

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Takshanuk Watershed Council****Federal Tax ID: 33-1069246****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Takshanuk Watershed Council - School Garden Season Extender Hoop House

State Funding Requested: \$14,000**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Takshanuk Watershed Council runs a project called Starvin' Marvin with the Haines School sixth grade class. The sixth graders compost school food waste, shredded office paper, and school shop sawdust, which they then use to grow food for the school cafeteria. The project has been so successful TWC and the School would like to extend the growing season by constructing a high tunnel hoop house.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$17,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$3,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$14,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

A High Tunnel Hoop House including shipping will cost \$3,000 Installing the Hoop House and beds \$1,500. A gardener \$8,500 internet will total \$1,000. Finally TWC will be contributing \$3,000 in staff

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Starvin' Marvin project began in January of 2008 with funding from Title III Forest Receipts money. The goal of the project is to recycle school lunch scraps, office paper waste and sawdust from the school shop into compost that is used to grow food for the school cafeteria. This is a project ran by the Takshanuk Watershed Council with the sixth grade class of the Haines School. In 2011, we were able to remove about 2,000 pounds of trash from the school waste stream return 200 pounds of produce to the school cafeteria. At current disposal rates and produce costs in Haines TWC calculates well over a \$1,000 in savings to the school and invaluable experience for the students.

Project Timeline:

2012-2013

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Takshanuk Watershed Council

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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February 20, 2012

Representative Bill Thomas
120 4th Street
State Capitol
Room 505
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Haines School Garden Season Extender Hoop House

Dear Representative Thomas,

I am pleased to confirm support for the application for funds for the Haines School Garden Season Extender Hoop House submitted by the Takshanuk Watershed Council. The Haines Borough has clearly supported the school garden by dedicating borough land to the project. Last year, in anticipation of installing a hoop house, the Watershed Council secured Borough permission to erect the hoop house on the land dedicated to the garden. The Haines Borough School District supports the project by cooperating daily with the compost regimen introduced to our school culture by the "Starvin' Marvin" project.

The Takshanuk Watershed Council is one of many community organizations that are working to restore agriculture in Haines. What is special about the Takshanuk Watershed Council's effort is that it focuses on youth – the future "growers" of Haines. The entire Haines student body has a stake in this project: the vegetables, and especially the potatoes, grown at the school garden work their way into our public school diet. These funds, if allocated, have a clear public benefit and certainly meet the oft quoted spending criteria of "public funds for a public purpose."

Thank you for your support.


Stephanie Scott
Mayor, Haines Borough

Cc: Mark Earnest, Manager, Haines Borough
Takshanuk Watershed Council