What is the Northern Chantangua Community Foundation?

The NCCF is a publically supported charity, which attracts, manages and distributes charitable funds to benefit the northern Chautauqua community. In addition to our own environment fund, specific agency endowment funds managed by NCCF include those for the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Jamestown Audubon Society and WNY Land Conservancy Fund

To make a contribution or to learn more about NCCF and its many programs, contact us at 716-366-4892, nccf@nccfoundation.org, and on Facebook.

"NCCF funds have made it possible for volunteers to restore a natural habitat and develop a community garden. Not only will improvements to Bicentennial Park better serve the neighborhood, but these efforts will model good stewardship of the land to students."

 Harriet Tower, Academy Heights Neighborhood Project

Past Grant Recipients

- Academy Heights Neighborhood Association
- Brocton Central School, Envirothon Team
- Camp Gross Foundation
- Campus & Community Children's Center
- 🖔 Cassadaga Lakes Association
- 🖔 Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water District
- 🖔 Chautauqua County Water Quality Task Force
- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy
- Dunkirk High School, Earth Science Club
- Findley Lake Nature Center
- Forestville Middle School Science Club
- Great Lakes F/X
- Greystone Nature Preserve
- Jamestown Audubon Society
- Lake Erie Salmon & Trout Association
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- SAREP Youth Fly Fishing
- Springville Center for the Arts
- Town of Pomfret Bicentennial



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Northern Chantangna Environment Fund



PROMOTING awareness & education of Lake Erie & its watershed



What is the Environment Fund?

The Environment Fund is a permanent endowment within the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF), created from local contributions matched by the Great Lakes Protection Fund, Joyce Fund and Charles S. Mott Fund through the Great Lakes Environmental Collaborative Project. The first local grants were awarded from this fund in 1999.

Since then, ENVIRONMENT FUND grants were awarded to help support educational activities at all age levels, including binoculars to monitor bluebird houses and band monarch butterflies, the EnviroScope non-point source pollution model, dye-tracer ground-water flow model, GPS equipment and dissolved Oxygen Meter for stream monitoring and assessment, and the beach grass plugs used by high school students to stabilize the sand and stop wind erosion at Point Gratiot.

The Environment Fund was able to assist the Lake Erie Salmon and Trout Association pen-rearing project in the Dunkirk harbor, help to repair nature trails and start a native plant demonstration garden at Camp Gross, and make repairs to an existing dam to restore pond surface area and provide handicapped access to the pond at the College Lodge.

We have supported attendance at, transportation to and research presented at Science Exploration Days, Great Lakes Student Summits, Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District Envirothons, JAKES Youth Conservation Field Days, the Lew Mead Memorial Youth Fishing Tournament, SAREP Youth Fly Fishing Program, and all of their related environmental studies projects.

"The NCCF environmental grant program has helped me with purchasing new innovative materials that add to my Earth Science teaching at Dunkirk High School. The additional funding has been a positive infusion of materials that the school will not fund each year."

When are Grants Awarded?

Grants are awarded annually with applications due January 10, and awards made in early spring. See the contact information below to obtain more information.

Why Contribute?

Each year we've been unable to fully fund all grant applications. This year only 50% of the requested amount could be awarded to those groups that applied. It is frustrating to have so many people interested in and willing to undertake these environmental studies projects only to find that we are unable to help due to lack of funds.

We are asking you to help us support more environmental education activities in the Lake Erie watershed by increasing the available funds through your contributions to the Environment Fund permanent endowment.

[~] Kurt Warmbrodt, Dunkirk High School Science Club