

## Projects continue to enhance the **Hillview** campus

A future project has begun behind the Hillview campus; The Chad Erickson Memorial Park & Vietnam Veteran's Pond. It will consist of a beautiful wheelchair accessible pier, walking path around the pond, and an aeration system within the pond. The Chad Erickson Memorial Fund will be covering costs and volunteers will be completing work around the pond behind Hillview. Barb and Dave Erickson, Chad's parents, are spearheading this project in his memory. Work began on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with help from employees of Trane Company and Rotary club members. Brush was cleared making way for the walking paths. Residents of Hillview were invited to watch the progress! The pond was actively used for fishing by the public, mainly by residents of Hillview along with those who live around Hillview on the South side of La Crosse. The land was at one time owned by Hillview, and maintained by the veterans. In more recent years it was turned over to City of La Crosse, to own and maintain. A beautiful area of La Crosse will now have better public access for avid fisherman and those that want a peaceful, serene place to visit.



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Also behind the Hillview campus, another project has begun in the cemetery know as "Potter's field". Earlier this year we were asked to look into the idea of a "scatter garden" suggested by a few county board members and a local funeral/cremation group. The county is no longer funding burials in the Hillview Cemetery. An alternate option, such as a scatter garden was suggested. It would provide a safe, peaceful, serene place to scatter a loved one's ashes within the Hillview Cemetery. We were able to create a plan of what flowers and plants would survive without a main water source and in our soil type. Work began and a few months into the project, a young man called asking to do an Eagle Scout Project and "fix up" the cemetery. Reed Johnson, a 15 year old Central High School student took on a project of fixing a couple stones, the fence around the cemetery, mapping out plots in the cemetery, checking for accuracy of our records and producing a "new" sign/map of the grounds. We also had him and his family, plant some flowers in the new Scatter Garden! The scatter garden is complete (see picture below) and Reed is close to completion. The NEW sign will be purchased with donations from

families at Hillview and Carroll Heights. The Scatter Garden is already being appreciated by those in the area and by those who have been holding onto ashes of loved ones who now have a place to be put to rest.

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