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## **School Garden & Wildlife Habitat Grant**

The Audubon Society of Central Maryland (ASCM) is pleased to announce that it will be funding two \$500 grants in the 2015-2016 school year for public and private schools and nature centers with plans to create wildlife habitat or native plant gardens.

Primary and secondary schools and nature centers in Carroll, Frederick, and Howard County within our chapter boundaries are eligible to apply. Interested school officials and students should complete an ASCM grant application, detailing the goals of the project, including education and conservation benefits.

ASCM has been supporting school and nature center habitat projects since 2004. Schools and centers that have applied previously are eligible to apply for another grant, either to improve an existing project or to support a new effort. Previous award-winning projects have included butterfly gardens, bluebird trails, rain gardens, and native tree plantings. Projects that will include a component for using wildlife habitat and native plants for climate change education are welcome.

For more information about the grant or to obtain an application, please visit the ASCM website, <http://www.centralmdaudubon.org/>, or contact Julie Dunlap, Grant Coordinator, 410-381-8710, [juliejdunlap@earthlink.net](mailto:juliejdunlap@earthlink.net).

*Applications are due December 15, 2015.*

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