

Priority Project Abstract



Priority Project Abstracts are a means for community organizations to outline potential student projects that address a priority issue in the community. The information from the abstract will be used by the interested WMGLSI teams and primary project partners to further develop project implementation and funding strategy. Please send completed forms to ejohnson@muskegonisd.org

Project Title: Newaygo Co Reforestation in priority sub-basins (Penoyer Creek, Hardy Dam Pond, Lower Tamarack Creek, Minnie Creek and Sand Creek basins)

Priority Issue Addressed: Reforestation (native trees)

Project Goal(s):

1. Storm water and shade protection
2. Education public about the importance of trees
- 3.

Summary of Project

- Overview and Location
- Duration (on-going, ends in 2015, etc)
- Timeline of activities
- Long-term maintenance or monitoring associated with the project
- Summary of how this project meets watershed goals

Planting trees in priority sub-basins is a recommendation from extensive research completed in our watershed. Priority sub-basins stated above. This could be a one, or two year project (needs to end in 2015). Long-term maintenance or monitoring is not required but would be helpful.

Role of Students:

- Specific roles that students would carry out as part of the project
- Description of products, and their purpose, that students would be completing for the partner organization, e.g. signage, brochures, presentations to board, data collection reports, videos, photos

Students –

- Could write articles for newspapers/newsletters about importance of native trees.
- Could contact local landowners about the project and obtain property to plant tree (MRWA has one landowner willing to have trees planted on her property).
- Would obtain maintenance agreement with landowner.
- Would research native trees and find suitable trees to plant.
- Would help plant the trees.
- Could follow up to see percentage of trees that grew, etc.

Role of Project Partners:

MRWA –

- Oversee all aspects of project
- Develop maintenance agreement for landowner
- Report to funder

Estimated Project Cost:

- **Summary of projected expenses**
- **Potential funding sources**

MRWA has some funding for this project.

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Attach any related materials (newspaper articles, documents, brochures, website link, etc.)