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For this challenge I met with Environmental science teacher, Mr. McCormick, to discuss plans for our school garden. Currently the garden is a dismal sight, It is shady, falling apart, and unused. One of my club's goals is to build a new garden in a better location. However this is going to take some significant planning so in the meantime I created a plan to utilize the current garden beds. Since all plants act as carbon pumps I would like to plant seeds in all the garden beds even if food production is not the goal. Here's what the garden looks like now.





Right now the beds need new dirt and that is something I am working with Mr. McCormick in getting. However just because I can't finish this project by the challenge deadline does not mean I won't participate. I believe environmentalism is about doing everything you can. If it was about perfection we would all have solved climate change by now. Below is the research I am doing to utilize what we have right now and get as much green potential from them as we can.

Pollinator garden/Herb:

Cleveland Sage:

Red-flowering currant

Yarrow

Mint

Lemon Balm

Oregano

Thyme

Rosemary

Parsley

Dill

I researched all these plants and most sources agree they tolerate shady areas. If I plant a few of each hopefully some will thrive. Herbs are surprising strong attractors to pollinators and hopefully they can be incorporated into the cafeteria's menu. I don't know if I will have time to visit a nursery or garden supply store but I found a package of seeds similar to the ones I wanted on Amazon.

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I won't have any time to do physical work in the garden until after the 11th but I look forward to sharing my progress with Project Green in the future!