



Soil Born Farm Urban Agriculture Project

is a non-profit organization that currently leases a 40 acre farm at Goethe Park in Rancho Cordova and operates a smaller farm at Jonas Salk Middle School for organic farming. Nestled among houses, apartments, and a junior high school, the organic farms focus on supporting local food systems by educating youth and adults about food, nutrition, sustainable living, and ecological farming.

Grant funds are being used for new site development on another 20 acres to raise food for sale and for low income communities and school lunch programs. Started in 2000 by Marco Franciosa and Shawn Harrison, graduates of the Ecological Horticultural program at UC Santa Cruz. The farm currently sells produce to restaurants and at a local farmers market.

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Mothers' Support Network mission is to support parents in their quest to raise happy, healthy children. Mothers' Support Network was formed by 2 mothers in 1992 who were seeking gentle, natural, parenting options for their children. Grant funds were used to start a Cloth Diaper Program that educates parents through how-to classes and provides a basic stock of cloth diapering supplies available for purchase. The goal of the project is to decrease the use of disposable diapers and to increase the use of cloth diapers in the Sacramento region through availability of supplies at a discounted price, community support and education via participation in ongoing free workshops.

For more information visit:

www.motherssupportnetwork.org



Community Alliance with Family Farmers

is building a movement of rural and urban people to foster family-scale agriculture that cares for the land, sustains local economies and promotes social justice. The Buy Fresh, Buy Local Sacramento Valley: Building Food Sustainability in Sacramento campaign works to increase consumer awareness of local and seasonal foods to preserve the food production capacity in the region, lower the environmental impact of food production, and to ensure health food for the future. Grant funds were used to establish a consumer educational program at local retailers to promote small, local farms.

For more information visit: www.caff.org



Del Paso Boulevard Green Space Projects

are working to bring public green space to a neighborhood that lacks open space and parks. The Hagginwood Community Association is currently working to beautify two blighted vacant lots with the help of community volunteers who will create and maintain these new green spaces. Grant funds were used to plant 15 native trees and 100 plants, install irrigation piping, and to sow wildflowers at Site #2.

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Sacramento Area Green Business Program

is a voluntary program that works with businesses and government organizations to promote environmental stewardship through the adoption of sustainable business practices. Grant funds were used to sustain the program in its initial stages. (The program has since been re-named the Sacramento Sustainable Business Program.)

For more information contact:

Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center
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Children's Global Garden is a project of the Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association and Peter Burnett Elementary School. Grant funds were used to establish a 4,000 square foot, joint school/neighborhood garden on the grounds of Peter Burnett School. The garden has three themes: Butterfly Habitat, Heritage Garden, and Healthy Foods. The project goals include teaching children about growing and eating healthy food, strengthening ties between the neighborhood and the school, and to increase habitat for birds, insects and amphibians.

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Update: The garden had a ground breaking ceremony in January 2007. Volunteers cleared sod and installed irrigation, and moved 3 trees. Since then there have been about a half dozen work days, resulting in fun in the cold and the mud. Currently, volunteers are in the process of mulching the garden (about 5000 sq ft) and building planter boxes. They are working with a Master Gardener to set up a seed planting program with the school.



Recycling Incentive Awards are made to citizens of the City of Sacramento to acknowledge and encourage outstanding recycling practices. Residents are selected by random to have their recycling bin checked, if nothing but recyclable material is found in the bin, the resident is alerted that they are eligible for a cash prize. Grant funds were used to expand the award of cash prizes to eligible residents. The excitement and positive media attention generated by the Recycling Incentive Program has translated into an increase level of awareness in the community of proper recycling practices.

For more information contact:

City of Sacramento, Solid Waste Division 916.808.4935



Deer Creek Hills Preserve Hiking Program

works to increase awareness of natural landscapes by taking visitors on docent-led hikes. Grant funds were used to train additional docents in order to increase the number of hikes provided, to develop an educational field journal for middle school students, to coordinate maintenance activities, and to begin development of a natural sciences curriculum.

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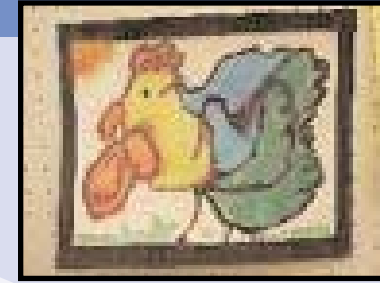


Crane Cultural Theater is a local theater group in Sacramento, California that serves to cultivate the values of living in harmony with the earth through cultural contexts. Stories of cultures from around the world are brought to stage to help attendees gain greater respect for all life, appreciation of diverse cultures and inspiration to both visit and protect natural environments in their greater community. Grant funds were used to provide masks, costumes, lighting and set design for the theater.

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Update: Pre-production work is expected to start in July-August 2007 with production beginning in September-November, and rehearsals November-December with the first show tentatively in January 2008 depending on additional grant funding.



Luther Burbank High School Art Department Recognition Awards made for "exemplary achievement" by student teams developing animated public service announcement with environmental themes. Grant funds were requested for awards and to build display panels for sustainability posters created by art students.

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Fremont Community Garden located at the Fremont Mews housing development on Q Street in Midtown used grants funds to build a compost area, create a Children's Garden, and to plant fruit trees. The garden is an organic operation that partially replaces the former Mandella Garden.

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Sustainable Sacramento Live/Work Directory

is a volunteer effort to publish educational resources for the benefit of the Sacramento community. Specifically, the live/work directory was envisioned as a resource with information on local businesses, governmental agencies, private and non-profit organizations that provide sustainable living options for the public. Grant funds were requested to develop a first edition of the directory including graphic design, web site development, and support services.

For more information contact:

Sacramento GreenMap Project



Oakview Recycling Project is a project of the Oakview Elementary School in Orangevale. Grant funds were used to begin a mixed paper, box and book recycling program that will become the model for other schools in the San Juan School District. The project includes the formation of a kids' recycling club and other education support for the classroom. It is anticipated that the project will benefit the school by decreasing solid waste disposal costs and provide a revenue stream from the recycled waste. The project promotes environmental stewardship with the children who will be encouraged to begin recycling in their homes.

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Update: ORP began with the delivery of a recycling container from Green Fiber recycling company, who will pick up and pay the school for the paper they collect. Next, money from the grant provided a dedicated recycling container for every classroom, staff and resource room. In March 2007, the ORP Mascot Design contest was held, where mascots from grades 1-5 were selected among many designs that the students came up with prompted by their teachers. The Oakview Elementary School's student council, led by teachers Patty Horn and David Lennerton, are the eyes and ears for the project, and are responsible for picking up and dumping the recycling bins and encouraging student and teacher buy-in. So far it appears very successful! Posters generated by the mascot contest decorate the school, and our first official request for feedback from teachers and staff members went out in April 2007.