

Project 07–120 Groundwater Guardians Green Sites

Project Legend:

The Groundwater Foundation is asking the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) to assist with a new program called Groundwater Guardian Green Sites (GGGS). GGGS will calculate, document, and recognize on an annual basis the environmental benefit of groundwater-friendly practices in specific locations such as golf courses and city parks. GGGS will enhance the efforts of citizens already protecting groundwater through the GF's local groundwater protection program, Groundwater Guardian (GG), and introduce an effective way for citizens currently not participating in GG to become part of a community groundwater protection effort.

Proposal Context: Statewide

Duration: June 2007–June 2009

Cost: \$48,540 awarded from NET

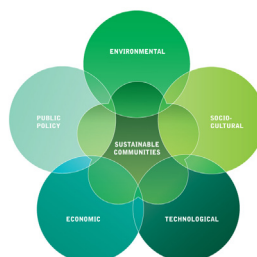
NET Funding Objective: Groundwater Quality

Process:

- Site managers complete the 2008 Groundwater Guardian Green Site Program Application and submit it to the Groundwater Foundation Via email, fax, or mail.
- Sites must earn at least 70% of the total applicable points on the application to be eligible for designation as a Green Site.
- Groundwater Foundation staff process the application and notify the site of their score.
- Site managers can begin using the exclusive Groundwater Guardian Green Site logo and name once they receive notification of their application score.
- A news release announcing the sites designation is sent to media contacts

Domains: Because of the environmental improvements made to the quality of groundwater, this project would fall under the Environmental domain. Since groundwater is a resource shared by the public and part of this project includes implementation of a groundwater protection program, it would also fall under the Public Policy Domain.

Transferability: Applications are open to all managers of highly-managed green spaces, no team is required for participation. Potential sites include golf courses, ball fields, educational campuses, residential parks and recreational parks among others.



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