



Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund

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- The Kresge Foundation
- Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

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Tree planting volunteers | Credit: Chandler Park Conservancy

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Cleveland-Cliffs, the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service announced the 2024 round of funding for the Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund projects. These five new projects will reduce stormwater impact, improve water quality, enhance habitat and increase accessibility and usability of public green space. These grants received a total of \$1.5 million in grant funding and leveraged \$900,000 in matching contributions to generate a total conservation impact of more than \$2.4 million.

These community-driven investments will strengthen regional resilience by installing green infrastructure, adding more than 3.8 million gallons of stormwater storage, and reducing the threat of flooding and other intensifying environmental stressors. Additionally, projects will restore critical habitat for wildlife and create or enhance public access to and use of natural areas and parks.

The grants will support projects that also will:

- Add 3.8 million gallons of stormwater storage
- Plant 100 trees for increased stormwater storage and habitat
- Install more than 100,000 square feet of green infrastructure
- Help restore the quality and connectivity of the region's unique habitats
- Improve quality of life by increasing public access to natural areas and parks through 48 new access points

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Building Community Resilience and Green Stormwater Infrastructure to Benefit Wildlife Habitat (MI)

Grantee: St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center
 Grant Amount:..... \$399,600
 Matching Funds:..... \$247,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$646,600

Install green stormwater infrastructure by building and maintaining rain gardens, continuing youth and adult education programs, and developing long-term solutions to protect native plants and pollinator habitat. Project will create 90 jobs, improve 40 rain gardens and green stormwater infrastructure sites across 34,000 square feet and add 2.9 million gallons of stormwater storage annually.

Creating Community Greenspaces to Foster Community Resilience and Improve Biodiversity (MI)

Grantee: Detroit Hives
 Grant Amount:..... \$283,500
 Matching Funds:..... \$128,500
 Total Project Amount:..... \$412,000

Transform eight vacant lots by installing public green spaces and rain gardens and integrating native plants to attract pollinators and reduce stormwater runoff. Project will plant 100 native trees across eight sites, install 50,000 square feet of green infrastructure, and host community meetings to incorporate design ideas and recruit volunteers.

Expanding Public Greenspace and Modeling Urban Ecological Practices in Hamtramck (MI)

Grantee: Detroit Zen Center
 Grant Amount:..... \$183,900
 Matching Funds:..... \$129,100
 Total Project Amount:..... \$313,000

Maintain, improve and expand green stormwater infrastructure and public greenspace using community



St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center community members



Chandler Park wetland

education, accessible green roofs, bioretention gardens and native plants. Project will remove over 140,000 gallons of stormwater annually and engage with volunteers to reach at least 600 people through field trips, tours, workshops and urban ecology stays.

Improving Community Health through Habitat Restoration at Trinity Health Ann Arbor (MI)

Grantee: Trinity Health Michigan dba Trinity Health Ann Arbor
 Grant Amount:..... \$400,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$129,100
 Total Project Amount:..... \$529,100

Improve recreation spaces and restore mature forests, wetlands, meadowlands and a prairie on Trinity Health Ann Arbor’s hospital campus. Project will remove invasive species across 29 acres, restore 2.5 miles of trails, install 8,000 square feet of green infrastructure, and hire two staff members to train up to 50 volunteers and engage more than 700 community members in stewardship of natural spaces.

Improving Stormwater Capture with Green Infrastructure and Community Outreach (MI)

Grantee: Wayne State University
 Grant Amount:..... \$274,500
 Matching Funds:..... \$270,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$544,500

Implement a large green infrastructure plan using native plant species to improve stormwater capture and increase green spaces within the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood. Project will conduct community outreach, create large-scale rain gardens and community gardens to remove 144,625 gallons of stormwater and add more than 15,000 square feet of green infrastructure.