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TO: Northeast District Resource Management Team

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DATE: January 30, 2004

RE: Community Garden Funding

To continue the success of the Outagamie/Winnebago County Community Garden program, we are requesting \$6,500 of Northeast District Resource Management dollars to help support the Community Gardens Coordinator position.

The Community Gardens program is transitioning from an Urban Initiative program to a community based/community supported program. Working with Goodwill, Salvation Army, Human Service, Catholic Charities, UW-Fox Valley, Lao/Hmong Partnership, WE Energies, ADVOCAP, Fox Valley Technical College, the Ecumenical Council and several other community organizations, we have secured a fiscal agent for the program (Goodwill), secured initial donations (WE Energies, Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Trinity Lutheran Church) and formed a leadership council. With Resource Management dollars to complete the 2004 gardening cycle, we are confident that by the end of the year, the program will be community based, community funded and positioned to continue independently.

The dollars would also allow us to pursue a partnership with the City of Menasha community block grant program to establish a neighborhood garden on city owned property. We believe the success of this "new" effort/partnership will open the door to block grant dollars/programs.

Enclosed you will find the proposed budget for the Community Gardens and an overview of the garden program that has been shared with potential partners. The business plan for the garden program being developed with the assistance of Goodwill will be available in the near future.

If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact either of us.

