



PIEDMONT CHAPTER VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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## Fauquier County, VA Project Grant Request for Proposals

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### INTRODUCTION

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 2024, the VNPS Piedmont Chapter will award \$5,000 for well-defined projects located in Fauquier 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 [PiedmontVNPS@gmail.com](mailto:PiedmontVNPS@gmail.com) that includes the information listed below. Write "VNPS Fauquier 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 Fauquier County, Virginia.

1. The amount of funding requested. Applicants may request up to the total award amount of \$5,000. One or more grants may be awarded.
2. The name of the applicant, whether you are applying as an individual or public or private organization, and where the project is located in Fauquier County, VA.



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3. 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.
4. Plans for evaluating the project's results.
5. 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.
6. A detailed financial plan. Include a breakdown of costs and the total cost, any other funding sources, and provisions for contingencies.
7. Plans for sustaining the project after grant funds expire.

### PAST WINNING PROJECTS

Past winning projects include the following:

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

### DEADLINE

Research proposals must be submitted by 11:59 PM on February 28, 2024. Please direct any questions about the application process or grant guidelines to Emily Southgate, Chapter President, at [PiedmontVNPS@gmail.com](mailto:PiedmontVNPS@gmail.com).