

2013-2014

Bright Green Future Grants: Elementary School Recipients

Austin Discovery School's Rain Garden will help address the safety problems caused by flooding from nearby Walnut Creek, as well as educate students about protecting water quality.

To get students outside and learning from nature, **Blackshear's Bridge Garden** will improve and maintain the school's sustainable campus, which is frequently used for student Enrichment Time.



Cunningham's PEAS, or Partners for Education, Agriculture and Sustainability, is a community garden that will be expanded to include a rain garden and gazebo that will double as an outdoor classroom.

The GO (Growing Opportunities) project at **Doss** will promote water conservation by using a rainwater harvesting system to capture and retain the water needed to irrigate a garden on campus.

Foundation Communities' Afterschool Green will provide afterschool and summer educational programming to over 700 K-12 students on water and energy conservation, waste reduction, and improving air quality.

A Rain Collection System at Hill Elementary will teach students about the importance of water conservation by using rain water to irrigate existing native plants on campus.

The Explore, Restore & More program at **Norman** will provide natural science education programming that features hands-on learning and habitat restoration work.

Zavala's Cycle Academy will encourage students to ride their bikes daily and safely, while the **Green Beacon Project** will rejuvenate the campus with native plants irrigated by a rainwater capturing system. In addition, a recycling station will be created that will be shared with the surrounding community.

Pease's Outdoor Science and Learning Lab will be a new outdoor classroom designed with recycled materials, and featuring a rainwater collection system and solar panels.

The new **Courtyard Pond at Perez Elementary** will supplement Food and Shelter resources already on campus, to help achieve certification from the National Wildlife Foundation as a Wildlife Habitat.

Williams' Community Garden will teach students and their families how to create, maintain, and harvest a garden, as well as provide access to healthier and more affordable food.

