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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Seventh Generation Program is establishing a Pollinator Garden for Bees with Support from a GR01000 Grassroots Grant from the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation

Grant program helps communities nationwide through garden and greenspace development.

Mount Pleasant, Michigan - The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce the installation of its *Aamoo Gtikan*, Bee Pollinator Garden at the Elijah Elk Center for Living Culture and Traditions Seventh Generation Program, located at 7957 East Remus Road in Mount Pleasant, MI. The garden is part of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation's **GR01000** initiative, designed to create 1,000 gardens and green spaces by 2018, to help commemorate The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's 150th Anniversary.

The Tribe received a **GR01000** Grassroots Grant award to purchase materials, plants and seeds to build and plant a Bee Pollinator garden for Seventh Generation's new apiary. It was one of the final organizations across the U.S. to receive **GR01000** funding for a garden or green space build.

The pollinator garden will serve as an important food source for the apiary and provide educational opportunities for the Tribal community. We are honored to receive grant support for the *Aamoo Gtikan* (Bee Garden). Through the creation of our pollinator garden, we encourage the protection of bees, promote food sovereignty and offer our Tribal and Community Members gardening and beekeeping opportunities.

To learn more about the Seventh Generation *Aamoo Gtikan* visit www.sagchip.org. For questions or more information please contact Cultural Manager, Lee Ann Ruffino at (989) 775-4786.

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