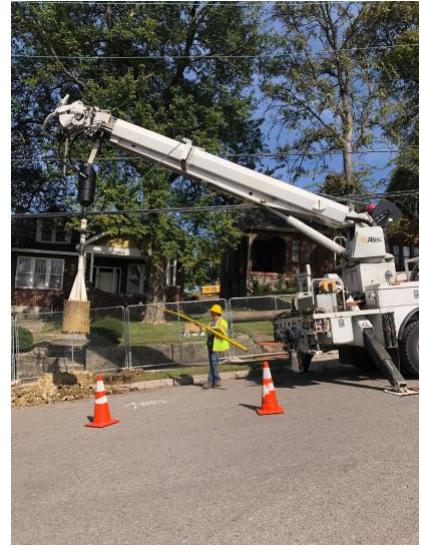


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My Call to Action



My Observations:

- First Photo: this is a photo of a plant that was basically just left to die. Sometimes my school chooses to plant species that are not suited to survive in Tennessee weather without a lot of help. Adding biodiversity to a community is great, but only when a plant is sustainable in that community. Belmont adds a bunch of plants that look pretty, and then uproots them and plants a new one when they die. Instead, Belmont could choose a more permanent plant, that can thrive in our weather conditions.
- The second photo is a picture of our lawn. This lawn is beautiful, but it takes a lot of maintenance to keep it this beautiful. More than once a week I see people working on the lawn, cutting the grass and all of the plants surround the grass. Students are already encouraged to stay off the lawn, so what if we didn't cut the grass and tame all of the plants and let whatever naturally grows on this lawn grow?
- This last picture shows what is currently happening in place of Belmont's garden. When I was a freshman, I remember helping my roommate put together a fence for the community garden that was once on this street. Now it is being destroyed to make room for new building. I would like to encourage my school to rebuild this garden in a different location to encourage the same biodiversity that it has destroyed.

Restoration of the Enactus Garden:

I have decided to propose to the Enactus club at Belmont that they find a new place to put the garden that they created when I first started school. The garden was not only a place that encouraged biodiversity, but it was a place that encouraged students to work together to bring more life to our community. There are several locations in which the new garden could be set up. For example, it could be set up next to the new dorms, or the dorms for the upper classmen. It could also be set up near one of the gazebos in the middle of campus. That way everyone would be able to see it and could access it if they wanted to help cultivate the garden.

Steps to Restoration:

- Step 1: Meet with the Enactus club to see if they would be willing to restart the garden if a new space was provided
- Step 2: Meet with the Belmont Environmental club to ask for their support in my mission to recreate the garden
- Step 3: Meet with Belmont administrators to negotiate a new location for the garden

My Visual:



My Instagram Post:

