

## NTMN Training Class Project

### **The Warren Ferris Cemetery** **Case-Study for the Constellation of Living Memorials**

#### ***Project Description:***

WFC is a small pocket prairie and Monarch Waystation located in the Forest Hills neighborhood near the Dallas Arboretum and catty-corner from the Alex Sanger Preparatory School. Although it is the size of a single house lot, it is a wonderful wildlife habitat filled with native plants, trees, shrubs, educational signage, peaceful pathways, and beautifully inscribed boulders honoring those who are buried there and those who have contributed to the formation of the historic cemetery's existence.

The project is to enhance the beauty of the berm along the San Leandro and Saint Francis streets. The Friends of the WFC have begun a partnership with the administrators, faculty, and students of Alex Sanger to use the property for educational lessons and opportunities to provide children of all ages and subject matter, meaningful experiences in nature. In addition, the Friends group wants to encourage the neighborhood to come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the prairie. The outside areas adjacent to the streets need to be made more visually attractive with seasonal color using native plants for the pollinators as well as to show the public that the use of native plants is beneficial and a welcome addition to their yards and school grounds as well.

#### **The project involves:**

- 1. Taking 5 to 6 soil samples in the berm area along both streets to determine what native plants would grow best in those soil types;**
- 2. Order the plants and seeds and plant them at the appropriate time.**

#### ***Guidelines/Suggestions:***

**The Friends group can help find the best and most cost-effective places to secure the plants and seeds;**

**The Friends group could contact the faculty at Alex Sanger to have some of the older children involved in the planting and seed dispersal to create learning opportunities for the children.**

Project Teams are encouraged to:

- Capture a photo/video journal of their project.
- Establish SMART goals/objectives (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-based).
- Use some basic project planning to accomplish their project.

#### ***Minimum Requirements:***

- Project members will learn how to collect soil samples and have them analyzed.

- Project members will learn which native plants adapt best to those soil types, learn where to order them and how to plant them.
- Project members will learn which plants bloom in different months to create an attractive, inviting native garden that enhances the natural beauty along the 2 roadways in all seasons.
- Project members will learn to identify invasive plants that may be present in their area of study and how best to remove them.

All Class Project Teams are required to:

- Be reasonably complete by the end of June 2024.
- Display/present their Project at July Chapter meeting (Summer Social).
- Comply with Guidelines for Print and Web documents below.
- Submit an initial Budget by March 12, 2024.

***Project Liaisons:*** Patty Griffin

The Project Liaisons will help your Class Project Team understand the project requirements and offer advice on Chapter practices, procedures, resources, etc. (Liaisons will help with the team's initial organizational meetings and will be available at other meetings as needed.)

***Report Volunteer Hours:***

"Ferris Cemetery Woodland Restoration TMN Report Hours".

***Guidelines for Print and Web Documents:***

- For publications, web documents are preferred over print documents.
- Published materials must include proper logos and TMN branding.
- For details and guidelines on published materials, refer to [https://txmn.org/files/2010/02/TMN\\_IDMKTguide6-14.pdf](https://txmn.org/files/2010/02/TMN_IDMKTguide6-14.pdf) and [https://txmn.org/files/naturalist-trademark\\_04.pdf](https://txmn.org/files/naturalist-trademark_04.pdf).
- The Chapter Communications Director must be consulted about all documents.
  - Communications Director: [communications@ntmn.org](mailto:communications@ntmn.org)

***Expenses:*** Generally, about \$500 has been allotted for each project. Class Project Teams should turn in a budget to project liaisons, Class Project Coordinator and Training Class Director before spending money. NTMN is a tax-exempt organization. Use the tax-exempt form. The tax-exempt form and expense reimbursement forms are available in Chapter Documents on the NTMN web site, <https://members.ntmn.org/resources/chapter-documents> (Appendix H). Receipts are required; attach to/scan with the expense reimbursement request form. Send to Class Director for approval, copy project liaisons and Class Project Coordinator. Training Class Director will send to Treasurers who will write the check.

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