

What: ADA accessible Pervious Concrete Sidewalk Installation in the Halls Outdoor Classroom

When: Tuesday, May 04, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, May 05, 2016 at 9:00 am

Why: The Halls Outdoor Classroom (HOC) is an outdoor learning space for the students at Halls High School and the community. Located behind Halls High School at 7412 Oaken Drive, the HOC has been evolving for the past 10 years. Development of the HOC has been under the direction of a steering committee comprised of HHS teachers and students, the Halls Crossroads Women's League, Knox County Stormwater Management and its CAC AmeriCorp Water Quality Team, the Water Resources Research Center at UT, Hallsdale Powell Utility District, and Boy Scout Troop 506. Many amenities have been built in the HOC by Eagle Scouts, students, and community members. HOC amenities now include a bridge across the creek connecting the HOC to HHS, a pavilion, two amphitheaters, and soft walking trails. The HOC is also a certified Level I Arboretum.

However, throughout its 10 year history the HOC has remained inaccessible to handicapped students. To remedy this situation, the HOC steering committee is installing 300' of pervious concrete sidewalk to provide wheelchair access to the outdoor classroom and one of the amphitheaters. The Halls Community and others have stepped up and provided all materials and labor free of charge to make this project happen. Total value of the project is approximately \$10,000. The list below outlines those contributions:

Hallsdale Powell Utility District: Excavation and stone base

Tindell's Lumber Company: Forming lumber and hardware

HHS Construction Trades Class: Form installation for the sidewalk

Ready Mix Concrete Company: 9.5 cubic yards pervious concrete

Harrison Concrete Company: 9.5 cubic yards pervious concrete

Tennessee Concrete Association: Concrete installation supervision by Alan Sparkman, Executive Director of the TCA, from Nashville

Knox County Stormwater Management: Project Management, Construction Administration, and installation labor

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