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Conservation grant enables community gardens in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, NV – A \$47,800 grant from the nonprofit National Association of Conservation Districts awarded to the Conservation District of Southern Nevada (CDSN) will fund a project to educate citizens on effective techniques they can use to accomplish backyard conservation, establish healthy soils, plant crops, compost, integrate pest management, grow organic food and properly irrigate.

In partnership with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Terra Firma Organics, State Renewable Energy, Green Chips and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the project will develop a demonstration garden located in North Las Vegas.

The garden will incorporate features such as a pollinator garden and edible landscapes as well as offer workshops on desert farming techniques and compost and soil management. Cooking demonstrations led by local chefs will teach how to prepare meals with produce from the garden and educational resources will address food waste and its environmental impact. This project will address soil quality, critical water management, stormwater pollution prevention, landfill diversion, renewable energy, food waste and wildlife habitats.

The garden, with programs in place, is expected to be open to the public in September, 2016. The garden will be on the grounds of the Zion United Methodist Church in North Las Vegas.

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