The National Wildlife Federation’s Sacred Grounds program engages diverse communities in building healthier habitats and neighborhoods through the process of installing native plant gardens/wildlife habitats at houses of worship.

WE WORK TO:

1. Create a network of wildlife habitats and rain gardens to improve ecosystem services including water quality
2. Strengthen social ties by providing usable green space for community fellowship & gatherings
3. Develop new community partnerships and extend our reach to grow a diverse, grassroots environmental movement
4. Establish pathways for youth and adults to connect with nature in their neighborhood
TO BE CERTIFIED:

1. Install a wildlife habitat/garden on your grounds that provides food, water, cover and places to raise young for our native wildlife.

2. Offer two educational activities in each of three commitment areas (total of six):
   - Connecting faith and environmental stewardship
   - Engaging the congregation
   - Reaching beyond the congregation

3. Develop a maintenance plan for the wildlife habitat/garden

TOLEDO LOCATIONS:

- Church in Toledo-Westside Community
- First Unitarian Church of Greater Toledo
- Friendship Baptist Church
- Glass City Church of Christ
- Hindu Temple of Toledo
- Islamic Center of Greater Toledo
- Monroe Street UMC
- New Life Church of God in Christ
- People's Missionary Baptist Church
- Congregation B'nai Israel
- Queen of Apostles School
- Redemption Baptist Church
- Salem Lutheran Church
- Sisters of St. Francis
- Sylvania First United Methodist Church
- Sylvania UCC
- The Farmhouse (Metamora UMC)
- The University Church
- Warren AME Church

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