

# Dairyland: supports Habitat for Humanity's ReNew the Block Program

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La Crosse, WI— Dairyland has contributed \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity's ReNew the Block program, which was matched by CoBank through its Sharing Success Program for a total donation of \$10,000. Project leaders, Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area and NewGround, Inc., have partnered with the City of La Crosse, Coulee Region Ecoscapes LLC, Grow La Crosse, and the La Crosse School District to bring this new initiative to our community.

The ReNew the Block project will be located at Logan Middle School on La Crosse's north side. The project will improve the neighborhood, protect the natural environment, implement hands-on outdoor learning and provide urban community members with access to nature, shared outdoor spaces and healthy food.

"Supporting our local education system and helping revitalize our neighborhoods is critical to a thriving community," said Dairyland President and CEO Brent Ridge. "The ReNew the Block project will create a lasting impact for students and neighbors and be a catalyst for environmental and conservation learning for generations to come. As a cooperative, we are excited to see this collaboration between industry, education and environment come together."

"The project adds stormwater mitigation and an edible schoolyard while also piloting a substantial, replicable model for increasing neighborhood livability and sustainability through shared work, one block at a time," said Sustainability Director Amy Smith, with Habitat for Humanity of the Greater La Crosse Area.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides the wholesale electrical

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