

Native Plant Materials Production Facility at Camp Rabideau on the Chippewa National Forest

2011 Accomplishments

The former CCC camp is located on the Chippewa National Forest and is a National Historic Landmark. The Rabideau Conservation Academy and Learning Center (CALC) began in 2005 when a group of community leaders, government agencies, non-profit groups, school districts, tribal governments and concerned citizens met to address the escalating violence and crime affecting youth in the area. The youth workers began construction of a new greenhouse facility at the camp in 2011. Native plant restoration funds were contributed to construction of the greenhouse.

CALC is partnering with the Chippewa National Forest to produce native seed and plants for restoration projects. Production of sweetgrass, an important plant to the Ojibwe people for ceremonial and medicinal uses, has begun and greenhouse and garden facilities will be used for trials of native plant and sweetgrass production in FY2012



Figure 2. Youth from Bugonegehsing School on the Leech Lake Reservation collecting sweetgrass to be established at Camp Rabideau



Figure 2. Rabideau CALC participant working in vegetable garden

Year Awarded: 2011

Project completion: 2011

Report number: 1 of 2

Expenditures (through 10/2011):

FY 11: \$3000

▪**Total funding \$3000, total expend \$3000**

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