



## **2 grants available for the 2017-2018 Schoolyard Habitat Program**

The 2017-2018 Schoolyard Habitat application is open!

The Schoolyard Habitat program works to create wildlife habitat and outdoor classrooms in urban areas. Since 2012, 25 New Haven and Fairfield County Schools have created Schoolyard Habitats!

If chosen, your school will receive support and funds to create a wildlife habitat and outdoor classroom in your schoolyard. This grant will also include funds for museum-quality interpretive signage for your habitat. As part of the program, we expect your school to create a leadership team made up of teachers, administrators, parents and other community members who will meet regularly to plan and implement your habitat. Also, we ask for 5 teachers to commit to attending workshops and implementing curriculum in their classrooms.

**This program is open to any K-8 school in NEW HAVEN and FAIRFIELD COUNTIES. This is a 2-year grant, spanning the 2017- 2018 and 2018-2019 academic school years.**

**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2017**

For schools IN New Haven:

Your Schoolyard Habitat Project would be part of the Greater New Haven Harbor Watershed Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership and will also become part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Schoolyard Habitat Network. Projects will be led by representatives from the following partner organizations: Audubon CT, Common Ground High School, Urban Farm and Environmental Education Center, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Yale Peabody Museum.

For schools OUTSIDE OF New Haven and Hamden:

Your schoolyard Habitat Project would become part of the national U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Schoolyard Habitat Network. Projects will be led by staff educators and naturalists at Audubon Connecticut and representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Apply online here: (<https://goo.gl/forms/503oOKhd3Dz7CH9y2>)**

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