

PROJECT REPORT

URBAN WILDLIFE PROJECT II

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Project Report Urban Wildlife Project - Phase II Metro Greenspaces Grant Program

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project was proposed and carried out by NatureScaping an all volunteer group whose mission it is to teach landscaping for wildlife. The purpose of the project involved the creation of a 3 demonstration gardens displaying plants attractive to wildlife and landscaping concepts that attract wildlife.

II. GOALS AND BENEFITS OF PROJECT:

The primary long term goal of the project was to increase the publics awareness of the loss of wildlife habitat and how they, in their own yards, could provide habitat by creating their own Backyard Wildlife Habitat Sanctuary. The creation of a demonstration area to show first hand how to landscape for wildlife and the plants that attract wildlife was our focus.

III. WORK TASKS AND TIMELINES:

Work time line was followed fairly closely.

IV. PROJECT BUDGET: SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

V. PROJECT STAFF/ VOLUNTEERS:

This project was almost wholly completed by volunteers, including planning, budgeting, on the ground work and fundraising.

Jeff Wittler was project manager. The project included over 35 different volunteers in excess of 500 hours. These volunteers came from many different groups including NatureScaping, Master Gardeners, Sierra Club, Audubon, Boy Scouts etc.

VI. HOW THE PROJECT RELATES TO THE GREENSPACES PROGRAM:

This project is consistent with the objectives of the Greenspaces program by: Restoring or creating wildlife habitat in the urban area that will provide wildlife habitat and serve as a potential site for education and interpretation; Increasing the public's awareness of the importance of diversity in wildlife habitat; Using volunteers in project implementation; The use of native plants in the design of the project; And by providing an easily accessible site for wildlife viewing and enjoyment.

VII. WHAT WORKED/ WHAT DIDN'T/ HELPFUL HINTS:

Though we were able to obtain significant donations - we were not as successful as the first phase of the project - this required us to scale the project down about 50%.

Partnerships with other volunteer groups was also instrumental in getting the work done.

VIII. ADVICE FOR OTHER PROJECT MANAGERS:

Allow for significant delays - especially if you are relying on donations from businesses and volunteers.

IX. MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE:

Monitoring and maintenance will be carried out significantly past the year 2000. The demonstration area will be weeded on a monthly basis since the area will be used for public education and viewing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Project Budget

IV. PROJECT BUDGET:

Urban Wildlife Project II PROJECT BUDGET

	Local Match (See Summary of matching expenditures)		Request of Metro	Total
Materials, Plants & Supplies:				
Irrigation - design, install & materials	2843.00			3250.00
Plant Material			2855.39	2855.39
Compost mulch & soil	1105.00			
Supplies			30.92	30.92
Rental Fees	1198.05		13.69	1211.74
Volunteer labor hours				
580.5 hrs @ \$5.25	3047.63			3047.63
Local resources				
Donated Rental Equipment	410.00			410.00
Top soil	450.00			450.00
Design	800.00			800.00
	<u>\$ 9843.68</u>		<u>\$ 2900.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,743.68</u>