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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PLANT DUBOIS COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – May 3, 2010** – The Town of Wake Forest is inviting area residents to help plant the DuBois Community Garden on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers should meet at the DuBois Community Development Center (CDC) offices, located at 150-A N. White St.

The DuBois Community Garden is a true community “grass roots” effort enjoying the support of numerous local organizations, including the Town of Wake Forest, BreezePlay, the DuBois CDC, the East End Neighborhood Association, HerbFest, the Wake Forest Farmers’ Market, Wake Forest Farms, Nature’s Green-Relief, and the Graham Johnson Cultural Arts Endowment.

The garden will be planted on a plot of land donated by the DuBois CDC, while Wake Forest Farms’ Kent Smith is contributing the garden design and layout, plus much of the labor. Smith and Natures' Green Relief have already begun building raised beds for the garden and will be educating and directing volunteers throughout the May 8 community planting event.

In addition, Bob Johnson and HerbFest are supplying plants and herbs, and Natures Green-Relief is providing organic compost. The Town of Wake Forest is making water available to the lot, along with leaf-mulch to condition the soil.

The DuBois CDC will leverage the garden to help at-risk youth at the center. Select students will manage and harvest the garden and then sell the produce at the Wake Forest Farmers’ Market, which is donating a tent and table, and providing marketing assistance to the youth. Garden produce will also help fill the DuBois CDC Food Pantry.

“The garden will provide a great opportunity to invest in these kids and for them to learn business management and entrepreneurial skills,” says DuBois CDC Director Bettie Murchison.

Planting day activities will feature Wake Forest's own Bailey Newton - who will barbecue one of his renowned Grower's Choice "best taste" award-winning pigs. The Farmers' Market is sponsoring the BBQ and will also provide locally grown greens, tossed salad, strawberries, lemonade, and sweet tea.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to stop by and pitch in with the efforts to benefit the town and make Wake Forest "green!" There are no restrictions on age and green thumbs are not required. However, children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Volunteers should come dressed in work clothes, shoes, and a hat. Although a limited number of gardening supplies will be available, volunteers should bring yard tools and gloves with them. Water and refreshments will be provided by the Wake Forest Farmers' Market.

Wake Forest residents will also have the opportunity during the event to learn about and sign up for the Wake Forest Green Community Program and the Town's energy efficiency pilot program. The pilot will be limited to 100 qualified residential participants who will receive the new EnviroScape™ Energy Management System, created by BreezePlay™. The EnviroScape System wirelessly monitors a home or business' energy usage 24/7 and can be set to automatically adjust thermostats, electric water heaters, and more to maximize efficiency and save customers money on utility bills. The system can be controlled via in-wall touch screen, secure on-line Customer Portal, and even with web-enabled mobile devices.

For more information about the Dubois Community Garden planting, contact Assistant Planning Director Ann Ayers at (919) 554-6143.

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