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
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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.
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.

12th Grade Student
Waupun High School,
Wisconsin

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