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Gibbs High students Tim Varner, Lindsey Sams and Seth Carroll show a PowerPoint presentation on the Gibbs Nature Trail to the Gibbs Ruritan Club. Photo by Bill Boone

Students raise awareness for Gibbs Nature Trail

By Bill Boone

Gibbs High School students Seth Carroll, Lindsey Sams and Tim Varner spoke to the Gibbs Ruritan Club on May 5. The students, all juniors at Gibbs, are joining with AmeriCorps and others to improve the Gibbs Nature Trail on the school property. The Nature Trail area behind the school is part of the Beaver Creek Watershed.

These students are from Kim Jenkins' ecology class and have developed a PowerPoint presentation to show to Gibbs community members to increase awareness about the Gibbs Nature Trail.

They say that a covered shed near the nature trail can be improved and that a supply building could be built to house materials and tools that are used to maintain the nature trail. This improvement could serve as a positive addition to the Gibbs Nature Trail

and create a more beneficial learning space for both community members and students.

The students also would like to build picnic tables for the area with each table seating six people. The tables would be close to the baseball field, so people who come to see baseball games could have a short walk to visit the area or picnic during the baseball games. The field cannot be seen from the Nature Trail area. The tables would be constructed with the help of the carpentry classes at Gibbs High School.

The students hope to raise funds to complete this effort as a result of their work and presentation. This presentation is available for any community member or group by contacting AmeriCorps representative Katherine Perry by cell, 862-452-6126 or e-mail, perrykatharine@gmail.com.