

Council Pond Enhancement Project:

We are working with the Council community to improve the pond! This project will be ongoing as we turn the pond into an outdoor classroom, enhance habitat and create better recreation opportunities.

A University of Idaho Landscape Architecture student, Robbie Quinn, took all of our ideas on how to transform the pond and created our Council Pond Enhancement Plan. The Golden Eagle Audubon Society gave us input on how to attract birds to the pond.

This spring Mrs. Fisher's 4th grade class has monitored water quality in the pond while Mrs. Holmes' students have created artificial fish habitat, floating islands, monitored soil quality and delineated a planting plan.

Meanwhile, Pete Johnston, the Mahons, Pastor Wayne and Pastor Jon have been busy with heavy equipment, improving parking and excavating poor soil so we can bring in better soil for our planting areas.

Over the summer, the Council Environmental Resource Crew will help with initial plantings and site preparation tasks. We're excited to see pond related senior projects next year.

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