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## Greenhouse Completed At Middle School In Harrison

Students at Washington Middle School in Harrison will be taking their science, technology, and math education to a whole new level with a hands-on greenhouse on school property. It was constructed at the school in August by the PVSC River Restoration team. It is part of a PVSC Green Infrastructure project, which also included the installation of a 700-foot rain garden at the school last year.

The greenhouse can be utilized in multiple ways. It can serve as a classroom, source of produce, meeting area, lab space and home for extracurricular activities. Students can use it to better understand STEM disciplines, study plant life, grow healthy foods, explore the use of

pesticides, learn about the benefits of organic farming, and engage in observational art.

The greenhouse is approximately 8-feet x 16-feet and nearly 8-feet high. It is made of aluminum and polycarbonate. The latter provides much better insulation than regular glass.

"We were pleased to partner with the Harrison School system to construct this year-round greenhouse," said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. "It can be used as a hands-on classroom where math and science projects can unfold. We hope that Washington Middle School students will be able to use this unique learning environment for years to come."



Marco Canova, Equipment Operator II, and Scott Scardilli, Equipment Operator I, from the River Restoration Department, working on the Harrison Middle School Greenhouse.

## Additional greenhouse photos:





