

Title: Westchester Urban Farm for Outdoor Classroom Item No. _____	
Meeting date:04/25/2013	
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Committee Vote (if appropriate):	
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Additional documents attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the NCWP Board approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000 to finish the construction of the Aquaponics system which is part of the Westchester Urban Farm at Westchester Enriched Magnets.

BACKGROUND:

The Westchester Urban Farm at Westchester Enriched Magnets is a community project that will benefit the NCWP stakeholders through the creation of a positive, entrepreneurial spirit on the school campus through the science of aquaponics.

DISCUSSION:

The Westchester Urban Farm will have three objectives that will benefit the school and community at large through: 1) the construction of the greenhouse that will house the aquaponic systems that will be the foundation of the WUF. 2) the construction of an outdoor amphitheater classroom to be used for academic instruction. 3) the rehabilitation of the garden with native plants and flowers along with an updated irrigation system.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed motion is up to \$4,000 to be paid from the Community Improvement Grant category of the approved budget for the July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 fiscal year. With funding of up to \$4,000, Westchester Enriched Magnets will be able to complete the aquaponics system. 70% of the project is complete. The NCWP funding will supplement other funds received through other government and community grants.

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for the completion of construction of the Aquaponics system at WESM.