Schoolyard Habitat Grant Application

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Chippewa Nature Center with support from Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network and Ducks Unlimited are offering Schoolyard Habitat Grants for up to 10 schools throughout the 22 county Saginaw Bay Watershed.

Schools participating in the program will receive:

- Habitat restoration services through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for an area selected by the school. This will include the restoration of an area to wetland, grassland, or pollinator habitat and may include trails, interpretive signage, or structures allowing safe access to the area.
- Curriculum development in partnership with Chippewa Nature Center and materials for use in the restored habitat.
- Teacher training for utilizing curriculum in the restored habitat provided by Chippewa Nature Center.
- Signage designating the area as a Schoolyard Habitat.

Selected schools will:

- Develop a team (including teachers, administrators, and maintenance staff) to help plan, develop, use and maintain the schoolyard habitat.
- Sign a 10-year Habitat Development Agreement between the school and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Commit to making the Schoolyard Habitat an integral part of their students’ learning.

To Apply:

Complete the attached application and submit to Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs at Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Road, Midland, MI 48640 or jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis through 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

Questions

Regarding habitat development or the 10-year agreement contact Michelle Vander Haar at Michelle_Vanderhaar@fws.gov or 989-777-5930 x102.

Regarding grant applications or curriculum development contact Jenn Kirts at jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org or 989-631-0830.
## School Information

Name: _________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________ Zip Code: _____________________ County: _______________

School type:    Elementary   Middle School   High School

## Contact Information

Grant applicant should provide an administration and grounds/maintenance contact in addition to their own information. This will ensure a smooth process for the installation and maintenance of the habitat as well as the curriculum development.

**Primary Contact:** _______________________________  **Title:** __________________________

Email: ___________________________________________  Phone: ________________________

**Administrator Contact:** ___________________________  **Title:** __________________________

Email: ___________________________________________  Phone: ________________________

**Maintenance Contact:** ____________________________  **Title:** __________________________

Email: ___________________________________________  Phone: ________________________

## Habitat Information

Please provide as many details on the spaces as you are able.

Is the habitat restoration area on school property?  Yes  No

If no, how far away is it? ____________________  Who is the property owner? ____________________

What type of restoration are you interested in?

Forest   Upland (Grassland)   Wetland   Rain Garden   Pollinator Plot

How large is the area that you wish to have restored? _______________________________

(You can provide a length and width measurement or an acre measurement.)

Please include any additional information that may be helpful. (What’s growing there now, how the area is currently being used, etc.)

Please attach a photo of the area if possible.
Curriculum Connections

Please describe how the school plans to make use of the restored habitat. Include information regarding grade levels, curriculum connections, and frequency and type of use.

Are teachers currently using any outdoor areas for instruction? Yes  No
If yes, please explain how often and in what ways they are utilizing the outdoors.

Which, if any, science curriculum is the school currently using? ________________________________

Additional Support

What support will the school, PTO, or other organizations provide for the installation and use of this schoolyard habitat? (This can include financial, in-kind or volunteer contributions including materials for paths, fences, seating, teaching space and/or materials.)

I understand that if our school is selected to receive this habitat restoration grant we must sign a 10 year Habitat Development Agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service for maintenance of the area. In addition, we must participate in planning meetings for both the restoration and curriculum development portions of the grant. I also agree to the posting of a sign designating this as a project of the Schoolyard Habitat Grant.

Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________

Printed Name ________________________________ Title ________________________________