Environmental Initiatives Grant Program
2013 Grant Recipients

Twelve environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2013 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to $5,000 in the 2014 annual Environmental Initiatives Grant Program. The Environmental Initiatives Grant Program was made possible by funding received from City of St. Albert to assist community groups in defraying costs associated with environmental projects and programs that are supportive of the City of St. Albert's environmental policy, plans, or practices.

2013 Highlights of the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program:

- 12 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from $1,000 to $7,000 for each project
- Total grant amount of $30,687
- Applications and grant recipients were from local schools, a post-secondary institution, and community groups.

To be *eligible applicants* had to be a federally or provincially registered non-profit society or charitable organization operating in St. Albert; a school located in St. Albert; or a community group of two or more St. Albert citizens who have come together for the purpose of undertaking an eligible project.

The *eligible project* had to demonstrate environmental benefits or improvements and is consistent with City policies, and may include:

1. community environmental education projects;
2. open space and natural area enhancement projects;
3. natural spaces reclamation projects;
4. waste reduction projects;
5. wildlife or biodiversity-oriented projects;
6. land, air and/or water quality preservation and/or enhancement;
7. environmental demonstration projects using innovative technologies;
8. environmental projects that demonstrate local, regional or provincial leadership;
9. environmental communications and public awareness facilitation projects;
10. environmental monitoring or inventory projects; or
11. other environmental projects in keeping with City policies.

Congratulations to the following recipients!

Organization/Group	Project Funding	Grant Amount
Bellerose EcoAction (Environmental Club)	to contribute to the Bellerose Legacy Project by providing funding for the purchase of native trees and shrub species for planting in Lacombe Park to help naturalize the area while	$1,000

	leaving a lasting legacy from the students.	
Girl Guides of Canada Tamarac Area Fireside District	As part of the Fireside District Tree Planting and Picnic Day, funding will be used to purchase native trees and shrub species for planting along Lacombe Park walkway to help naturalize the area. The day includes brief discussion on the trees and shrubs they are planting and how to properly plant them.	$1,000
Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	As a follow-up piece to a botanic survey project completed this summer in Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park, funding will be used to create a plant pocket guide featuring photos, technical details and location information of up to 50 plants found the park.	$5,000
River Edge Enhancement Project (REEP)	To contribute to the riparian edge native planting to continue with the annual volunteer planting event along the Sturgeon River in May.	$2,500
River Edge Enhancement Project (REEP)	Funding will be used to provide a water drip irrigation system to help establish a native species nursery. The nursery will provide a continuous supply of cuttings and seedlings to use in naturalization projects.	$7,000
Ecole Marie Poburan	To purchase supplies for outdoor raised garden beds, gardening supplies, and worm composting units to demonstrate the complete growing season and life-cycle of a garden for grades 1-6.	$1,650
Leo Nickerson	To purchases costumes, music, props and guest speakers and cover the Arden Theatre rental fee for a drama production based on St. Albert's environmental issues and initiatives.	$1,700
Wild Rose Elementary School	To fund curriculum based teacher supplies and an environmental performance of Evergreen Theatre for the school wide celebration of Environmental Habits Day.	$1,000
Albert Lacombe Green	To purchase starter kits for an indoor	$1,037

Thumb Gardeners (Environmental Group)	garden project that will then be transplanted to the outdoor Earthboxes which are harvested at the end of the season to create soup for the students.	
Sturgeon River Research Project (NAIT)	To provide partial funding for the development of a video that will address conservation issues and potential solutions for the Sturgeon River Watershed.	$5,000
St. Albert Catholic High School	to contribute to leaving the Leaving a Legacy by providing funding for the purchase of native tree and shrubs for planting along the Sturgeon River to both leave a legacy for the graduating students and provide naturalization for the river's edge.	$1,000
Vital Grandin Elementary School	For the purchase of innovative education materials and equipment that would allow students to explore the environmental science curriculum topics in a more interactive and memorable way.	$2,800