



What will this project demonstrate or achieve?

Once we dig around and see the quality of soil, sun and water this November, we will then form teams to plan the following possible garden elements:

- a water feature
- a wildlife food guild
- a raised bed wildlife food plot
- an animal or bird nest box

A diverse range of citizens bring over 2500 injured animals through the front doors of the Center every year. This entrance garden will demonstrate some ideas for native gardens for wildlife and wildlife foods people can integrate into their habitats at home.

There may also be the possibility of working with the Center to install a sustainable grove of seedlings to be harvested for fawn and bear browse. Other possibilities include a shrub screen to isolate the bears from walking paths, and bank stabilization planting to manage runoff. The full scope of possibilities for involvement are still being developed!

WHO BENEFITS?

Wild Patients at the Center will get a few additional wild crops added to their diets—true comfort foods for those far from home.

Volunteers will benefit from brain and body exercise and learn some permaculture and water element techniques, while learning about the flora that our local fauna eat. The Wildlife Center will benefit from having a beautiful native garden that is a certified wildlife habitat!

The Public will have another local tool to learn about eco-friendly gardening practices.



Project Work Dates

Sat., Oct. 19, 2013 (Raindate is Oct. 26)

9am-3pm The Kick Off! Clean out and prep the bed in morning, work on designing the garden after lunch.

Sat. Mar. 8, 2014 (Raindate is March 15)

10 am- 3pm Install the plants, infrastructures, art, and water feature, signs.

Sat. Aug. 16, 2014 Rain or Shine!

12pm-4pm Celebration, Advanced Training and Ribbon-Cutting! We will come together to celebrate our achievements and get some advanced training in a topic related to wildlife foods and how to take the knowledge of a Wildlife Federation Garden habitat home.

Here's how you can get involved- just bring a shovel and plan to come to out to the

Kickoff. Directions: Take Interstate 64 to the base of Afton Mountain in Waynesboro. Get off at Exit 96, the Lyndhurst exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn south towards Lyndhurst/Sherando. The Center is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile down that road on your left hand side, in the woods. 540-942-9453 www.wildlifecenter.org

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