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Environment Office receives grant for sustainable landscape

(Kahnawake – 15, Ohiarí:ha/June 2011) The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to announce that they have received a \$5,000 grant from the *Rebuilding Nature* program to establish a sustainable landscape at the Kanata Healthy House.

The grant program is supported by *The Home Depot Canada Foundation* and *Evergreen*. "This project would not have been possible without the support of all the hardworking volunteers," said Lynn Jacobs, Environmental Advisor/Projects Coordinator.

As part of the grant, volunteers from The Home Depot (St-Constant), MCK and the Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project spent a day building raised garden beds, a three-bin composter, as well as planting trees, berries, vegetables and herbs.

"The Rebuilding Nature program is an effective way to ensure groups receive funding and support required to make their projects possible," stated Geoff Cape, Executive Director of Evergreen. Paulette Minard, Manager of Community Affairs for The Home Depot Canada added, "We are proud to provide funding and volunteer support to help the Kahnawake Environment Protection Office complete their local urban stewardship project as part of our longstanding partnership with Evergreen."

The sustainable landscape will serve as a demonstration site for community members, schools and other organizations who want to learn more about pesticide-free gardening. The Environment Protection Office will showcase their new office and sustainable landscape during their Open House on June 29th from 8:30-12:00. Everyone is welcome.

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