

2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: CLARKE COUNTY, VA, NATIVE PLANT PROJECTS

The Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS), founded in 1982, is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Virginia's wild native plants and their habitats. The Piedmont Chapter is the northwestern chapter of VNPS.

In 2026, the VNPS Piedmont Chapter will award a total of \$2,000 to one or more well-defined projects located in Clarke County, Virginia that address the [VNPS Mission and Goals](#).

Grants will be awarded to projects that incorporate one or more of the following themes:

- Conserving native plant communities in their natural habitats through conservation and land stewardship practices.
- Educating the public about the value of native plants and how to encourage them.
- Establishing gardens, preserves, or parks that incorporate native plants.

Projects that incorporate public education, consistent, current and long-term public access, and that are part of an established organization will be given priority.

GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, submit a written proposal to Piedmont@VNPS.org that includes the information listed below. Write “**VNPS Clarke County Grant Proposal**” in the subject line. Please combine all the parts of the application into a single PDF file. *Each page should include the name of the applicant, proposal title, and a page number.* The proposal page limit is 4 pages plus a summary cover letter that outlines the project idea and scope. **The project must be based in Clarke County, Virginia.** Be sure to include these things in your proposal:

1. The name of the applicant, whether you are applying as an individual or public or private organization, and where the project is located in Clarke County, VA.
2. Name and email address of contact person.
3. The amount of funding requested. Applicants may request up to the total award amount of \$2,000.
4. A description of the activities and tasks that will be accomplished during the project and by whom. Provide a timeline with milestones and completion dates.
5. Plans for evaluating the project's results.
6. A description of the project deliverables. Deliverables must include: an article for our VNPS Piedmont newsletter; updates for our monthly Board Meetings; a final report; diagrams, plant lists, and other deliverables to be negotiated.
7. A detailed financial plan. Include a breakdown of costs and the total cost, any other funding sources, and provisions for contingencies.
8. Plans for sustaining the project after grant funds expire.

Here are a few past winning projects from our Fauquier County grants:

- * interpretive signage for a nature preserve
- * brochures and explanatory material for native plants at a historic site
- * structures to support native plant propagation at a conservation organization.

Grant proposals must be submitted by 11:59 PM on July 31, 2026.

Please direct any questions about the application process of grant guidelines to Emily Southgate, Chapter President, at Piedmont@VNPS.org.