



Sacred Grounds™



Sacred Grounds is a National Wildlife Federation program that recognizes congregations, houses of worship, and faith communities who both create wildlife habitat and actively link faith practices and caring for the environment.

We believe that when people come together across difference to confront the challenges of a changing

world, both wildlife and people will thrive. Healthy habitats and healthy communities go hand in hand. The mission of the Sacred Grounds program is to promote the installation of native plant gardens/wildlife habitats that connect people to nature and contribute to healthier, more resilient communities.

Native plants are foundational for ecosystems and wildlife, but also play an important role in mental, physical, cultural, and social health by providing opportunities for all people to connect to nature in their nearby communities. Native plants can also help to manage stormwater and reduce flooding, support local food cultivation, improve water quality, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

By building authentic partnerships with local partners we assist houses of worship and their communities with project planning and technical expertise to increase native plant gardens, and prioritize their goals, visions and experiences throughout the process. Through the Sacred Grounds program, participants both learn to plant their own native plant gardens, while educating and engaging the community and contributing to a network of accessible and inclusive natural spaces.



Learn more at www.nwf.org/sacredgrounds.