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## **FORMER COW-MILKING BARN TO BECOME NEW LEARNING STUDIOS FOR BOWER'S FARM ACADEMY STUDENTS**

**Bloomfield Hills, Mich., June 17, 2010** — A groundbreaking ceremony was held yesterday, June 16<sup>th</sup> for the conversion of a former cow-milking barn into a new classroom structure at the Charles L. Bowers School Farm in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The alternative high school housed at the Farm, Bowers Academy, will benefit from three new state-of-the-art classrooms for the agriscience and environmental studies campus. The Academy and Farm is part of Bloomfield Hills Public Schools.

The new \$2.932 million barn will include three learning studios, two classrooms, a large entry commons and mezzanine, a new concession kitchen, new staff offices, and a 720 square foot greenhouse. The steel-sided cow-milking barn will be demolished.

TMP Architecture worked with the district and an existing concept plan to create an energy efficient building, including a geothermal system and high performance spray applied insulation to keep future energy costs down. Educational planning firm Fielding Nair International was involved in the early planning and concept stages.

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