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Mid Michigan Community Action plants over 100 trees, lays mulch, and prepares for Community Garden

Over 100 trees were planted, a community garden was prepped, flowers were planted, and litter was picked up across Mid Michigan Community Action's six county service area.

Mid Michigan Community Action (MMCAA) is continually seeking to find ways to conserve energy and be more eco-friendly. The idea of celebrating Earth Day spread very quickly through the organization. Each of MMCAA's nine locations across six counties spent half a day cleaning, planting and recycling.

At MMCAA's administrative office in Farwell, over 50 employees planted over 100 oaks and maples ranging from 3 to 15 feet in height. Ground was also prepped for MMCAA's upcoming community gardens (in Farwell & Gladwin) which will provide fresh produce to low-income individuals and families. MMCAA will operate community gardens in Farwell and Gladwin and partner with gardens in Bay City, Midland and Hersey.

"While we have commodity and emergency food programs, unfortunately we cannot provide fresh produce to our families in need, Jill Sutton, MMCAA Executive Director said. "The community garden projects will allow us to offer garden fresh food to eligible families."

MMCAA is coordinating with Michigan WORKS! Summer Youth program to staff the gardens. This program provides teens and young adults with summer jobs that provide steady income and skill building opportunities. A Natural Resource Analyst has been hired to oversee the garden projects and create educational opportunities for staff and the community.

"The results of earth day celebration show the impact that a relatively small group of people can make when working toward a common goal," Sutton said.

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is a non-profit, human services agency serving Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola Counties since 1966.

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