

NATIVE PLANT MATERIALS - Eastern Region

Zaagkii Wings & Seeds Project: A Native Plants & Pollinator Protection Initiative

2011 Accomplishments

Our Zaagkii Wings & Seeds Project, now in its fourth year, has matured into several different but related segments. We continue our partnership with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) including the propagation of locally native plants in their greenhouse which are raised for their various restoration and ethnobotanical needs. One important example involving the use of these plants was at the restoration of Sand Point (a brown field site) on the Lake Superior shoreline. Forty-seven youth volunteers also planted over 1500 plant plugs on Lake Superior's Grand Island (Hiawatha NF) and constructed 54 butterfly and bee houses and shelters. During the last two years youth have distributed 58,000 native plant seeds to gardeners and local citizens. Portions of our ethnobotanical partnership work with Northern Michigan's Center for Native American Studies can be viewed at <http://www.learningfromtheearth.org/> Additional ethnobotanical videos will be forthcoming upon completion.

In 2010 a native plant greenhouse was established and dedicated at KBIC and now serves as a training center and model for regional tribal communities. Two botany workshops were completed with regional tribes and a third is scheduled for 2012. Representatives of KBIC and the Sault Ste Marie Band of Chippewa Indians (SSMBCI) attended the second in the series and SSMBCI attended a Monarch Butterfly Workshop offered by Monarch Joint Venture and the University of MN. More specific information about the various facets of our Wings & Seeds Project can be read at our R9 Success Story site <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/ssrs/> More detailed and specific information regarding our various Zaagkii activities can be found at <http://wingsandseeds.org/>



Figure 1 Restoration at Sand Point – Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Year Awarded: initial award in 2011

Project completion: 2011; Report number: 1 of 1
■ Total funding \$50,000.

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Cedar Tree Institute; Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Sault Ste Marie Band of Chippewa Indians; Marquette County Juvenile Court, Upper Peninsula Children's Museum; USFS International Programs; Hiawatha NF; Ottawa NF.

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