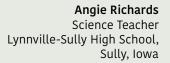


# **2023 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS**

# 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!!







### **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

**Distribution of Past and Present Grant Recipients** 



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



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

# Thank you to our 2022-2023 school year project sponsors













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