

Plant Eau Claire Work Group (4/2024)

Contact:

CV Biodiversity Partnership: cvbiodiversitypartnership@gmail.com (for general questions)

Adam Poch: adam@ecosystemsolutions.org (to learn more about this work group)

Charter: We are a collaborative initiative to help restore and enhance Eau Claire's habitats through planting and maintenance of native and edible plants and trees, and invasive abatement in collaboration with government, neighborhoods, businesses and private landowners.

Members:

- Adam Poch
- Jane Mohler

Progress to Date

1. Biodiversity + Self-sufficiency Gardening
2. Coordinating individuals and groups already active
3. Discussing with potential partners (Eau Claire/Altoona/Chippewa)
4. Researching communication platforms (iNaturalist/MISIN/FB?)
5. Strategizing best first foray (neighborhood groups?; SAC?)
 - a. locate potential high-visibility sites for pilot projects
6. Gauge interest in land conversion and land management practices

Future Plans

1. Funding opportunities (Pablo, Royal Credit, Xcel Energy, EC Energy, Menomonie Food Co-op, private/anonymous donations?)
2. Recruit core volunteers and educate/train them
3. Find and share success stories from other cities
4. Identify resource limitations (financial, social, environmental)
5. Incorporate U.N. Sustainable Development Goals
6. Address food security and local supply chain logistics
7. Encourage active participation from the community to identify underlying needs
8. Create coordinated network to monitor and prioritize future sites