

## Dartmouth residents dig in at Quinn School to 'Plant Something'

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DARTMOUTH — About half a dozen residents gathered at Quinn Elementary School to plant something, anything, Wednesday as part of a statewide push to appreciate gardening and the outdoors.

"This is a local product that we hope will improve the local environment," said Quansett Nurseries owner Fred Dabney as volunteers trucked in locally grown silene, perennials and creeping phlox.

"We're all Dartmouth residents so we're all anxious to make this work," Dabney said.

Dabney and several volunteers led by Salt Creek Vineyard's Skott Rebello carved out a small space in Quinn's outdoor courtyard, digging out space for more than 60 plants in less than 20 minutes.

Plant Something MA is an initiative of the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscaping Association — in partnership with the Massachusetts Flower Growers Association — to have something planted in every town and city in the state. The initiative aims to make residents more supportive of their local nurseries.

Rebello said he was approached by the association at a recent conference to organize Dartmouth's planting. Quinn School was selected because it had a space in the courtyard that needed work, he said.

Last year, the planting was held at Cushman School.

"The whole idea was to get students and kids and teachers interested," Rebello said.