Great Lakes

Sacred Grounds™ is a National Wildlife Federation Garden for Wildlife Program that recognizes congregations, houses of worship, and faith communities who both create wildlife habitat and actively link faith practices and caring for the environment.

Healthy Habitats & Communities
National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is a leader in engaging communities in on-the-ground conservation practices. NWF’s suite of Garden for Wildlife programs, including Sacred Grounds, are mobilizing people to shift the landscape of American backyards, public spaces, institutions and communities.

In light of increasing threats to the health of the Great Lakes region, including pollinator decline and nutrient runoff, Sacred Grounds provides concrete tools for increasing native plant habitats/gardens. Houses of worship are respected community leaders that are uniquely positioned to inspire their congregation members, neighboring congregations, and the greater interfaith community to advance stewardship practices.

How it works
To earn Sacred Grounds™ certification, houses of worship are required to conduct outreach within their own congregation and into surrounding communities through workshops, garden tours, native plant sales, and other forms of education. These efforts contribute to the development of networks of faith communities and community partners working together to build healthy habitats and communities.

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