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Allegheny Energy supports Lincoln High School's outdoor classroom

Hagerstown, Md., May 22, 2000 -- Allegheny Energy, through its Environmental Stewardship Team, has donated funds to Lincoln High School in Shinnston, W.Va., to help construct an Outdoor Classroom and Environmental Learning Area.

The environmental science class at Lincoln High School, with the help of several other student groups, will design and assemble a nature trail, wetland, and wildlife sanctuary on a three-acre plot behind the school.

“This project is special because it gives every student endless opportunities to use the Outdoor Classroom in a number of courses in our curriculum,” said Steven G. Gibson, Environmental Science Coordinator, Lincoln High School. “There is so much excitement surrounding this project, and it could never become a reality without the support of partners like Allegheny Energy.”

During English, botany, and chemistry classes, students will have the chance to write nature poetry, identify plants, and perform water analysis.

The Outdoor Classroom and Environmental Learning Area, being built in seven phases, is expected to take approximately three years to complete. Students in the environmental science class will be responsible for overseeing the school's new addition.

“Educational advancement is a part of our environmental stewardship effort,” said Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy's Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management. “Allegheny Energy has always recognized the importance of educating children who live in our communities about enhancing the environment, because one day these children will go on to serve as leaders in our region.”

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