



Fox Valley Area Chapter

“Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow”

Dear Friend of Wild Ones:

For years, Wild Ones members and chapters have worked with schools and nature centers to plant and maintain natural landscapes in these centers of learning. In late 2000, Wild Ones - Fox Valley Area Chapter, started the “*Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow*” fund to continue and expand such projects in our chapter membership area. The grants program provides awards ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Eligible Applicants

Schools, houses of worship, public and non-profit organizations in the Fox Valley Area of Wisconsin may apply for this grant. To be considered for the “*Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow*” grants program, all projects must be located no more than 15 miles outside of the county line of any county that touches Lake Winnebago, and be accessible to the public.

Grant recipients must provide matching funds equal to the amount requested. Matching funds can be from the applicant's own treasury, fundraisers, or from grants secured from other sources such as business and non-profit corporate donors.

Types of Projects funded

The “*Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow*” grants are used to establish, restore or reconstruct a native plant community such as a prairie, savanna, woodland or wetland. Use of native plants is mandatory and grant money can only be spent for the purchase of plants and seeds. Any plants used must be appropriate to the site. Grants that show collaboration between groups and which engage children in the project itself are encouraged.

Applications will be judged on creativity, community outreach and collaboration, thoroughness of planning, knowledge of leader, wisdom of total budget, choice of plants and educational value.

Letters of support from collaborators are encouraged.

Resources

The Wild Ones web page at <http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/foxvalley/> provides information and links to related resources from government agencies, universities, and environmental organizations. Wild Ones may also be reached at 2801 E. Hietpas Street, Appleton, WI 54911-8755, (920) 730-3986, FVACgrants@for-wild.org

Publicity

Successful grant recipients will be required to acknowledge Wild Ones ~ Native Plants, Natural Landscapes – Fox Valley Area Chapter in any project publicity or printed material produced.

Project Report

Successful grant recipients agree to submit a project report to Wild Ones - Fox Valley Area Chapter within one year of notification of grant funding. If a school project, students should be involved with development of the report. The report should document the project, and may use scrapbooks, site plans, photographs, artwork, etc.

Application Process and Timeline

Grant applications can be obtained from the Grants Committee by writing to the address listed below, or downloaded from our website at <http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/foxvalley/>. Proposals must be prepared based on the questions and format contained in the application format. Applications must be typed and single-spaced. Submit five copies with numbered letter size pages; do not bind or staple. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be postmarked no later than January 15. The Wild Ones Grants Committee will review and prioritize applications. The Grants Committee will make final decisions and send letters to all applicants by March 1. Submission of final reports from grant recipients of previous year, are due on March 1.

We appreciate your interest in obtaining a grant from Wild Ones - Fox Valley Area Chapter. If you have any questions, please contact the Grants Committee at the address listed below.

Grants Committee Chairperson

Wild Ones - Fox Valley Area Chapter
Attn: Grants Committee Chairperson
2801 E. Hietpas Street
Appleton, WI 54911-8755

*Wild Ones – Native Plants, Natural Landscapes
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GRANT APPLICATION

Project Title: _____

Total Proposed Project Budget: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Duration of project From _____ To _____

Site Dimensions (if applicable) _____

Applicant/Organization/School Name: _____

Project Coordinator: _____ Title _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I understand that the awarding of all grants, and the amount of any grant, will be subject to the sole discretion of Wild Ones ~ “Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow” Grants Committee (the Committee). I also understand that project descriptions become the property of the Committee and if I am awarded a grant the Committee will have the right to supply others with a description of the project and to disseminate its underlying concepts and/or ideas. If awarded a grant, I agree to submit an expense accounting, including copies of receipts for expenses when the project is completed. The Committee and sponsors and/or any of its agents, officials and employees will assume no responsibility or liability for claims of damage of any kind to property or for claims of injury to any person in connection with such a grant.

Project Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the completed application and support this project wholeheartedly (Superintendent, Principal, or Organization Official).

Approver Name: _____ Title: _____

Approver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit application postmarked by January 15th to
Grants Committee Chairperson
Wild Ones - Fox Valley Area Chapter
2801 E. Hietpas Street
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A. Brief Project Summary (what is it, and what will it accomplish? 1 paragraph maximum)

B. Environmental Assessment

This information will be used to assess the environmental consequences of your proposed project. If you answer Yes to any question, please describe below what you anticipate will be the nature of the action.

Will the project, as proposed:

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. Negatively affect any federally or locally listed endangered or threatened species or their habitat?			
2. Involve any modifications/development within a floodplain?			
3. Involve construction in a wetland?			
4. Directly necessitate mortality/displacement of fish or wildlife, whether intentionally or incidentally?			
5. Include use of chemical toxicant?			
6. Involve habitat alteration/and changes affecting public use?			
7. Have substantial environmental impacts not addressed above?			
8. Require any federal/state permits or expenditure of federal funds?			
9. Generate organized opposition/significant public controversy?			

Explanations of Ayes@ answers on Environmental Assessment:

C. Narrative (3 pages maximum)

- What are the goal(s) and measurable objectives of the project?
- How will the site be used? Which activities will commonly occur?
- Who is involved? What age or grade levels? How is the community involved and affected?
- Describe how the project will enhance educational use of the area.
- What is the site like? What kinds of habitats and plant communities are being developed or restored?
- Describe how the project will affect habitat and wildlife.
- Provide a list of species that will be planted. Provide both common and scientific names.
- How will the area be managed or maintained long term? Who will be responsible?
- Briefly summarize qualifications of project coordinator. Describe applicant/ organization/school-s commitment to the project. Explain how the project fits with the applicant-s overall goals or mission.
- Describe plans for obtaining other funding needed to carry out the project. If long-term funding will be required, describe plans for ensuring continued funding.

D. Before and After Sketches (3 pages maximum)

Provide a sketch or diagram of the area you intend to utilize as a nature area *as it currently exists*. Show the significant existing natural and human-made features, including scale and direction. Include photographic images if available and desired.

Provide a sketch or diagram of the work plan for the project area. Show the landscape *as it will appear when the grant project is completed*. Identify the physical structures that will be constructed and vegetation that will be planted and/or eliminated. Include scale and direction.

E. Project Budget *(1 page maximum)*

List items needed for the project. Estimate expenses (for example, consider plant/seed costs from local native nurseries). Indicate grant funds and matching/in-kind donations. As an example:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Committed?</u>
Plants (include species list and approximate quantity)	\$800	\$400	Natural Landscaping for Tomorrow	
		\$400	Identify other grant source(s)	
Seed (include species list and approximate quantity)	\$150	\$100	Planned fund-raiser	
		Donation of seeds	Nature group volunteer	Yes
Lumber for bird feeders	\$150	\$ 75	Planned fund-raiser	
		\$ 75 Match	Lumber yard	Yes
Mulch and edging		Donation	Local Nursery	
Bird Bath		Donation	PTO	Yes
Rototiller		Donation	Parent	Yes

