Seedling Program Application

Application Periods: September 1-September 30 and March 1-March 31

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Applicant Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Property Location: _____

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Project size: (*sq feet*): _____

Anticipated start date: _____

Anticipated completion date: _____

Total estimated cost of project: $_____

Grant amount requested: $_____

(**$150 MAX GRANT and no more than 75% of total project**

Project goals and description:

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☐ **In addition to the completed application, please provide 2 photos of the project site in an attachment. If taken with mobile phone, photos may be sent via text message to 574-834-3242. Include your name in the message.**

Would you like to request assistance from a program ambassador to complete the application?

☐Yes ☐No

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Planting Plan

Step 1: Details

Plan Creation Date: _____ Size of Project:_____

Soil Type (Clay, Sand, Loam): _____

Sun Exposure: _____

Hydrology and drainage: _____

Purpose: ☐ Support Pollinators ☐ Wildlife Habitat ☐ Erosion Control ☐ Reduce Maintenance ☐ Water Quality

Proposed plant list: Only the cost of Indiana Native Species will be considered toward grant fund match. Plans with invasive species will not be considered.

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- Wild Ones and Indiana Native Plant Society are great resources for native plant lists. Consider sun and soil needs when making selections.

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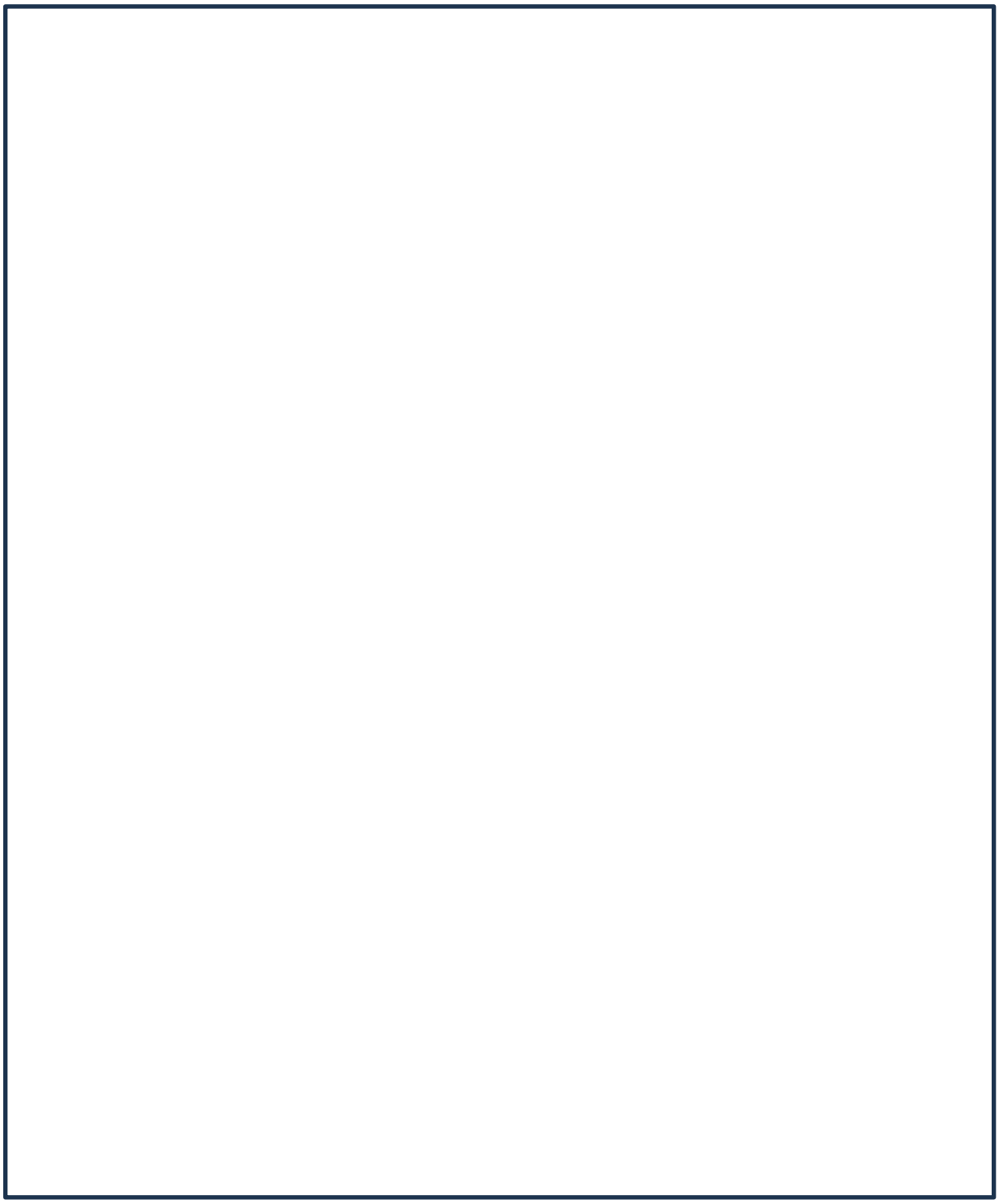
Draft a Planting Plan: Draw a basic sketch of your plan below. Do not stress about this. We just need a rough idea of what you hope to achieve. You can attach your drawing as a separate piece of paper if needed. Examples of planting plans can be found on The Watershed Foundation Website.



Step 2: Site Preparation

How well you prepare your site will be an important component of your project's success. The goal is to eliminate perennial weeds and grass to allow for proper germination. Annual or biennial weeds can be addressed in the maintenance phase.

Select your site preparation method:

☐ Solarization ☐ Soil Inversion ☐ Sod Removal ☐ Herbicide Application

Set a site preparation date _____

Step 3: Planting

Plant in Spring or Fall for best results. Water well for the first year while the plants are getting established.

Set a planting date _____

Step 4: Maintenance

Consistent maintenance will be the key to the success or failure of your planting.

Spring (Mid-May): Wait until temperatures stay consistently above 50°F for five days so overwintering pollinators can emerge. Cut back dead plant stalks about 4 inches above the plant crown, and clear invasive sprouts. Apply a thin 2-to-3-inch layer of organic mulch, leaving space around plant crowns.
Summer: Water new or drought-stressed plants deeply and infrequently (1 to 2 times a week) to encourage deep root growth. Monitor for heat stress and hand-pull emerging weeds.
Fall: Leave spent seed heads, fallen leaves, and standing dead vegetation intact. This provides vital winter food for birds and shelter for beneficial insects.
Winter: Protect young woody plants from animal browsing, water dry soils during extended dry spells, and prune native evergreen or deciduous trees if needed

Beyond Lawns Initiative Agreement

In requesting grant assistance from The Watershed Foundation, I hereby certify that

☐ I am the manager of the property
☐ I agree to provide at least 25% of the total project cost. I understand that reimbursement will be paid after completion of the project, which must be done before October 31st, 2027.
☐ I understand that sales tax may not be eligible for reimbursement.
☐ I agree to complete a planting plan prior to receiving the grant.
☐ I agree to submit a final report with photos and receipts and maintain the project for a minimum of 3 years. I will reimburse TWF funds if I fail to do so.
☐ I agree to place a Beyond Lawns sign (provided by TWF) at my property for at least 1 summer season.
☐ I agree that photos of my property may be used for promotional purposes by The Watershed Foundation in print and electronic media.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Submit Final Report & Photos by October 31st, 2027, to:
Coordinator@WatershedFoundation.org
Or mail to: The Watershed Foundation PO Box 55 North Webster, IN 46555