



Let's bring the past and future together.

In Fall 2018, a committee of Farmer City, Mansfield, and Bellflower community members* met to develop a plan for Memorial Plaza, intended to honor the history of the schools that make up the current school district. Located at the entrance to the BRHS football field, it will also enhance and honor the significance of the Kenneth Rittenhouse Memorial Arch.

The Memorial Plaza and Track Complex will benefit multiple programs:

- Track & Field
- Marching Band
- Football
- Cheer
- Soccer



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Memorial Plaza & Track Complex

Building the future.

Honoring the past.

About the Project

Memorial Plaza

BRHS's Ag/Horticulture class developed initial proposals, which were reviewed by the committee. Justin Lamb and Johanna James-Heinz put the plans in final form. A full installation is estimated to be \$62,000, but we hope to greatly reduce costs by using volunteer labor for much of the work.

Track

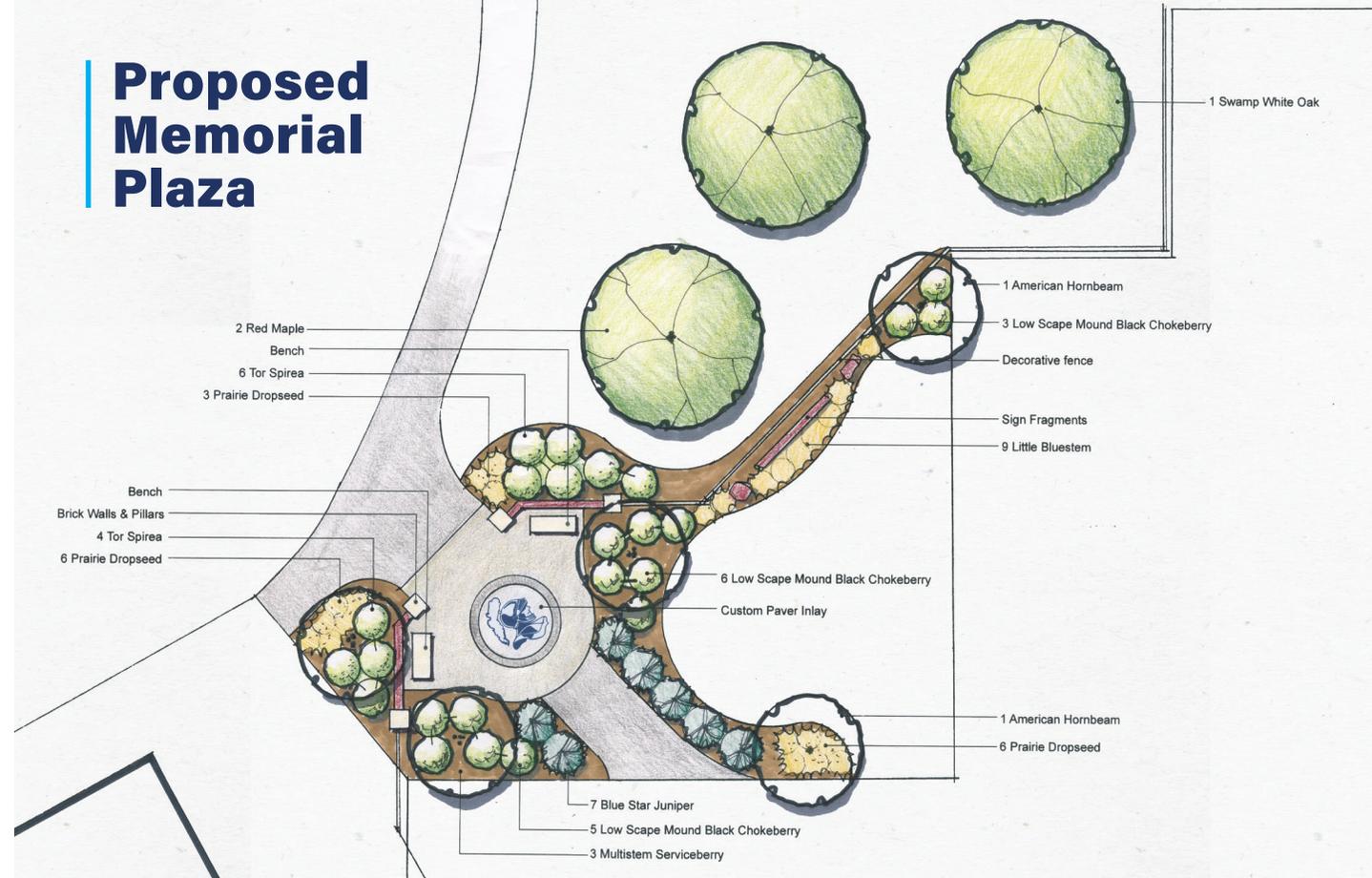
For years, school and community groups have expressed interest in an all-weather track. Along with benefiting multiple activities, it would allow us to host track meets and band competitions. Community members would be welcome to use the track for exercise.

The 8-lane track would feature updated lighting, a shot and discus area, pole vault and fencing at an estimated cost of \$1,065,000.**

Restrooms

Mr. Seneca's class will build restrooms on the west side of the concession stand by the football field. The District plans to cover the cost of the restrooms - estimated at \$55,000 - and tackle that part of the project in fall 2020 if it is financially feasible. This will create more convenient facilities for events.

Proposed Memorial Plaza



Project Coordination & Fundraising

Completion of Memorial Plaza, the all-weather track, and restrooms will be coordinated to ensure we don't have to backtrack on the work. In Fall 2020, we plan to build the restrooms (using district funds). Next, we'll install the track, once funds are fully raised. Finally, Memorial Plaza will be installed when funds are secured.

* Committee members include Mary Kay Hammer, Joyce Wells, Bart Lytel, Bob Zimmerman, Donna Wolf-Roberts, Lois Adams, Jane Smith, Evan Miles, and Susan Wilson. Bill and Shirley Rittenhouse were included in the discussions and have approved of the plans.

** The track fundraising committee includes Maureen Gilbert, Debby Reynolds, Pat Drake, John Lawrence, Katie Nichols, Evan Miles, Chris Mitchell, Greg Built, Annette Warsaw, Shawna Kollross, Dawn Kirby Mozingo and Susan Wilson.