

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program Spring 2008 – Grant Recipients

Thirteen environmentally based projects and programs are going ahead in 2008 thanks to City of St. Albert's grants of up to \$5,000 in the spring 2008 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.

Spring 2008 Highlights of the Environmental Stewardship Grant Program:

- 13 applications approved
- Grants awarded ranged from \$315 to \$3,000 for each project
- Total grant amount of \$15,785
- Applications and grant recipients were from 6 community schools and 7 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	Grant Amount
Big Lake Environmental Support Society (BLESS)	Web Camera Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park	\$1,000
Big Lake Environmental Support Society (BLESS)	Summer Nature Program	\$1,050
Sturgeon River Watershed Initiative Society	Establishment of the Sturgeon River Watershed Initiative Society	\$1,500
Rivers Edge Enhancement Project (REEP)	Sturgeon Point Biodiversity Project	\$1,450
Ronald Harvey Elementary School	Discovery Garden Club	\$1,000
E. S. Gish School	Paper Recycling Program	\$315
Carbon Zero Schools Foundation Canada	Paper for Trees Project	\$720
St. Albert Catholic High School	Aquatic Sampling Dip Nets	\$500
Vital Grandin Catholic Elementary School	Outdoor Classroom / Learning Garden	\$1,500
Outreach High School	Grounds Beautification Project	\$500
St. Albert Botanic Park	Moisture Sensing Irrigation System	\$3,000
Friends of Bertha Kennedy	Playground Naturalization	\$2,500
St. Albert Singers Guild	"It's Our World" Performance	\$750