



2023 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

High School Pollinator Habitat Grant Program

“ I thought this [program] was fantastic! I thought the whole process was extremely educational and interesting. My group of seniors even presented their learnings to the school board and it was received very well. Great learning!! ”

Angie Richards
Science Teacher
Lynnville-Sully High School,
Sully, Iowa



Overview

Since 2017, Sand County Foundation has awarded competitive Pollinator Habitat Grants to 87 high schools across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Texas. This program strives to increase the diversity of native wildflowers in agricultural settings by engaging students in experiential learning projects propagating, planting, and maintaining prairie plants.

2022-2023 School Year Highlights

In the 2022-23 school year, Sand County Foundation awarded grants to 22 schools, and offered the program in two new states; Illinois and Texas. School projects raised and planted more than 15,000 seedlings, engaging over 4,500 students in hands-on education. With the creation of the School Grant Program Coordinator position in August 2022, organizational capacity increased and Sand County Foundation more than doubled the yearly average number of grant recipients.

Distribution of Past and Present Grant Recipients





Projects Completed in the 2022-2023 School Year:

Alexandria Area High School, Alexandria, Minnesota
 Bertha-Hewitt Public School, Bertha, Minnesota
 Brownstown High School, Brownstown, Illinois
 South Winneshiek CSD, Calmar, Iowa
 Severson Learning Center, Cambridge, Wisconsin
 Clarkston High School, Clarkston, Michigan
 Eisenhower High School, Decatur, Illinois
 Duluth East High School, Duluth, Michigan
 Ozaukee High School, Fredonia, Wisconsin
 Hutchinson Public Schools, Hutchinson, Minnesota
 Independence High/Middle School, Independence, Wisconsin
 Indian Trail High School and Academy, Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Libertyville High School, Libertyville, Illinois
 Lynnville-Sully High School, Sully, Iowa
 Manson Northwest Webster High School, Manson, Iowa
 Thomas Edison High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Sauk Prairie High School, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin
 Scurry-Rosser High School, Scurry, Texas
 Ravenna High School, Ravenna, Michigan
 Stanton Schools, Stanton, Iowa
 Underwood High School, Underwood, Iowa
 Waupun Area Junior/Senior High School, Waupun, Wisconsin

2023-2024 School Year Progress

For the 2023-2024 school year the grant program will include two rounds of application periods. The new option to apply during the summer allows more time for thorough site preparation and research of native seed propagation methods, which will increase the likelihood of successful habitat creation. This longer timeline will also encourage greater integration of curriculum with ongoing experiential activities, and may lead to greater and/or longer term student learning outcomes.

“
 I learned that the native wildlife diversity helps to provide many benefits for all of the surrounding habitats and ecosystems, such as all of the native plants that we planted in the field.
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12th Grade Student
 Waupun High School,
 Wisconsin

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