



STRAWBALE LEARNING MODULE:Scheduling

Youth Opportunities

THE UNIVERSITY LAND LAB WILL NOT ONLY ENHANCE THE BALL STATE STUDENTS LEARNING EXPERIENCE, BUT WILL ALSO BENEFIT THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EDUCATION AS WELL. BY PROVIDING A UNIQUE AND UNMATCHED, HANDS-ON, LEARNING ATMOSPHERE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE LOCAL SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD STUDY CLASSES FOR STUDENTS. THIS WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THE AWARENESS OF EMERGING YOUNG MINDS, AS THEY WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE GREAT POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SYSTEMS.

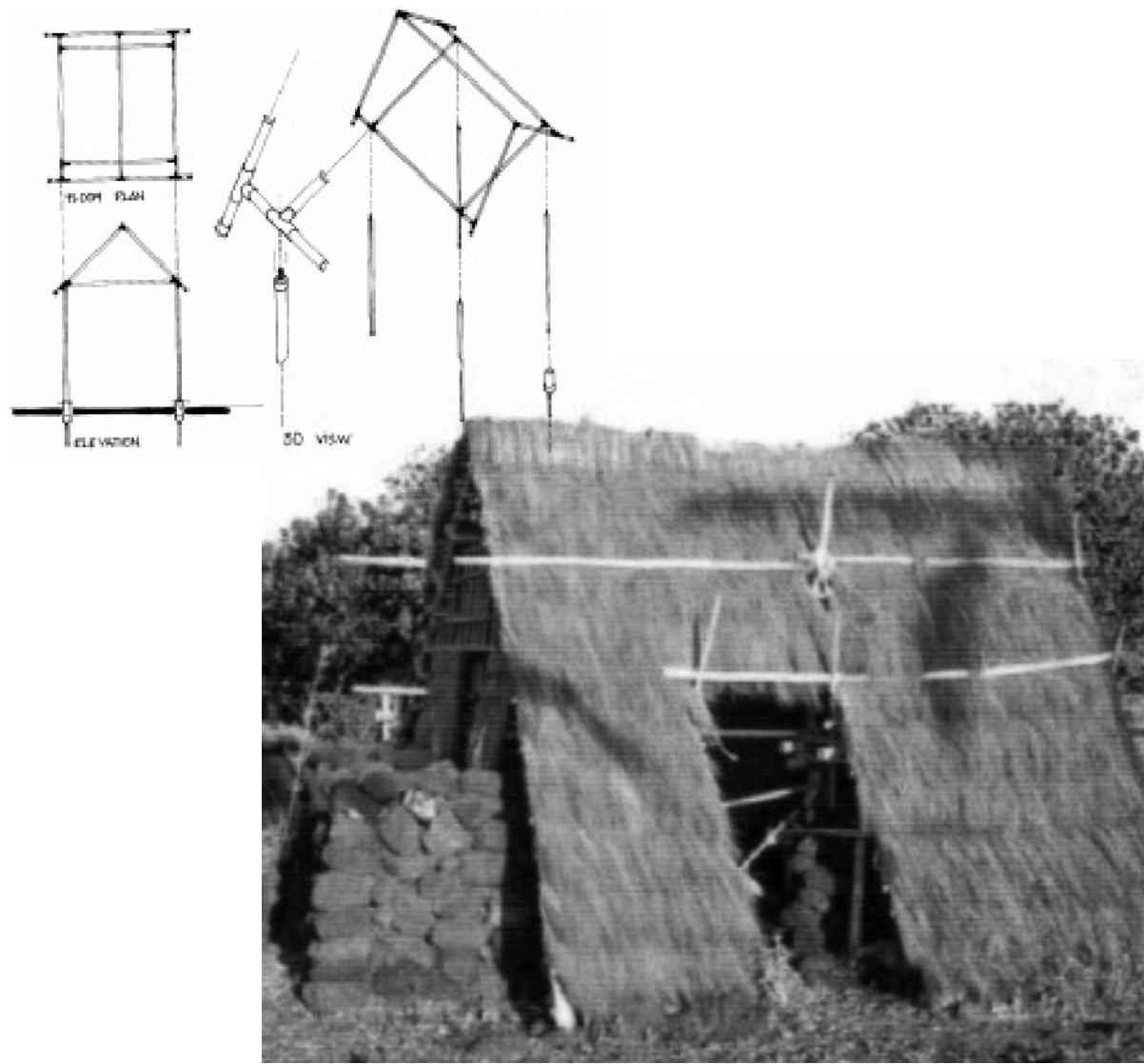
ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND EXCLUSIVE COMPONENTS OF THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IS THE POTENTIAL FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN FIELD DAYS. THE LAND LAB WILL SERVE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER FOR THE YOUNGER STUDENTS (1ST - 4TH GRADE), ALLOWING THEM TO TAKE PART IN VIEWING NATURE AND APPRECIATING THEIR SURROUNDINGS. AS STUDENTS PROGRESS INTO THE 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH GRADES, THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY THEIR HAND AT DESIGNING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM. THESE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT THAT IS GENERATED FROM THEIR CHOICES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, WHILE ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN HANDS-ON CONSTRUCTION WITH STRAW BALES, THATCH, AND SOD. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ALSO APPRECIATE THE USE OF COMPUTING SYSTEMS TO GRANT THEM GREATER DESIGN OPPORTUNITY.



Coupling Community & Environment

THE BALL STATE UNIVERSITY LAND LAB IS GOING TO SERVE THE MUNCIE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF FACETS. AS PER A WEEKLY SCHEDULE, THE LAND LAB WILL BE CAPABLE OF HOUSING EVENING CLASSES, WHICH WILL FOCUS ON TRAINING, TEACHING, AND SUPPLYING HANDS ON SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS DESIGN EXPERIENCE. COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN A VARIETY OF CLASSES THAT WILL MEET IN THE EVENINGS. THESE CLASSES CAN BE DESIGNED TO SPOTLIGHT SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE LAND LAB SYSTEM AND HOW THESE SUSTAINABLE ADVANTAGES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS A PART OF PREEXISTING HOMES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING A RESIDENCE.

OUTSIDE OF THE SCHEDULED, WEEKLY SESSIONS, THE LAND LAB WILL SERVE AS A VENUE FOR VISITING SPEAKERS AND KEY EVENTS. COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE LAND LAB TO HOUSE THEIR OWN SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SPEAKERS. THIS WILL ALLOW MUNCIE RESIDENTS TO DRAW IN THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THE DESIGN KNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR. A FACILITY AS UNIQUE AS THE BALL STATE LAND LAB WILL NO DOUBT PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH GREATER AWARENESS OF THE ECOLOGICAL FOOT PRINT THAT IS BEING GENERATED FROM TRADITIONAL DESIGN PRACTICES AND THE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCING FOOT PRINTING THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DESIGN.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH ACTIVITY	8 TO 12 SUSTAINABLE SEMINAR	10 TO 12 BSU SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS	FACILITIES RESERVED TO PUBLIC	10 TO 12 BSU SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS	9 TO 10 ELEMENTARY CLASSES K-3 GRADE	FACILITIES RESERVED TO PUBLIC
EVENT SCHEDULE VARIES WEEKLY	1 TO 5 SUSTAINABLE TRAINING	12 TO 2 BSU NREM ELECTIVE		12 TO 2 BSU NREM ELECTIVE	10 TO 11 ELEMENTARY CLASSES 4-6 GRADE	
		2 TO 4 BSU EDUCATION MAJOR ELECTIVE		2 TO 4 BSU EDUCATION MAJOR ELECTIVE	11 TO 1 MIDDLE SCHOOL 7-9 GRADE	
		4 TO 6 BSU ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT		4 TO 6 BSU ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT	1 TO 3 HIGH SCHOOL 10-12 GRADE	

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UNDOUBTEDLY, THE ENVIRONMENT A STUDENT LEARNS IN WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ENHANCING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THEY ARE RECEIVING. THIS IS WHY THE BALL STATE LAND LAB WILL BE NOTHING SHORT OF A PRIME CLASSROOM ATMOSPHERE FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CLASSES. WITH THE ABILITY TO NOT ONLY LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS, BUT ALSO SEE THEM IN ACTION, BALL STATE STUDENTS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE UNEQUALLY ABOVE AND BEYOND THOSE OF THE PAST.

Yearly Events

IN ADDITION TO WEEKLY EVENTS, THE BALL STATE LAND LAB WILL ALSO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HOUSE LOCAL AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS. SUCH EVENTS AS THE LIVING LIGHTLY FAIR WILL PROVIDE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT REDUCING ECOLOGICAL FOOT PRINTING AND REDUCING MAINTENANCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OWNING A HOME. OTHER EVENTS SUCH AS EARTH DAY, NATIONAL ARBOR DAY, AND WETLAND DAY CAN BE FACILITATED AT THE LAND LAB. DURING THESE DAYS, THE LAND LAB CAN SERVE AS AN INFORMATION HUB FOR LEARNING ABOUT THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. A DAY CAN ALSO BE DEDICATED TO ACKNOWLEDGING THE ZERO GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS GOAL OF THE LAND LAB COMPLEX. GLOBAL WARMING DAY WILL PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR DELIVERING GENERAL FLUENCY ON THE EMISSION REDUCTION POSSIBILITIES LINKED WITH SUSTAINABLE DESIGN. ALL IN ALL, THE BALL STATE LAND LAB HAS SEEMINGLY ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPARTING PRACTICAL, ECONOMICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY NOURISHING DESIGN KNOWLEDGE.



Annual Events

LIVING LIGHTLY FAIR

IS HELD ONCE A YEAR IN JULY FOR A FULL WEEK WHERE SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY ARE PRESENTED

EARTH DAY

THIS IS THE DAY OF CELEBRATION WHERE THE LAB WILL BE USED AS A SHELTER FOR A FESTIVAL OF SEVERAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

A FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD PLANTING NEW TREES IN THE COOPER-SKINNER FOREST

WETLAND DAY

OBSERVES THE SYSTEM OF THE WETLANDS AND DEDICATES A DAY TO EDUCATION ABOUT THEM

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH

APRIL IS THE MONTH WHEN OLMSTED WAS BORN WHO IS THE FATHER OF LA. SEVERAL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD

GLOBAL WARMING DAY

CELEBRATION OF ZERO EMISSIONS SUSTAINABLE DESIGNS