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Hillcrest Towers Outdoor Living Space



History

- Spring of 2020, FHA Staff met with the City of Fayetteville's Urban Forester to determine the health of and the appropriateness of the trees on the Hillcrest Campus
- The Urban Forester indicated many trees were dying and/or had a short life due to the species of the trees (Bradford Pears)
- FHA Staff would like to enhance the Residents' experience by offering an outdoor living space

Outdoor Living Space



3 Areas, 3 Phases

- Phase 1 (red) Spring/Summer 2020
 - Remove Bradford Pear Trees (\$750)
 - Install raised gardens for resident use/sponsored gardens(next slide)
- Phase 2 (yellow) Summer/Fall 2020
 - Install outdoor cedar furniture in and near the pergola
 - Install raised gardens for resident use
- Phase 3 (blue) Spring/Summer 2021
 - Terrace the hill, adding additional stairs
 - Plant blueberry, blackberry, raspberry bushes and strawberry plants



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Sponsored Gardens

- Residents enjoyed gardening before moving to Hillcrest
- Fresh grown vegetables can supplement other food donations
- Outdoor activity with a purpose
- Allows members of the NWA Community to memorialize/honor someone by sponsoring a raised bed (plaque on the raised garden)



Cost-Raised Garden

Western Cedar and stainless-steel hardware, 48"x35"x 9.5'deep, 30" high (height will vary to accommodate different abilities): \$240

Soil: \$90 (cost may be reduced by partnering with the City of Fayetteville on compost and other organic materials)

Engraved plate for sponsorship: \$15

Total cost: \$345

Sponsorship: \$375 (2 years)

Tri-Cycle Farms, Lowe's and Home Depot have plants available for non-profits; as well as residents could purchase plants/seeds for the garden

FHA would purchase hand tools that could be checked out by residents



Terrace the Hill

- Goal would be to develop plans that could be executed in the spring of 2021 using Ameri-Corp/NCCC
- Steps and terracing will provide an area to grow fruit bushes and reduce run off water



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Additional benefits

- Cedar is long lasting and does not need to be chemically treated for durability
- Partnering with the City and Tri-Cycle Farms
- Local (Prairie Grove AR) small businessperson to produce the beds and furniture
- Gardening can reduce the risk of stroke, improve the immune system, relieve stress and anxiety, low impact exercise, and can help improve adult's mood .

Next steps

- Approval of the concept
- Marketing of the naming opportunity through FHA Development
 - Executive Director on KUAF
 - Social media
 - FHA Staff opportunity
- Phase 1
 - Resident input
 - Layout of space
 - Outreach to Tri-Cycle Farms, Lowe's, Home Depot, and the City of Fayetteville