classroom**
 - Dimensions
 - Footings/Concrete
 - Cost
- **Fundraising**
- **Estimated Timeline**
- **Questions**

Purpose

To create a *permanent, comfortable, functional* setting in **nature** where families, community groups, school classes, and others can gather for education and fun.

Location



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Location (Continued)



Past/Current Outdoor Classroom

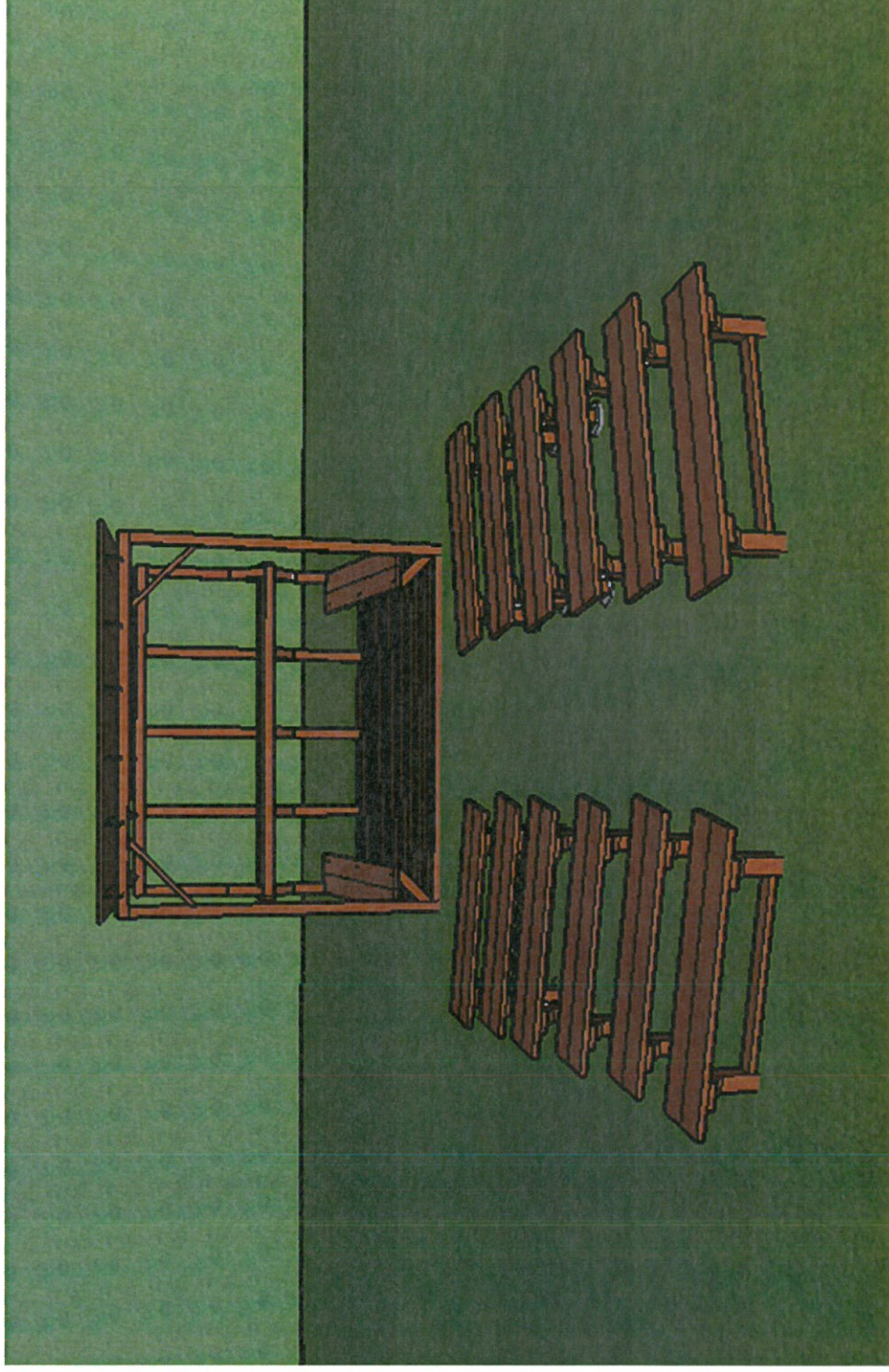


Past condition

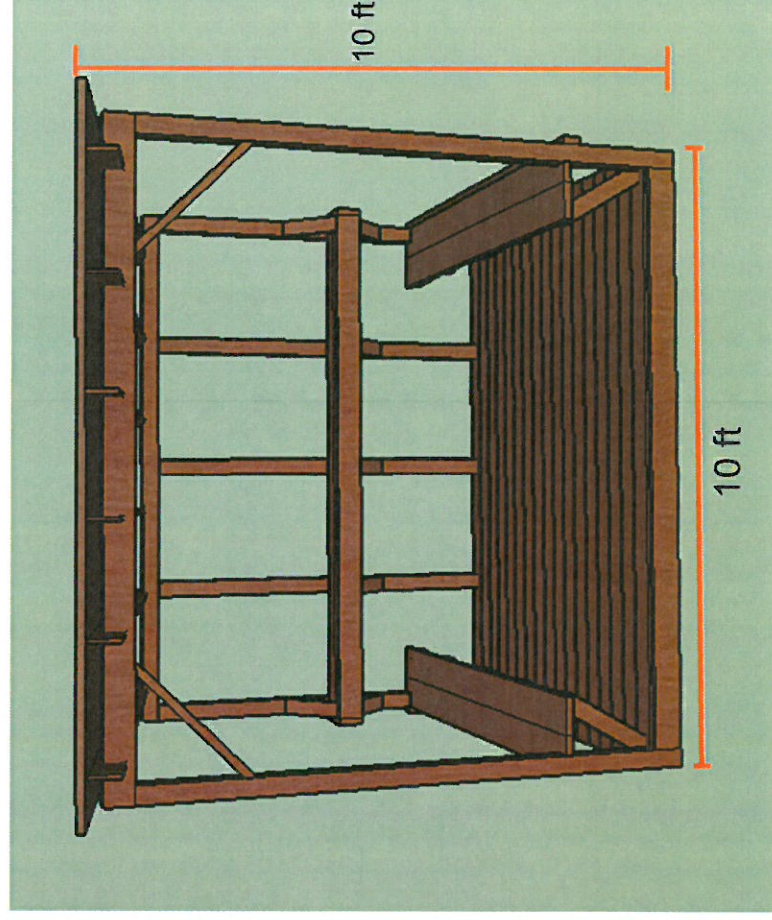
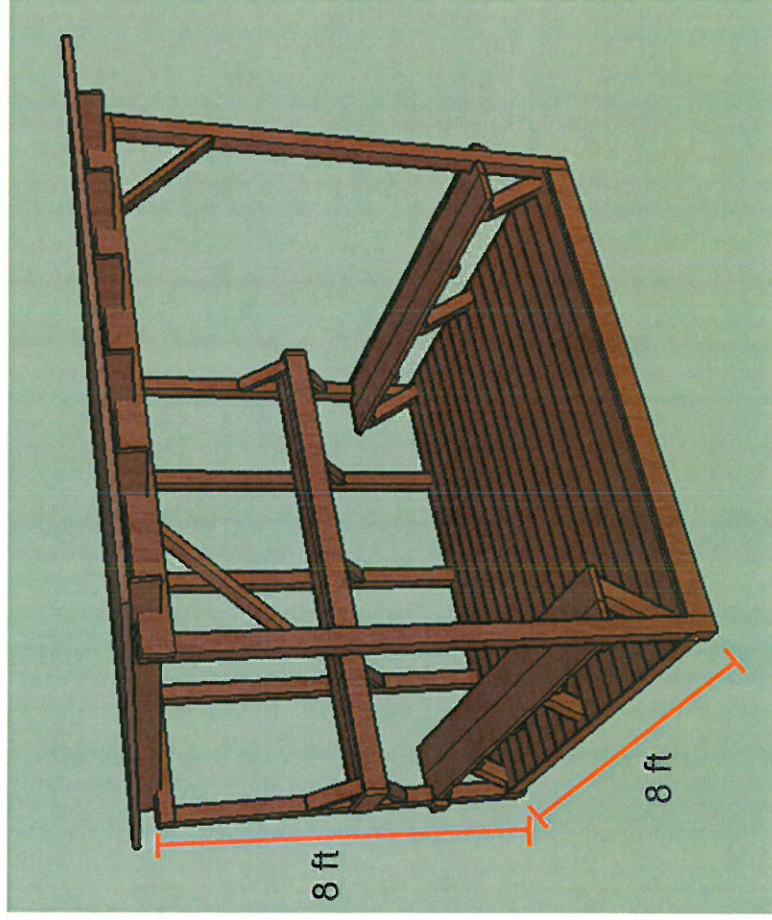


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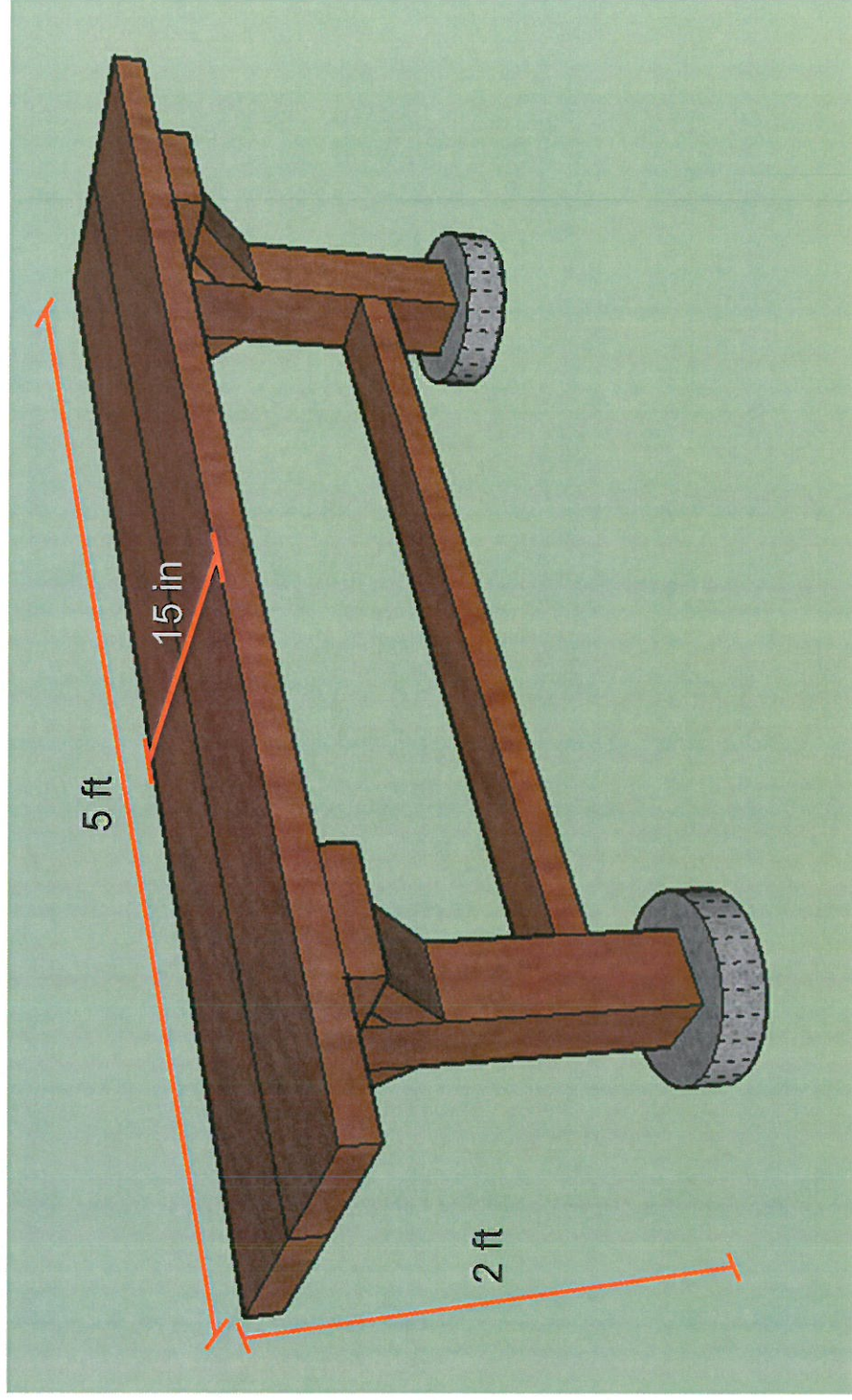
Proposed outdoor classroom



Presenter's Platform

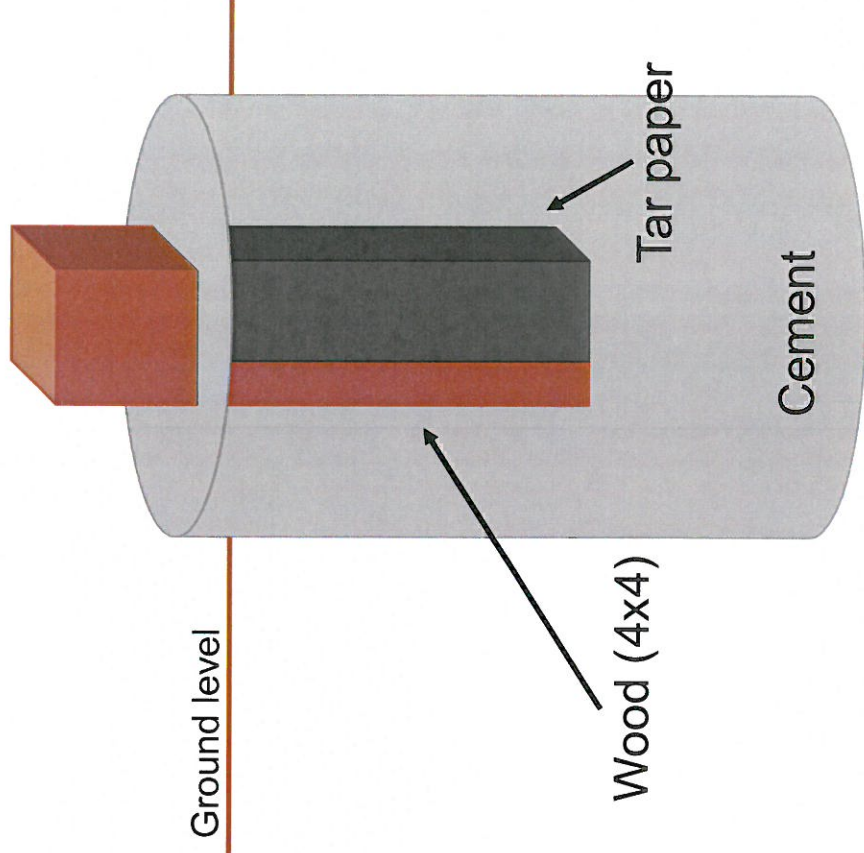


Benches



Footings/Concrete

- **4x4 wrapped in tar paper (directly in cement)**
- **Footings each placed two feet deep**
- **Four footings for the teacher's platform**
- **Two footings for each of the 12 benches**



Cost

Item	Cost
Materials (lumber, cement, hardware, etc.)	\$1,700
Supplies	\$100
Other	\$50
Total	\$1,850



Fundraising

- **Material donations from local businesses**
- **Cash contributions from residents of Merrimack, friends, and family**
- **If necessary, a pancake breakfast fundraiser**

Estimated Timeline

- **September 15 – Breakfast Fundraiser**
- **September 29 – Project Build Day**
- **October 6 – Build Day Rain Date**
- **October 13 – Completed**

Questions?





Thank you!

