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Waterford School District Receives \$5,000 Lowe's Grant for Waterford Community Garden

May 11, 2011 Waterford, Mich. – Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 Toolbox for Education grant to the Waterford School District for the Waterford Community Garden/Outdoor Classroom located at the Waterford Alternative High School, Crary Campus. The Waterford School District is one of more than 480 schools or parent organizations to be awarded a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for school improvement projects benefiting K-12 public education across the United States during the 2010-2011 school year.

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, which will be donated to Open Door Outreach and Forgotten Harvest, 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

Lowe's supports the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. The company's signature education grant program, Lowe's Toolbox for Education, has brought more than \$5 million in grants to K-12 public schools every year since its inception in 2005.

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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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