

## **ABSTRACT**

**PROJECT:** Delaware County Jail: A Plan for Reestablishing Inmate Community

Clean-Up Projects

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Inmate community clean-up programs benefit communities and inmates through environmental improvements and reduced recidivism. With an analysis of current programs throughout the United States, this project will identify and propose ideas for appropriate inmate community clean-up programs to fit the unique needs of Delaware County. Some successful programs have incorporated trash pick-up, graffiti removal, weeding, raking, and garden planting to provide offenders with a positive alternative to jail time. This project will identify the most urgent clean-up needs in the Muncie area and suggest how to connect the local jail to these programs. Community needs to consider include: program costs, safety, and transportation. Once implemented, this program has the potential to provide work and learning experiences for inmates in Delaware County, as well as provide environmental and aesthetic benefits to the community.