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### **Captain Planet Foundation Awards Education Grant to Duluth East High School**

Duluth, MN – June 22, 2012 – The Captain Planet Foundation, an international environmental education foundation for youth based on the successful Captain Planet cartoon, is proud to announce that Duluth East High School has recently been awarded an educational grant of \$1,000. Duluth East High School will use these funds toward a campus wide habitat plan.

“We are thrilled to present this award to Duluth East High School,” says Christina Stevens, Executive Director of the Foundation. “We receive hundreds of submissions each year and have to be very selective to whom we award funding. This is one of the few projects from across the country that we chose to fund. We wish the Duluth East Greyhounds the great success as they work to implement this important project. It is our hope that our combined efforts will educate, empower, involve and invest today’s youth to cultivate a better tomorrow.”

“Duluth East High School is honored to receive this grant towards our campus wide habitat plan. We are excited to put this grant to work making our campus sustainably support wildlife, clean water, and a healthy ecosystem.” Shawn Roed, Duluth East High School.

#### **Project Description**

##### **The Duluth East Campus Collaboration:**

Classes/Programs: Science, Agriculture, Construction Technology, Forestry, Fish, and Wildlife, and Special Education. Student Groups: Green Club, Key Club, Executive Board, Association, and Future Farmers of America. Community involvement: Audubon Minnesota, Audubon Duluth, Stream Corps, DNR (School Forest), WLSSD, Sustainable Duluth Public Schools, Tomato Man Project, National Wildlife Federation, Duluth Community Gardens, and the City of Duluth.

##### **Highlights of the Campus Habitat Plan:**

- \*Removal of invasive plants (buckthorn and honeysuckle).
- \*Incorporate native plantings to reduce and deter erosion including: Native Grasses, flowers, bushes, and vines.
- \*Plant river birch and white birch trees on campus
- \*Plant Campus Orchard with fruit trees to be used in school lunch program

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- \*Become a DNR "Certified School Forest"
- \*Plant Native plants that support wildlife and that will reduce maintenance.
- \*Plant and maintain a school garden that will produce food for school lunch program.
- \*Become a National Wildlife Federation School yard habitat
- \*Construct and place habitat houses around campus including:
  - Robin, chickadee, and bat nest boxes
  - Chimney swift nest - \$250.00 (size?)
  - Butterfly and Bee houses
- \*Butterfly garden/Monarch way station
- \*Native Rain Garden

**Please support our cause:**

- \*Monetary Donations
- \*Volunteers
- \*Donations plants
- \*"Expert" support

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**About Sustainable Duluth Public Schools:**

In January of 2008, the Superintendent and a core group of activists began the organizational work for the creation of Sustainable Duluth Public Schools (SDPS). SDPS now has broad student, faculty, and administrative representation and multiple guest community members, who meet regularly throughout the school year.

Sustainable Duluth Public Schools Mission Statement:

*"The eco-mission of Duluth Public Schools is to cultivate in our students and employees the respect, wisdom, values and aptitude needed to be ecologically, socially, and economically sustainable."*

**About The Captain Planet Foundation**

Founded in 1991, CPF was created to support hands-on, environmental projects for youth. CPF's objective is to encourage innovative projects that empower today's children to become environmental stewards. For more information, visit [www.captainplanetfdn.org](http://www.captainplanetfdn.org). The Captain Planet Foundation (CPF) is located at 133 Luckie Street NW in Atlanta, Georgia. It can be reached by phone at (404) 522-4270.

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