



## 2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

# Pollinator Habitat Education Program

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This hands-on project gave students a meaningful opportunity to connect with nature and contribute to local ecosystem health. Planting native wildflowers showed them how even small actions can create lasting positive change for pollinators and the environment.  
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## Overview

Sand County Foundation's Pollinator Habitat Education Program provides a unique hands-on learning experience, guides K-12 teachers in growing native wildflowers with their students, and restores critical pollinator habitat. Created in 2017, the program has engaged over 170 schools across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois. Thousands of students have gained practical conservation skills, an increased awareness of the importance of essential pollinators, and a greater sense of ability to take meaningful action for the environment.

## New This Year!

In the 2024-2025 school year, we launched a version of the program, accessible to all ages, called the "Seed Starter Activity". Seventy schools and 8,500 students participated in its first year. This in-demand activity supplies teachers with free native wildflower and grass seeds, easy-to-follow growing instructions, and personalized guidance from our Education and Outreach Specialist. The results speak for themselves!



## 2024-2025 School Year Successes

### 75% of teachers

reported an **increase in confidence** and an **increase in skills and knowledge** in growing native species with students



### 7,000 seedlings

were successfully grown, with about 1/3 given away to students and communities, and 2/3 planted directly into habitat



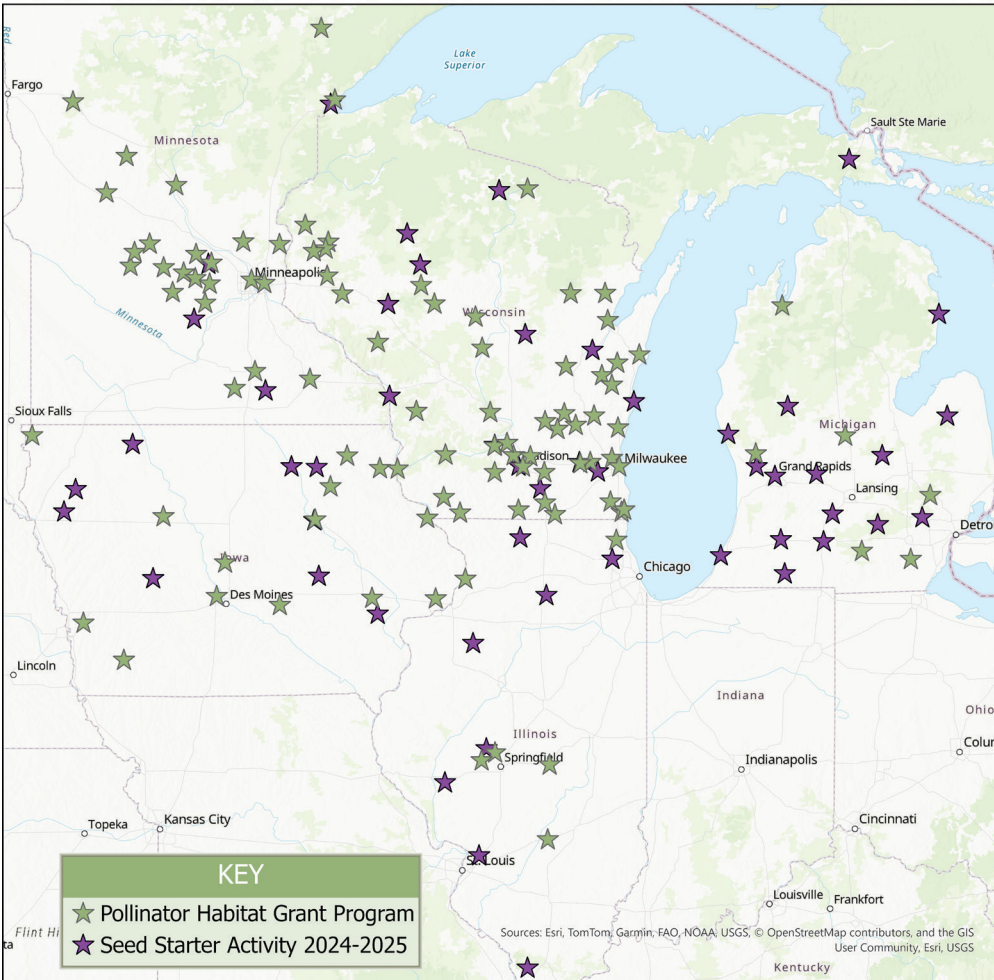
### 100% of teachers would do the project again!







## Locations of Past and Present Participants



“ It’s hard to say who got more out of this endeavor, the students or their teacher (me!) It was fun, engaging, and, frankly, fascinating. I am beyond grateful that we were connected to this project... I want to share our collective thanks for all that this organization is doing. You connected my students to nature in a new way, and I’m thrilled to do it again next year! ”

**Sarah Popescu**  
Science Teacher  
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