



Program Overview

The West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (WMGLSI) provides teachers with sustained professional development and assistance in the design and implementation of valuable community environmental projects with their students. Forging strong partnerships with community organizations will play a central role in helping teachers and their students complete projects that have a lasting impact on the environment. The resulting vibrant, hands-on learning experiences are designed to support student achievement and help young Michigan residents become lifelong advocates for the Great Lakes.

During the 2012-2013 school year, teachers and their students will develop and implement a needs-based environmental project in their local community. These Place-Based Education (PBE) projects achieve curriculum and achievement goals while increasing student engagement through exciting field experiences, school-community partnerships and community service. Teachers will receive support from program staff and local community partners to help develop and implement their projects.

AUDIENCE

School teams of teachers from Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Northern Ottawa Counties are eligible to apply. Cross discipline teams are especially encouraged to apply.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The WMGLSI professional development program includes a five-day summer institute, dinner & dialog sessions, project planning sessions, and optional special topic workshops. The summer institute meets Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3. Teachers may choose to enroll for 9 SB-CEUs or 3 UW-Madison graduate credit**.

For More Information: www.wmglsi.org

To Register: www.muskegon-isd.k12.mi.us/development/

TEACHER STIPENDS & PROJECT GRANTS

Teachers who complete the professional development program and implement an environmental stewardship project with students in the local community are eligible to receive a stipend. Grant funds are available to support project costs.

Program Benefits
No Cost Professional Development
Project Funding
Stipends
SB-CEUs/Graduate Credit
Resources, Technical Assistance, and More!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Register online for the WMGLSI Summer Institute at: <http://www.muskegon-isd.k12.mi.us/development/>

Apply to WMGLSI online to be eligible for a stipend and project funds: <http://www.wmglsi.org>

For more information, please contact: Melissa Maxson at 231-767-7336 or mmaxson@muskegonisd.org

* Northern Ottawa County includes Spring Lake, Coopersville, and Grand Haven

**Tuition is waived and participants pay for segregated fees only (\$134 total/3 credits)

