

## Application Information

### Grant Open Period

December 1, 2018—  
January 15, 2019

### Grant Amounts

\$500-\$1500

### Download Application

[www.nhaudubon.org/learn/schoolyard-habitat-exploration-grants/](http://www.nhaudubon.org/learn/schoolyard-habitat-exploration-grants/)

### Mail or Email (No Faxes or Handwritten Applications)

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Children at Namaste Children's House in Goffstown have transformed their school's grassy landscape into an urban wildlife refuge!

Photo by Sarah Hiland, Goodlife Photography

### Resources for Project Planning

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Schoolyard Habitat Program

- ◆ [www.fws.gov/cno/conservation/schoolyard.cfm](http://www.fws.gov/cno/conservation/schoolyard.cfm)

#### NH Fish and Game Project Home

[www.wildnh.com/habitat/index.html](http://www.wildnh.com/habitat/index.html)

#### National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat Program

- ◆ [www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Schoolyard-Habitats.aspx)

### Citizen Science Projects

#### Cornell Lab of Ornithology:

- ◆ [Www. Birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu)
  - Yardmap
  - BirdSleuth
  - Project Feederwatch
  - Celebrate Urban Birds

#### Signs of the Seasons: New England

- ◆ [umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/](http://umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/)

#### Project Budburst: <http://budburst.org/>

#### National Audubon Society

- ◆ Hummingbirds at Home
- ◆ Great backyard bird count

#### Journey North

- <https://www.learner.org/jnorth/>

### Why Schoolyard Habitats?

#### The Benefits of Place-based Education

[http://www.promiseofplace.org/research\\_attachments/PEEC2010\\_web.pdf](http://www.promiseofplace.org/research_attachments/PEEC2010_web.pdf)

#### Schoolyard Learning: The Benefits of School Grounds:

[http://www.promiseofplace.org/research\\_attachments/schoolyard.pdf](http://www.promiseofplace.org/research_attachments/schoolyard.pdf)

## NH Schoolyard Action Grants



*Connecting Students to Nature through Schoolyard Studies*

A partnership of the New England Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Hampshire Audubon, New Hampshire Project Learning Tree, and New Hampshire Fish and Game



# NH Schoolyard Action Grants

New Hampshire Audubon, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New England Field office (FWS), NH Project Learning Tree, and NH Fish and Game are joining efforts to support schools wishing to integrate and extend their curriculum to the schoolyard or nearby natural area. The purpose of the grant is to assist schools that want to achieve the benefits of nature-based studies for student learning and development.

Our goals are to nurture future stewards by connecting kids with their local environment, enliven learning through nature, and enhance habitat for wildlife.

Strong grant applications will:

- ◆ Demonstrate how the proposed project will integrate curricula.
- ◆ Involve students in the project.
- ◆ Involve a planning team of 3 or more (school staff and community members)
- ◆ Plan for sustainability
- ◆ Invite involvement or a visit by one of the grant partners.
- ◆ List other project contributions: materials, time-in-kind, dollars.

## Need Assistance?

We are available at **no additional** cost to help plan and implement schoolyard projects.

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- ◆ Conceptual planning & installation assistance
- ◆ Soil improvement recommendations
- ◆ Trail layout and installation
- ◆ Plant recommendations
- ◆ Class visit with a biologist

### New Hampshire Audubon

- ◆ Standards-based schoolyard lesson planning
- ◆ Programs and live animal visits that support the schoolyard studies.

### NH Project Learning Tree

- ◆ Schoolyard investigations professional development
- ◆ PLT K-8 & Early Childhood activity manuals

### NH Fish and Game

- ◆ Professional development on Project WILD and Growing Up WILD activity manuals
- ◆ Resources on NH wildlife
- ◆ Monarch Technical Assistance

## Project Development and Using Your Schoolyard Training is available.

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## Projects Examples

- ◆ Developing & implementing a plan to integrate the schoolyard into curricula
- ◆ Hiring a landscape architect to work with school community to design a schoolyard plan
- ◆ Nature trail construction
- ◆ Planting native plants for wildlife
- ◆ Establishing pollinator areas, especially for monarchs
- ◆ Citizen science projects
- ◆ Ponds or water stations
- ◆ Bird feeding station
- ◆ Building structures for an outdoor classroom

## Not Covered by the Grant

- ◆ Purchasing basic education materials like clip boards
- ◆ Funding staff, speakers, field trips
- ◆ School grounds landscaping
- ◆ Vegetable gardens



Students record data for Signs of the Seasons, a citizen science phenology project that tracks seasonal changes in their schoolyard.