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Campus Garden at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay

WHEREAS, the current way food is produced and consumed on this planet is not sustainable, from food riots abroad, to rising rates of diabetes and obesity at home; from the carbon emitted by agriculture to the human rights abuses in the fields; it is clear our food system is in need of major change.

WHEREAS, government and industry have failed to step up to the challenge of creating a more sustainable food system, and business-as-usual is prevailing over the health of our bodies, our communities, and the Earth.

WHEREAS, colleges and universities spend over \$4 billion each year on food, and this figure represents a significant portion of the national food system - one that young people can directly influence if we act together, and real change will come from the grassroots and students can lead the way (modified from <http://realfoodchallenge.org/about>).

WHEREAS, the purpose of the University of Wisconsin Green Bay Campus Garden will first and foremost be to bring awareness to the importance of locally grown, sustainable food.

WHEREAS, the 2008 mulch potato garden outside the University Union provided excellent preparation for the site to be used as a vegetable and flower garden in 2009, and the other option would return the site to grass.

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin Green Bay Campus Garden will serve as the focal point for hosting workshops and events for students with possible topics including but not limited to: The Importance of Local and sustainable food, Composting, Seed Germination/Saving, and Preparing Food from the Garden.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Wisconsin Green Bay Student Government Association requests \$700 to start the 2009 Campus Garden.