

Improving School Forest Outdoor Classrooms



Project Ideas

Below is a list of potential projects CCM can do. You are not limited to ideas from this list. Each school should look at their School Forest stewardship/management plan and see what specific needs they have. Your DNR forester should be able to help. Discuss your ideas with them or have them recommend some top projects.

Vegetation management

- invasive species removal
- tree removal (e.g. diseased or hazard-related)
- brush/shrub/vine removal
- tree and shrub planting
- grassland and prairie seeding
- planting or removal for shoreline & stream bank restoration
- rain garden installation
- timber stand improvement
- pruning
- tree mulching
- removal of excessive woody debris

Construction and carpentry

- sitting areas with benches, logs, or other seating
- wildlife features such as bird houses
- retaining wall installation
- boardwalk or bridge construction
- basic carpentry
- install stairway/steps along trails
- wildlife observation blind

Trail development or improvement

- create new trails and paths
- extend existing trails
- trail clearing or maintenance

Erosion control

- slope stabilization with vegetation or other materials
- stream bank stabilization and protection
- fiber blanket/roll installation