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Dear WI ASLA Chapter Members,

The University of Wisconsin Madison-Landscape Architecture student body would like to update you with our current project. For the past two years the Mentorship Program, consisting of a group of students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Landscape Architecture department, has been organized around a plan to improve the Ag Hall East Courtyard, just outside of the studios. This project began in 2004 as groups of students and professionals entered into a design competition. The purpose of this design competition was two fold; one, to help all students understand each phase of the design process, from concept to implementation, and two, to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing space for the landscape architecture students, the university student body and the public. Once the design was chosen the past year was spent finalizing the plans and receiving approvals. With this done, it is now time to begin implementing our ideas and transforming our courtyard into a relaxing and enjoyable space.

This project has been overseen by the UW-Madison Facilities Planning & Management to provide that 'real-life' aspect to the project and to ensure the completion of the project. Earlier this summer a group of students in the department volunteered their time to prepare the site for the bollard installation. With the bollards now in place, the site already shows signs of improvement. The rest of the hardscape is scheduled to be installed Saturday October 21, 2006. The project will be installed by the Landscape Architecture student body to give us experience in the design-built field. To involve local companies and firms, we asked for donation of any materials that could be provided to make this project a success. Thanks to the local donors, all the materials were donated for the construction. In the spring of 2007 we will finish work on the courtyard with the installation of the planting plan and will again be in need of plants and planting material donations.

If you have any questions about the project or would like more information regarding the courtyard project please contact the project coordinators. Thanks for you time.

Sincerely,

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