



# Friends of Lake Wingra



Promoting a healthy Lake Wingra  
through an active watershed community

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Friends of Lake Wingra is pleased to announce ...

**We are offering grants of up to \$4,000  
for construction of a rain garden (or other stormwater management improvement)  
at your school, place of worship, or community center!**

If you want to apply for 2015, you will need to act soon. A tentative selection of your project's location is needed this fall. Your proposal is due by January 5, 2015. The Friends can assist you in planning your project.

We believe that returning Lake Wingra to health requires the collaboration of citizens and many groups. Our efforts can be especially effective when schools are involved.

Projects might range from rain gardens large or small, to growing prairie plants in drainage swales in playgrounds, to modifying parking lots so that rain soaks in better! Your project should focus on improving the infiltration of stormwater on school grounds. The attached materials explain the concepts of our grants program and provide an outline for preparing your application.

FOLW encourages projects with a funding request of \$2,000 or less. However, innovative, highly effective projects between \$2,000 and \$4,000 will be considered. In addition, FOLW reserves the right to reduce funding requests to an amount deemed reasonable for the benefits expected, and in consideration of the other applications we receive.

Don't be intimidated by the details of the application. If you are interested, let us know! The Friends can help lead you step by step through the application and design process. Note that significant discounts are offered by plant suppliers if orders are placed in early spring.

## Grant Timeline

- Prior to submitting your application, contact David Thompson at [DavidThompson20@aol.com](mailto:DavidThompson20@aol.com)
- December 1 (before snow): Tentative selection of project location
- January 5, 2015: Grant applications due
- February 16: Detailed design due
- March 1: Order plants
- May-June: Construction and planting
- Summer and Beyond: maintenance of the project

While the answers you submit with your application, due on January 5, can be brief, a detailed design phase must be completed in January and February.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I'll be happy to walk with you around your grounds, pointing out opportunities.

Sincerely,

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