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Waterford School District Receives Burpee Home Gardens® I Can Grow Youth Garden Award

March 3, 2011 Waterford, Mich. – With the help of the Burpee Home Gardens® “I Can Grow” Youth Garden Award, the Waterford School District will feed the community through vegetable donations to local food banks. The “I Can Grow” Youth Garden Award will help establish the Waterford Community Garden — the District’s teaching and learning garden including native plants, an herb garden, flowering perennials, benches and an outdoor learning area — on the Crary Campus.

Selected from more than 220 community and urban school gardens across the United States, the Waterford School District was selected based on its comprehensive plans for a youth-centered educational program that emphasizes nutrition and food production, environmental awareness, social responsibility and scholastic integration. The Waterford School District will receive up to 500 vegetable and herb plants, \$2,500 toward garden supplies, 5 gallons of Daniels® organic-based plant food, one hose-end sprayer, and installation assistance from Burpee Home Gardens experts and a Flip™ camera to document the garden’s success.

Working side by side with school and administrative staff, local master gardener, landscape architect, and members of the Waterford Senior Center, Waterford Alternative High School and Children’s Village students will maintain and harvest the garden, providing vegetables to the Open Door Outreach Center and Forgotten Harvest food banks for families in need. In collaboration with Murphy & Associates, Landscape Design, installation of the garden will begin in spring 2011. For more information visit www.waterford.k12.mi.us/garden.

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