



FALL 2014 TO SPRING 2015 TREE PLANTING PROJECTS COMPLETED PROJECTS – FALL 2014

1. National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Regional Center – Ann Arbor, Michigan (500 trees) (9/27/14)

National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, gave away individual tree seedlings to interested participants at the Great Lakes Bat Conservation Festival held at Washtenaw Community College on September 27, 2014. The donated native tree species were recommended as habitat for local bats. For more information, please see <http://www.batconservation.org/education/bat-festival>

2. Mulberry Grove Jr./Sr. High School – Mulberry Grove, Illinois (400 trees) (10/18/14)

More than thirty junior high and high school students attending Mulberry Grove Junior High and High Schools successfully planted 400 trees, provided by the National Wildlife Federation, last October. The students, along with school faculty and community members, planted the trees along the perimeter of their school property in an effort to beautify the school and to instill a sense of pride in the students and community. In addition, the students learned about keeping trees healthy and being a good citizen.

3. Keep Collier Beautiful – Naples, Florida (2,500 trees) (10/25/14)

Keep Collier Beautiful and the National Wildlife Federation teamed up to give away 2,500 native trees to visitors to the Collier County Yard and Garden Show last October. This is the second consecutive year the National Wildlife Federation participated in the event by providing trees and successfully contributing to the area's native tree population. <https://www.facebook.com/296351910444115/photos/pb.296351910444115.-2207520000.1427992867./754381237974511/?type=3&theater>

APPROVED PROJECTS – SPRING 2015

1. Brighter Future Foundation – Hallandale, Florida (6,000 trees) (2/1/15 – 8/31/15)

The Brighter Future Foundation of Hallandale, Florida will create several teaching gardens, beginning with the planting of 6,000 locally sourced tree seedlings paid for by the National Wildlife Federation. The group plans to work with local participants through hands-on demonstrations on creating wildlife habitat with native trees and other appropriate native plantings. The actual plantings will then take place at various wildlife-friendly locations in Broward County. The Foundation hopes that the plantings will ultimately serve as teaching gardens for current and future generations and will provide wildlife corridors for migrating animals. For further details, please see <https://brighterfoundation.wordpress.com/2014/05/15/plant-a-tree/> and https://www.facebook.com/brighterfuturefoundation501c3/timeline?ref=page_internal.

2. Youth Environmental Alliance – Various Locations Throughout Broward County, Florida (5,000 trees) (2/21/2015 to 8/31/2015)

The Youth Environmental Alliance, in partnership with Naturescape Broward and the National Wildlife Federation, will plant 5,000 trees throughout Broward County between 2/21/15 and 8/31/15. The group plans

to have both tree plantings and tree giveaways following educational events throughout the year. The National Wildlife Federation will fund the locally sourced trees. The YEA ultimately intends to provide essential habitat for area pollinators with the trees and other plantings. Learn more about the YEA by visiting <http://www.yeafrog.org/>.

3. Broward County – Fort Lauderdale, Florida (900 trees) (3/14/2015)

Broward County plans to give away 900 native trees at their 13th Annual *Water Matters Day* at Tree Tops Park in Davie, Florida. The locally sourced trees, funded by the National Wildlife Federation, will be distributed at the March 14th event to local school children and their families as part of the county's environmental partnership with local schools. Students and citizens will then plant the trees in their own yards in an effort to restore urban tree canopy, provide wildlife habitat and increase biodiversity. The county ultimately hopes the students will learn how to conserve natural resources while having fun outdoors. For more information on the event, see <http://www.broward.org/WaterMatters/Pages/ProgramsWMD.aspx>

4. Tennessee Environmental Council - Nashville, Tennessee (7,000 trees) (3/14/2015)

The Tennessee Environmental Council, in conjunction with other not-for-profit organizations and the state of Tennessee, will plant 7,000 native trees as part of a major restoration event on 3/14/15. The Tennessee Environmental Council aims to involve the community in improving their state by planting trees in every county in Tennessee and specifically in the state's urban areas. For more information, visit <http://tectn.org/>.

5. Annandale High School – Annandale, Virginia (400 trees) (4/17/2015)

Special education students at Annandale High School will experience a hands-on science and nature lesson this spring when they plant 400 native trees donated by the National Wildlife Federation. At the planting event, currently scheduled for April 17th, students will plant the trees in the school's current learning garden as well as other designated places on the school grounds. Annandale High School hopes the event will supplement their classes on the necessities of plant and tree life. They also hope to form and foster community relationships through education and the environment.

6. North Carolina Wildlife Federation – Multiple North Carolina Cities (1,000 trees) (4/18/2015 to 4/25/2015)

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation, NWF's state affiliate in North Carolina, will support its network of certified Community Wildlife Habitats in Matthews, NC, Charlotte, NC, Lake Norman, NC and Concord, NC. These communities will be hosting Earth Day events between April 18th and April 25th where they plan to give away a combined total of 1,000 trees. Learn more about the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and its habitat programs at: <http://www.ncwf.org/programs/certified-wildlife-habitat>.

7. Habitat and Wildlife Keepers – Matthews Naturally - Matthews, North Carolina (150 trees) (4/18/2015)

The Habitat and Wildlife Keepers (HAWK) chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation will help repopulate the area's trees by giving away 150 trees at an April 18th event. They will provide local families with up to three trees per family, along with a pledge card, planting guide, and expert advice. For more information: <https://matthewsnaturally.wordpress.com/>.

8. Weed Warriors - City of Newcastle, Washington (100 trees) (4/18/2015)

The *Weed Warriors* organization of Newcastle, Washington, will plant and give away a total of 100 native trees from the National Wildlife Federation as part of Newcastle's annual Earth Day celebration on April 18th. Plans for the event include tree planting demonstrations, tree giveaways and tree plantings at Lake Boren Park, an area undergoing restoration from invasive weeds. The City of Newcastle strives to support wildlife and wildlife habitat and is currently working toward certification as an NWF Wildlife Habitat Community. More details can be found at <http://www.newcastleweedwarriors.org/Earth%20Day%202015.htm>

9. Hawk Woods Nature Center – Detroit, Pontiac and Auburn Hills, Michigan (600 trees) (4/20/2015-4/25/2015)

The Hawk Woods Nature Center of Auburn Hills, Michigan, along with the US Forest Service and area schools, will facilitate the planting of 600 native trees during Earth Week, April 20th-24th. The participating schools, located in Detroit, Pontiac, and Auburn Hills, Michigan will each receive 30 trees – donated by the National Wildlife Federation – which will then be planted during the Earth Week events. For information on the Hawk Woods Nature Center, see

http://www.auburnhills.org/departments/parks_and_recreation/parks_and_facilities/hawk_woods_nature_center.php

10. National Aquarium – Baltimore, Maryland (250 trees) (4/22/2015)

NWF's state affiliate for Maryland, The National Aquarium, will give away 250 trees at the Aquarium's Earth Day event on April 22nd. By giving away trees to event participants, the National Aquarium hopes to generate interest in the NWF Certified Wildlife Habitats program and support the National Aquarium and its partners who are working to certify the City of Baltimore as an NWF Community Wildlife Habitat. See <http://www.aqua.org/visit/baltimore/calendar/earth-day> for more information on this event.

11. Whatcom Community College – Bellingham, Washington (150 trees) (4/22/2015)

Whatcom Community College of Bellingham, Washington, expects to give away 150 native trees at its Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2015. The college hopes that the trees, provided by National Wildlife Federation, will promote responsible stewardship of the earth. The City of Bellingham is one of 82 communities that NWF has certified for being wildlife-friendly through the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat program.

12. Environmental Health Club of Missouri Southern State University – Joplin, Missouri (1,000 trees) (4/22/2015)

The Environmental Health Club of Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri, hopes to give away 1,000 native trees – donated by National Wildlife Federation - at an Earth Day event on 4/22/2015. The club will provide trees to students and their families in an effort to restore Joplin's tree population following the devastation it sustained in the wake of a 2011 F5 tornado.

13. Friends of the Sawmill Wetlands - Columbus, Ohio (200 trees) (4/22/2015)

Friends of the Sawmill Wetlands will team with National Wildlife Federation Habitat Volunteers Nancy Kremer and Barbara Velez Barbosa, area residents, youth groups, and students to plant 200 native trees at a unique 18-acre public wildlife education area in urban Columbus, Ohio. The group will plant the trees – donated by the National Wildlife Federation - at an Earth Day event scheduled for 4/22/2015. The team will use the trees to

restore wildlife habitat, promote education on the natural world, and provide enjoyment to those visiting the site.

14. Bound Brook School District - Bound Brook, New Jersey (200 trees) (4/22/2015)

The Bound Brook School District expects to give away 200 native trees to local families at its April 22nd Spring Science Night event. The trees, donated by the National Wildlife Federation, will support lessons given to elementary aged students about Earth Day, Arbor Day and the importance of trees to the environment. Following the lessons, students will receive trees to be planted and cared for at their homes. The Bound Brook School District plans to plant any remaining trees on school district property to help reforest areas impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

15. Town of Huntington – Huntington, New York (250 trees) (4/24/2015)

For the second consecutive year, the Town of Huntington, New York will partner with the National Wildlife Federation to give away 250 native trees in an effort to restore and better manage its tree canopy. The town and its residents lost thousands of trees in October of 2012 when Superstorm Sandy devastated the area. At this year's tree giveaway event – scheduled for April 24th - participating residents will receive the trees, plant the trees on their properties and provide ongoing documentation on the trees' growth and development. The Town of Huntington prides itself on its "Tree City USA" designation and strives to continue developing its native tree canopy.

16. Village of Bartlett – Bartlett, Illinois (100 trees) (4/25/2015)

The Village of Bartlett plans to give away 100 trees, provided by the National Wildlife Federation, at its April 25th Earth Day event. In addition to the tree give away, the Bartlett Public Library will present a readers' theater and craft activity for children with the theme, "The Giving Trees in Our Community." Bartlett's ash tree population suffered significant attrition over the last few years due to an emerald ash borer infestation; it is hoped that the event will not only help reforest those trees lost but also teach residents about the value of trees to a community. Please visit <http://www.village.bartlett.il.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/332/228> for additional information on Bartlett's Earth Day event.

17. Mooseheart Child City and School – Mooseheart, Illinois (100 trees) (4/25/2015)

Two hundred students from the Mooseheart Child and City School of Mooseheart, Illinois, as well as volunteers from area Kohl's stores, intend to plant 100 trees at the school's annual *Go Green* event on Saturday April 25, 2015. The event includes plans for several outdoor cleanup and beautification projects, including planting 100 trees – donated by the National Wildlife Federation – in Mooseheart's 10-acre community garden. The trees will replace some of the 500 trees recently lost due to disease, storm damage, and other factors on the 1,000 acre campus. See <http://www.mooseheart.org/2014/news/Kohls2.asp> for details from last year's *Go Green* event.

18. Clark Fork School – Missoula, Montana (100 trees) (5/3/2015)

The Clark Fork School of Missoula, Montana, will facilitate the planting of 100 trees in their community at two upcoming events: May 3rd and May 24th. At Missoula's May 3rd *Unplug and Play* event, the school plans to teach children and their families about planting and caring for trees, and also to promote the cultural benefit of trees. Participating students and families will receive their own trees, donated by the National Wildlife Federation, which they can then plant and nurture. At the May 24th school event, students will plant trees

around the schoolhouse. Finally, the school plans to give away trees to interested families as part of their spring graduation festivities.

19. Chicago Park District – Chicago, Illinois (600 trees) (5/9/2015)

The Chicago Park Districts hopes to curb the use of non-native plant species, raise awareness about property restoration and promote environmental stewardship with the planting of 600 native trees from National Wildlife Federation. The plantings will be the focus of the Park District's "tree adoption" event, part of the second annual *Flower to the People* festival, scheduled for 5/9/2015 at Chicago's Calumet Park. Those receiving trees will sign a plant adoption form and promise to become lifelong caretakers of the trees. The Park District hopes that the trees will help restore the heavily industrial Calumet region of Chicago.

20. Colorado State Forest Service – Colorado Springs, Colorado (5,000 trees) (5/9/2015)

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), with the assistance of area landowners and students, will plant 5,000 native trees at key locations within Colorado Springs' fire-ravaged Black Forest. National Wildlife Federation is supporting this effort by providing locally sourced trees to CSFS. The plantings, to take place on May 9th, will help replace acres of forested wildlife habitat lost in the Black Forest Fire of June 2013.

21. Village of Bergen – Bergen, New York (100 trees) (5/16/2015)

Youth and adult volunteers from the Village of Bergen, New York will plant 100 trees – donated by National Wildlife Federation - throughout their community on 5/16/15 in celebration of Arbor Day. The volunteers will plant several trees in parks throughout the village, which has a demonstrated commitment to community forestry efforts. In addition, youth volunteers will each receive a tree to be planted and cared for in his or her own yard. The village seeks to enhance their community through these activities. See http://villageofbergen.com/news_and_events/events.html for information on the event.

22. Alabama Nature Center (Alabama Wildlife Federation) – Millbrook, Alabama (600 trees) (5/23/2015)

The Alabama Nature Center (ANC) of Millbrook, Alabama - part of NWF's state affiliate, the Alabama Wildlife Federation - plans to engage more than 500 area students to plant 600 trees on May 23rd. The students, along with staff and volunteers from the ANC and area schools, will plant the trees at the ANC site and area schools. Additionally, students will receive trees to be planted and nurtured at locations of their choice. The tree plantings and corresponding conservation education sessions will teach the students about tree identification, forestry management, tree planting and care and wildlife management. Over the last 5 years, several natural disasters significantly degenerated the area's old-growth trees and the ANC hopes that the tree-planting event will help with the regeneration of trees in the area. For more information about the Alabama Nature Center, please see <http://www.alabamawildlife.org/alabama-nature-center/>