



## Growing Native Grow-out Station Application

To receive technical assistance in establishing a *Growing Native* Grow-out Station, complete this application and return it to the *Growing Native* Project Director. Eligible applicants will be contacted for a site assessment.

### Growing Native Project Director

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Answer the following questions to the best of your ability:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

• Have you participated in *Growing Native* before? How did you learn about Grow-out Stations? \_\_\_\_\_

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• How will you integrate a Grow-out Station into your curricula? \_\_\_\_\_

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• What are your long-term goals for a Grow-out Station? What will you do with the trees/shrubs once they are ready for transplanting? \_\_\_\_\_

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• This project requires the cooperation of an entire school because it needs a substantial amount of land at the school. Please describe the support for this project from the following people:

• School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

• School administration: \_\_\_\_\_

• School Maintenance Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

• Fellow teachers: \_\_\_\_\_

• Parent Teacher Association: \_\_\_\_\_

• Students: \_\_\_\_\_

• Others: \_\_\_\_\_



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• Where will the Grow-out Station be located? How large is the site? (The average size Grow-out Station of 100 three-gallon pots requires approximately 140 square feet.) \_\_\_\_\_

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• Easy access to water is key to maintaining a Grow-out Station. How far is your proposed Grow-out Station site to a water source? If the source is far away, what is your plan for watering the seeds/plants? \_\_\_\_\_

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• One of the most difficult challenges to a successful Grow-out Station is ensuring year-round labor for basic maintenance, especially watering. The seeds will take two to four years to become large enough for transplanting, so maintenance carries through summer and holiday breaks. Who will be responsible for general maintenance during the school year and during holiday breaks? \_\_\_\_\_

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• Certain materials are required to establish and maintain a Grow-out Station. These materials may include pots; potting soil; mulch; weed mats; gardening tools; wire meshes; hoses or sprinklers; several different species of seeds; and more. How will you secure funds for these materials? \_\_\_\_\_

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