



## WOOD SWCD Native Pollinator Habitat Mini Grant

The Wood SWCD Native Pollinator Habitat Mini Grant will provide financial assistance to Wood County residents who wish to establish a pollinator habitat. All grant recipients will work with a conservation professional to develop a seeding plan customized to their property. This includes guidance on site preparations, seed mixes, planting methods and timing, and establishment/maintenance. Potential pollinator habitat sites will be assessed by a conservation professional to determine suitability before funding is awarded.

There are two different grant opportunities, the Backyard Conservation Grant and Pollinator Partner Grant. The Backyard Conservation Grant is designed for landowners who would like to incorporate native plant plugs into their home landscaping. Acreage for the Backyard Conservation Grant is limited to one tenth of an acre for up to \$300 in funding. The Pollinator Partner Grant is designed for seeding large plots between one tenth and five acres in size and awards funding at \$400 per acre. Applications are open to individuals and organizations. Applicants are encouraged to work with partner agencies for assistance on site prep, planting design and seed mix. Applicants can be individual homeowners or organizations. Funding for both grant classifications will be awarded on a reimbursement basis. All criteria and receipts must be submitted prior to payment. Special arrangements may be made to cover specific costs prior to completion if necessary.

All applications must meet all the following program criteria.

- Applicant or Applicant Organization must reside in Wood County.
- Organizations or individuals are encouraged to apply.
- If you are not the landowner a written statement must be included in application giving permission for the project. Any project located in a HOA needs written approval as well.
- Seed mix and/or plugs must include 2 varieties of milkweed
- Seed Mix and/or plugs must include 3 species in each bloom period (Spring, Summer and Fall); all must be non-invasive.
- Applicants must use native seed and plug varieties
- Funds can be used primarily for seeding and planting of site; secondarily for site preparation, invasive species removal and signage.
- Timing of seeding will be dependent on current site conditions and seasonality as improper site preparations will yield poor outcomes.
- Applications are limited to 1 per person per site
- Funds are limited. Wood SWCD Board and Staff retain the right to modify and make final decisions regarding the application.



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- After the seeding has been planted, the grantee will notify Wood SWCD and a conservation professional will assess the site to provide technical assistance for planting establishment guidance.
- Planted habitat must remain intact for a minimum of 5 years after the planting date.
- Grant recipients are highly encouraged to share photos of the progress of their pollinator habitat with Wood SWCD for sharing on social media and other events.
- Completion report must be submitted within 30 days of final planting to Wood SWCD. Report must include pictures from each step of the project. Pictures may be used in Wood SWCD promotion or social media.

### **Wood SWCD Native Pollinator Habitat Mini Grant Checklist**

- Application Complete with required signatures
- Written permission for project if not the landowner
- Seed or Plug species list
- Current Site Conditions with photos
- Name and Contact details for Conservation Professional assisting on project
- Detailed budget

Submit completed application and supporting documents to:

Wood SWCD  
Native Pollinator Grant  
1616 Wooster St, Ste 32  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Or email to [wcsxcd@woodswcd.com](mailto:wcsxcd@woodswcd.com)

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