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Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee and Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Announces School Forest Grant Recipients

Due to a generous \$10,000 donation from the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, and funds from the forestry account of the conservation fund, the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board (WEEB), was able to award fourteen school forest grants worth more than \$34,000.

These initiatives will enable PK-12 public school students to obtain a better understanding of and appreciation for both the built and natural environments; the inter-connectedness of environment, economy and society; and sustainable forestry practices. Projects may begin June 1, 2016 and must be completed by November 30, 2016.

Initiated in 1990, the WEEB's mission is to "provide leadership in the development of learning opportunities that empower Wisconsin citizens with the knowledge and skills needed to make wise environmental decisions and take responsible actions in their personal lives, work places, and communities."

For a complete description of recipients' projects (including abstract and partnering organizations) please see our website http://cnrapps.uwsp.edu/weeb/Grants.aspx

For more information on the WEEB's environmental education grant program, contact Ginny Carlton, Senior Administrative Program Specialist, at (715) 346-3805. The email address is weeb@uwsp.edu

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2016 Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee and WEEB Grant Recipients

CITY	CODE	ORGANIZATION	GRANT TITLE	FUNDED
Cambridge	2016-SFI-13	School District of Cambridge	Exploring the Trails at Severson Learning Center	\$2,425
Franklin	2016-SFI-06	Franklin Public Schools	Curiosity Kits: Catalysts for Discovery and Literacy	\$1,807
Granton	2016-SFI-05	Granton School District	Granton School Agriculture Department	\$2,500
Green Bay	2016-SFI-04	Howard-Suamico School District	The Literacy Trail	\$2,500
Green Lake	2016-SFI-12	Green Lake School District	Reviving a Forest Through Invasive Species Removal	\$2,500
Land O'Lakes	2016-SFI-03	Northland Pines School District	Increasing the Educational Usage at Northland Pines School Forest	\$2,485
Manitowoc	2016-SFI-14	Manitowoc School District	Service Learning at the Rahr Memorial School Forest	\$1,824
Phillips	2016-SFI-08	Phillips School District	Sustainable Forestry Education Using Two Contrasting School Forests and an Urban Forest	\$2,500
Stevens Point	2016-TB-01	LEAF	Professional Development Scholarships for School Forest Educators	\$9,099
Stevens Point	2016-SFI-07	Stevens Point Area School District	Wisconsin Forest History Cabin: A Lumberjack Program and Family Event at Boston	\$2,500
West Bend	2016-SFI-09	West Bend School District	Outdoor Classroom Education Plan for the West Bend Scientist in Residence	\$2,500
West Salem	2016-SFI-10	West Salem School District	Winter in Wisconsin: Building an Appreciation through Snowshoeing	\$1,675
Whitnall	2016-SFI-02	Whitnall School District	Forest for the Future	\$2,497
Woodville	2016-SFI-11	Baldwin-Woodville Area School District	Giezendanner School Forest: Birds, Boards & More	\$1,489