

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2025-04-03
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE CAMPUS FEEL ON
EVANSDALE**

Short Title:	Evansdale Campus Beautification
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Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University mission statement reads, “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity;”¹ and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University,...creating a campus that can accommodate everyone...participating in meaningful community service, fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders.”²; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) is a student advocacy organization; and,

Whereas, up to 80% of prospective students prioritize the visual appeal of a campus when making enrollment decisions³; and,

Whereas, parks provide a recreational outlet for students, while increasing unity within the general student body⁴; and,

Whereas, when community members are involved in the decision-making of an area, there is significant participation after the completion⁴; and,

Whereas, people living more than 1 kilometer away from a green space have nearly 50 percent higher odds of experiencing stress than those living less than 300 meters from a green space and improving Evansdale outdoors will provide a more appealing green space for students⁵; and,

Whereas, majority of students who responded to WVU SGA’s Evansdale Campus Feel

¹ [Mission - West Virginia University](#)

² [Mission and Vision | Student Government Association | West Virginia University](#)

³ [The Strategic Impact of Art in Higher Learning](#)

⁴ [The Power of Parks to Strengthen Community - Trust for Public Land](#)

⁵ [Parks and Improved Mental Health and Quality of Life | Fact Sheets | Parks and Health | National Recreation and Park Association](#)

Evaluation survey said Evansdale could use a little more decor⁶; and,

Whereas, multiple WVU SGA 2025-2026 Senator-Elects and the Green Guardians, a leadership capstone group, are focusing on campus beautification showing a push and student support for more community art on campus; and,

Whereas, past WVU SGA administrations have produced legislation on supporting pollinator and biodiversity in landscaping⁷ and increased outdoor study space on campus⁸, but not focusing on the entire Evansdale campus feel; and,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: WVU SGA will discuss survey results with WVU Facilities Management to improve the Evansdale outdoor campus⁶; and,

Section 2: WVU SGA will work with WVU Facilities Management to increase outdoor seating, plant numerous trees and shrubs, add lampposts with campus branding along walkways, and implement other survey results⁶; and,

Section 3: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

University President Gordon E. Gee

Charlie Long, Student Body President

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⁶ [Evansdale Campus Feel Evaluation Results](#)

⁷ [Assembly Resolution To Support Pollinator and Biodiversity Enhancing Landscaping On Campus](#)

⁸ [Assembly Resolution For Increased Outdoor Study Spaces](#)
