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Auburn - An attractive and educational landscape project is decorating the City of Auburn, thanks to a cooperative effort of local government and community leaders.

This year's class of Leadership Auburn, which graduates Friday (June 29), has completed a community service project on a small city-owned parcel at the corner of High Street and Auburn-Folsom Road into a landscaped garden to serve as a new "gateway" to the City.

It is the first hands-on project completed by a class of the eight-year-old community leadership development program, which was founded and is operated by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

"The agency is a long-time sponsor of Leadership Auburn," said agency General Manager David Breninger. He explained that the agency, as a partner in this education project, will make the water connection directly to the garden from an agency pipeline in High Street in lieu of the City having to extend a waterline from other sources.

"We started last October," said Peggy Seitzinger, one of the 26 members of this year's class. "We wanted to do something we could put our hands on and work together."

With the city providing the site and the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) making the water available, members of the class raised more than \$2000, collected donations and dug into the hard soils at the site. They sought to enhance improvements made several years ago by Auburn residents Glenn and Ruby Payne.

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The goal of the class, said member and project coordinator Alexa Dal Pino was to build an attractive, low maintenance and low water use landscape.

The “xeriscape,” or low water use landscape, uses drip irrigation, mulch and drought-tolerant and native plants that will need little if any water once established.

“It’s a project that will help educate people on water efficiency,” said PCWA Board Chairman Lowell Jarvis, during a Tuesday (June 26) visit to the site. “We see this as a demonstration project that will help people in their efforts to save water.”

Auburn Mayor Bob Snyder lauded the future community leaders and the water agency for their participation in the collaborative effort.

“It goes with the city’s streetscape plan,” said the mayor, himself a graduate and board member of the community leadership program.

“The community of Auburn is fortunate to have the Placer County Water Agency.,” he said. “They’re problem solvers. They figure out how to get things done. PCWA covers a much larger area than Auburn but they always give us individual attention.”