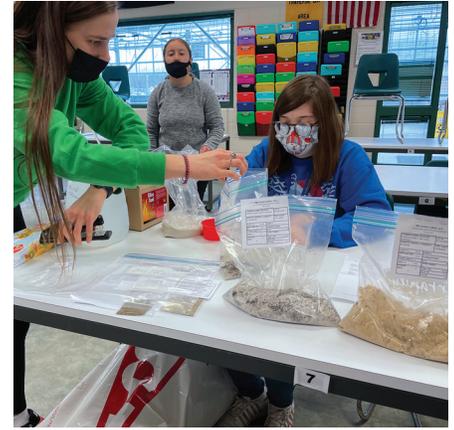




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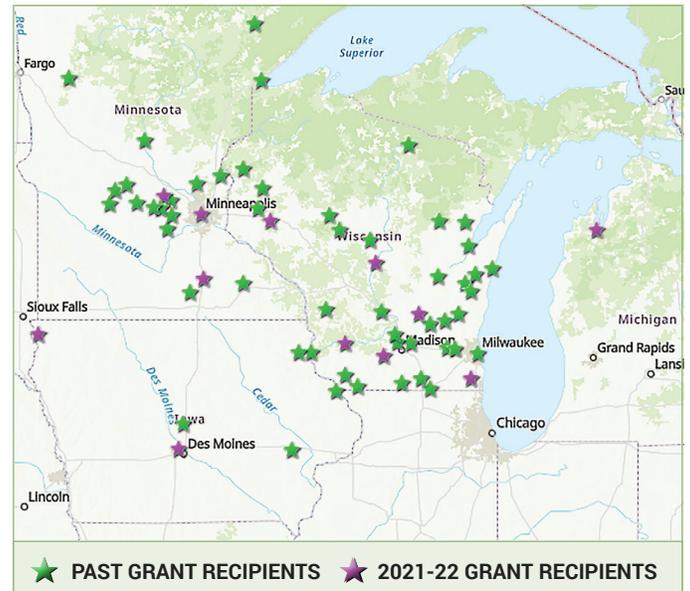
# High School Pollinator Habitat Grant Program

“ I enjoyed being able to grow something from seed that I would later be able to put in the ground. I will be able to drive past it every day and see the progress continue instead of planting them and then forgetting about them. I like the fact that I was allowed to help with something that in the future will be very important to our ecosystem.



## Overview

Since 2017, Sand County Foundation has annually awarded competitive Pollinator Habitat Grants to a total of 65 high schools across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. 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.



11th grade student  
Northwest Ed Career Tech,  
Michigan



## 2021-2022 School Year Highlights

In the 2021-22 school year, Sand County Foundation awarded grants to twelve schools across four states. Students raised and planted more than 9,000 seedlings, engaging over 2,000 students in hands-on education. Sand County Foundation also worked with an expert to create a process to evaluate student learning outcomes, and initiated a successful pilot project in Michigan.





## Projects Completed in the 2021-2022 School Year:

Jane Goodall Environmental Sciences Academy, Maple Lake, Minnesota  
 Owatonna High School, Owatonna, Minnesota  
 Thomas Edison High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Randolph High School, Randolph, Wisconsin  
 Winneconne High School, Winneconne, Wisconsin  
 Nekoosa High School, Nekoosa, Wisconsin  
 Union Grove High School, Union Grove, Wisconsin  
 Mt. Horeb High School, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin  
 Reedsville High School, Reedsville, Wisconsin  
 West Lyon Community School District, Inwood, Iowa  
 Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa  
 Northwest Educational Services Career Tech, Travers City, Minnesota

## 2022-2023 School Year Progress

For the 2022-2023 school year we are updating the grant program to give schools increased flexibility with their timeline. This could allow more thorough site preparation and practice in native seed propagation prior to the final planting, increasing chances for successful habitat creation. This flexible timeline opportunity will also encourage greater integration of curriculum with ongoing experiential activities, and may lead to greater and/or longer term student learning outcomes.

“.....  
 I feel the project was very relevant to the courses I teach. This project will also continue to give educational opportunities within my classes as we continue to restore our prairies and promote pollinators.  
 .....”

**Mike Schoenfeld**  
 Science Teacher  
 Nekoosa High School, Wisconsin

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