

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Michelle_Vanderhaar@fws.gov) or 989-777-5930 x102.

Regarding grant applications or curriculum development contact Jenn Kirts at [jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org) or 989-631-0830.



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## 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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