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**Water Scarcity**

By 2025, 40% of the world’s population will be living with water scarcity. Today’s children will be responsible for solving the water problems of the future.

![World Map with Water Scarcity Areas](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/d3/Tatnuck_School,_Tatnuck_MA.jpg)

**Project Goals**

- Develop a curriculum to educate students on water sustainability and engineering solutions
- Develop method for evaluating effectiveness of curriculum
- Fundraise for a rainwater harvesting system at Tatnuck Magnet School

**Accomplishments**

- Applied for and received a $4,000 grant to build rainwater harvesting system
- Wrote seven lesson plans and taught three of them to sixth grade classes
- Assessed students’ growth using pre and post evaluation surveys
- Created a website to share our lesson plans.

![Graph showing pre and post evaluation survey results](http://www.workingforworcester.com/)

**Future Goals**

- Implement last four lessons at Tatnuck Magnet School
- Collaborate with Engineers Without Borders-USA WPI to build a rainwater harvesting system
- Improve garden and build rainwater harvesting system

![Rainwater harvesting system](http://www.psdgraphics.com/file/chalkboard.jpg)

**Can you do a better job conserving water?**

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