


ARDEN HILLS
MEMORANDUM

DATE: Aug. 15, 2023
TO: Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee
FROM: Kerri Seemann
SUBJECT: Outdoor Classroom

Background

I mentioned in April that there is a clearing in the current restoration area of Hazelnut Park that I think would make a good space for an outdoor classroom. There are two things that I think would make it functional:

- something along the lines of a “Little Free Library,” but with a collection of educational books and magazines for park visitors (mostly youth), including some field guides;
- seating, such as a few wooden benches

Questions:

- Are there groups or individuals who would be interested in constructing these items? If so, how do we find them?
- I have a pile of science books that my daughter has outgrown, as well as some magazine subscriptions. If there was a little library, who would need to approve the content? The council? A PTRC subcommittee? The Recreation Supervisor?
- Can the chain that is hanging at the north end of Prior Ave be removed to allow easier pedestrian access, particularly for strollers?

