Maryland Habitat and Memorial Garden

8 x 100 feet of space on the southeast side of Federal Hill Preparatory (FHP) currently enclosed by chain link fencing—on Cross Street where many neighbors pass each day

Two Phase project—Phase I Garden and Plaque (could be planted within 3-6 weeks and plaque could be ordered); Phase II Fence removal/replacement (could wait for a season or two of growth before doing this portion)

Cost—Phase I approximately $1500, Phase II approximately $1500+; PTO volunteers to assist with planting and plant selection as well as garden upkeep.

Two Federal Hill Prep children (and neighbors) have died over the past two years. To honor them and to improve the aesthetics of the space on the side of the school, we have come up with a project that we believe can be completed in two phases. We see the funds coming from both the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association and the PTO from Federal Hill Prep. Ongoing upkeep could be done by the green/garden club at FHP.

To complete our proposed Maryland Habitat and Memorial Garden, we first need to remove the bushes that are currently in the space.  The rest of the shrubbery was damaged and cut down after the blizzards 2 years ago, but several bushes remain--we received a bid at one time for about $300.  Other expenses would include cultivating the space which is approximately 8 x 100 feet.  Funds would also be needed to buy native Maryland plants such as sea grasses, black eyed Susan's, lilies, dog wood, red bud, laurel and rhododendron.  We would like to have a landscape consultation as well so we can create a garden that is representative of Maryland habitat, similar to the gardens in front of the Aquarium.  After the garden is established, we would like to remove the chain link fence that currently encloses that area and replace it with a lower barrier wall that would be more aesthetically pleasing, again similar to the one in front of the Aquarium. A sign or plaque titling the garden, its donors and its honorees could be posted on the brick wall of the school building or on the ground.

Phase I

$300 for the bush removal

$250 Landscape Architect design

$800 trees, dirt and plants

$150 sign

Phase II

$500 fence removal

$1000+ brick/metal retaining wall