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### **Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center Awarded Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant**

**November 15, 2007, LEXINGTON, KY** – The agricultural science program at the Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center in New Haven, Connecticut, is one of six programs across the country that has been awarded a 2007 Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant from the American Nursery Landscape Association (ANLA).

The program at Sound School is dedicated to teaching landscape design through manual scale drawings and computer aided drafting. The ANLA grant monies will be used to purchase landscape design software to enhance that learning experience. This software's initial use will be on a rose garden renovation project for the City of New Haven Parks Department, which will begin in the 2007-2008 school year.

“Computer aided drafting of nursery and landscape design is a skill that is highly valued and required in the industry and will result in great benefits to the students, academically and in their level of employability,” said Charles Mavrelion, agriculture teacher for the program. “The use of landscape design software to restore the historical rose gardens will help students master the digital and practical skills sought after in the industry.”

The ANLA “Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction” grant is awarded annually to one member from each of the National Association of Agricultural Educators’ six regions. The National Association of Agricultural Educators is the professional organization for agricultural educators in the United States. The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”

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