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POLLINATOR PROGRAM GRANTS

Pollinator Habitat Program will provide financial assistance and training for PF/QF chapters to engage youth, families and local communities in establishing pollinator habitat projects. The objectives of this program are to educate youth on the importance of pollinators and pollinator habitat as well as establish quality pollinator habitat projects.

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Chapter Number: 431

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Youth/Adult Participants Projected: 50 youth / 10 adults

example: 30 youth / 10 adults

Project Narrative:

Contact Name:

The Cody Ringnecks PF chapter intends to work with the 4th grade class at North Platte Public Schools to plant a one acre pollinator project on North River Wildlife Management Area five miles North of North Platte. The site is owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and is open to the public. The project site has good populations of quail, pheasants, turkey, and deer that will all benefit from this project. The site has over 1,500 visitors per year who hunt, fish, bird watch, and dog train. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has agreed to not hay, burn, graze, or mow the site for a minimum of five years to allow the site to establish. After that time, they have agreed to manage the site to maintain diversity (i.e. spray, burn, graze).

From an education standpoint, our chapter plans to use the plant id activity, pollinator free food activity from the website and have a local bee keeper talk about bees. We also intend to place informational signs on the project site that will educate visitors on the importance of the project.

After the project is established, the University of Nebraska will work with the North Platte FFA chapter to conduct monitoring activities on the project site. Monitoring activities will include building native bee nesting blocks and bumble bee nesting structures. Students will monitor these structures for two years to see if the site is attracting and producing native pollinators.

Our chapter intends to make this an annual project even if we don't receive grant funding each year. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has agreed to give us an acre each year to convert to pollinator habitat. The 4th grade school teacher also wants to make this an annual activity for her students. Over time, we will educate a large number of youth and will have converted a large field to quality native habitat that will benefit

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partners, site description, establishment/ management plan, etc

Name of Group Planning: NPPS 4th Grade Class

Property Type: Public

NE, Lincoln, North Platte

State, County, City

-100.979, 41.2056

Project (longitude, latitude):

example: (-93.031, 45.040)

Projected Event Date:

Project Location:

11/1/2020

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