

North Muskegon High School



Community Partners

- West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative
- Stibitz Tree Farm
- City of North Muskegon, Randy Phillips ; Public Works Director
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly

Planting Trees Along the Bike Path!



North Muskegon Native Trees

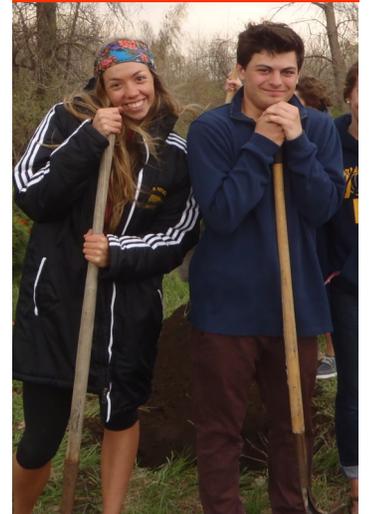
Students in the environmental stewardship class planted a total of 20 native trees along the bike trail leading up to the Muskegon River crossing. The trees included four white pines, river birches, flowering dogwoods and lindens. They also included three sugar maples, service-berries, redbuds, tulip poplar, ninebark, high bush-cranberry and elderberry.

Students planted 4 dogwoods in front of the North Muskegon Police station and 24 native trees in yards for North Muskegon homeowners. Students started a tree nursery in the Norse Outdoor Classroom and began their research for another tree planting at North Muskegon's Waterfront Sports Park in the spring of 2015.

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2013-14 School Year:

- 50 Students
- 2 Teachers
- 1 Classroom
- 9-12 grade Environmental Stewards





Project Goals

- To increase the number and biodiversity of North Muskegon's trees and urban forest cover in order to assist in maintaining our watershed health, improve water quality.
- To involve North Muskegon high school students in a community-based environmental project that includes site evaluation, planning and restoration.
- Provide input for policy changes within local government to allow for the increase of diversity of native trees in City of North Muskegon and a more useful city policy document.
- Allow the City to improve their site plan which removes 10 - 20 trees annually due to disease or routine street maintenance but doesn't replace them.

Native Trees

Students from North Muskegon Forestry Class in the spring of 2013 and the NMHS Environmental Club successfully worked with the city to change the tree policy. The environmental club worked with our field coordinator to finalize the site map. The Muskegon River Watershed assembly funded the majority of the project with a \$3,000 grant.

