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## Nutley could be getting an outdoor classroom as soon as September.

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's Environment Education Outreach Coordinator Christopher Brooks presented the idea to the Nutley Board of Education on Monday, May 23.

The instructional setting, proposed for Essex County's Yanticaw Park, could accommodate up to 30 students, he said.

The location would provide easy access for high school and middle school students, and could also be used by elementary students.

Brian Davenport, PVSC superintendent of river restoration, performed inspections to see where the classroom would work best in Nutley.

District Science Coordinator Kent Bania told the board that the outdoor venue has been in the works two to three years. "[Walker Middle School Science teacher] Lynn [Zazzali] made a contact, where it benefits the township and the schools," Bania said.

At this past Monday's Board of Education meeting, Nutley Educational Foundation President Lorraine Kucinski presented a letter indicating that the organization has a \$3,635 check forthcoming to pay for the project.

Funds will "supply actual supplies they need to build this near the park system, near the high school," Lorraine Kucinski said.

"As a teacher, I'm very excited that NEF is so generously funding this project for the students of Nutley," Zazzali said.