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# News Release

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## **Wayne County “Grow Zones” To Help Downriver Environment**

**WAYNE COUNTY, MI — December 3, 2007.** Wayne County’s Department of Environment and the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds are offering mini-grants to communities, schools and non-profit organizations to build “Grow Zones” in several Downriver communities next year. The funds were made possible from a State of Michigan grant.

Grow Zones are built near waterways and consist of native plants, wildflowers, landscape boulders, and available wood debris. They improve stormwater quality, and reduce stream bank erosion and harmful logjams.

Wayne County will partner with the Huron River Watershed Council, Downriver Stream Team, Friends of the Detroit River, Western Wayne County Master Gardeners, local communities, and volunteers. For more information, call Noel Mullett or Matt Best, Wayne County Department of Environment, at (734) 326-3936.

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