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Here We Grow! Volunteers to Plant Vegetables in Waterford Community Garden

May 6, 2011 Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford School District and Waterford Alternative High School are pleased to announce that volunteers will plant the first vegetables in the Waterford Community Garden/Outdoor Classroom on **Monday, May 23, at noon, 501 N. Cass Lake Road, Waterford.** The garden, located at Kurzman Administration Services, Crary Campus, will produce vegetables that will be donated to Open Door Outreach and Forgotten Harvest, two organizations that focus on providing hunger relief.

The Waterford Community Garden/Outdoor Classroom will allow Waterford Alternative High School students to work with a landscape architect, master gardener, community members, and local growers to plant, maintain, and harvest a garden that will become a centerpiece of the Waterford community. The garden will not only include vegetable beds, but will eventually include Michigan native plants, herbs, and flowering perennials. The Waterford Community Garden/Outdoor Classroom will enable teachers to tie together and extend what students are learning in the classroom. Students will also receive lessons that deepen their understanding of nature and natural systems.

The garden is made possible solely through grant funding from Burpee Home Garden® in the amount of \$2,500 and 500 vegetables plants, and the Waterford Foundation for Public Education, who awarded \$5,000. In addition, in-kind contributions have been made by many community businesses and supporters including Murphy & Associates, Landscape Design; Dawn Trainor, Master Gardener; Marc Dutton Irrigation, Inc; BestSource Credit Union; Metro North Credit Union; Creative Designs & Signs; L & S Landscaping; and Glen-Gary Brick Centers.

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