

News Release

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Four-Township Water Resources Council receives education grant

The Four-Township Water Resources Council was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to enhance land use education in the Galesburg/Augusta, Delton Kellogg and Gull Lake school districts.

The project will train area teachers to use Michigan State University Extension's Junior Citizen Planner curriculum. These lessons will expose third, fourth and fifth grade students to land use issues in their communities. By doing so, youth will be better prepared to make land use decisions in their futures.

The curriculum consists of four units and multiple lessons designed to help students grow and develop into involved citizens who understand the importance and practice of wise land use. Each lesson presents an unbiased introduction to controversial land use issues, presenting all sides on an issue in a fair and honest manner.

Teacher training activities will take place during the 2006/2007 school year. This program will demonstrate to teachers the need for introducing land use decision-making to their students and show them how to use the Junior Citizen Planner curriculum to complement the school's existing curricula.

The Junior Citizen Planner program is a joint effort between Michigan State University Extension's Citizen Planner and 4-H programs.

For additional information, visit www.ftwrc.org.

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