



Wild Ones Columbus Native Pollinator Garden Program

Wild Ones Columbus (WOC) has set aside a portion of its annual plant sale proceeds to establish a native pollinator garden reimbursement fund. Selected applicants will receive reimbursement checks of \$100, \$250, or \$500 to kickstart new native plant gardens in public facing locations in Central Ohio – Columbus and surrounding communities.

Program Details:

- These projects may include new native plantings at schools, parks, libraries, businesses, and other public facing locations. This can include private property if it is part of a collaborative effort and public facing. E.g. A neighborhood group collaborating on a pollinator pathway type project – a corridor of front yard pollinator gardens serving as a positive example to the community.
- This program is not intended for individual homeowner projects – check with your county Soil & Water Conservation District for various rebate programs offered for native plantings including the Community Backyards Program for which most Franklin County residents are eligible.
- Award amounts of \$100, \$250, or \$500 (or no award) will be determined based on a range of factors including project size, community impact, project site sustainability and upkeep, number of applicants, and alignment with WOC mission. Each applicant is limited to one award per calendar year.
- Application deadline: Annual application window is January 15th – March 1st for all spring through fall projects. Applications will be scored in March, and applicants notified of award by April 1st.
- The award is provided as a rebate/reimbursement at project completion. ‘Before’ and ‘After’ photos are required for reimbursement, as well as proof of native plant purchase. By accepting award, applicant agrees to allow Wild Ones to use project photos on website, social media, and publications.
- Process steps: 1) Submit application and await response from WOC for preliminary approval and award amount, 2) Applicant purchases native plants, photo documents the site, and completes project. 3) At project completion, applicant emails a ‘Before’ and ‘After’ photo of project site as well as a copy of receipt for native plant purchase totaling at least the award amount. 4) Applicant receives reimbursement check from WOC. Projects lacking documentation will not receive reimbursement.

How to apply? Email columbus.wildones@gmail.com with the following:

- 1) Applicant Contact Information:**
Name, Address, Email, Phone Number
- 2) Proposed Native Pollinator Garden Site:**
Location Name, Address
- 3) Tell us about your proposed project** – Who will be involved in the planting (and upkeep) of this new native garden? How will it benefit the public? What is the approximate size (square footage or dimensions)? Do you have permission for planting at the proposed site? What types of plants do you plan to use? Why are you excited about this project?

Native plant sources in Central Ohio (please check with WOC first if planning to purchase from a native plant vendor not on below list, or if you’d like to see a specific native plant nursery added to this list):

Natives in Harmony (plant sale partner) – Marengo, OH	Leaves for Wildlife (plant sale partner) – Sunbury, OH
Scioto Gardens Nursery (plant sale partner) – Delaware, OH	Riverside Native Trees & Nursery – Delaware, OH
Wild Hare Prairie Native Nursery – Columbus, OH	Sunny Glen Garden – Columbus, OH
Somerset Native Plant Nursery – Columbus, OH	Monarch Meadows Native Plant Nursery - Pataskala, OH
Soil & Water Conservation District annual plant sales (natives only) – usually Jan-Mar order	Wild Ones Columbus Annual Plant Sale (late May)

About Us: Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes is a nonprofit, environmental education and advocacy organization that promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Our Columbus chapter of Wild Ones was founded in 1994. Join us: www.columbus.wildones.org