



Save Our American Resources (SOAR)

Project Ideas

- Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.
- Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.
- Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.
- Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.
- Plant tree seedlings as part of a managed forestry plan.
- Help thin and prune woodlands in a managed tree improvement project.
- With a local forester, take part in or conduct a forest fire prevention program.
- Make an exhibit on conservation for a county fair.
- Develop a nature trail in a public park.
- Assist a local forester in a tree insect- and disease-control or public education project.
- Assist a local agency with a trout stream restoration project.
- Participate in a wildlife or wildfowl count.
- Conduct a rodent-control and public health education program under the guidance of the local health department or agency responsible for rodent control.
- Trail building or repair to stop soil erosion.
- Planting large amounts of trees and shrubs for wildlife habitat.
- Rip rapping a stream edge with stones to stop soil erosion and improve water quality.
- Creating brush piles for wildlife habitat.
- Constructing bird boxes for nesting sites.
- Construct squirrel boxes for nesting habitat.
- Place fencing around critical wildlife habitat.
- Removing ladder fuels on trees to prevent ground fires from climbing trees.
- Removing invasive plants from stream fields and stream beds.
- Marking all the drainage holes in your town to prevent hazardous material dumping.
- Remove stream debris to enhance a natural waterway.
- Plant open space in native grasses and flowers to reduce invasive plant encroachment.
- Construct an interpretive kiosk explaining the importance of habitat enhancement.
- Construct vehicle barriers to keep vehicles off of trails, grasslands, and sensitive areas.
- Construct a xeriscape demonstration garden.
- Mark all dead trees with "wildlife tree" markers.
- Place wind-break and snow fence plantings along roadsides for wildlife habitat.
- Use netting, straw, and appropriate seed to restore an eroded soil bank.
- Thin a forest or woods area to enhance tree growth.
- Place water bars or "waddles" on hillsides to prevent erosion and slow water flow.
- Construct a wetland by controlling water flow and planting water plants.
- Construct and place water tank "ramps" to prevent bird drowning.
- Restock fish in a stream or lake.
- Collect Christmas trees and place on lakes and ponds so they sink to form fish habitat.
- Construct a hard surface walkway or path to reduce dust air pollution and control run-off.
- Establish a spring fed watering site for wildlife.
- Remove cattails encroaching on a pond or waterway.
- Place fencing around trees and bushes to prevent beaver and deer damage.
- Remove Tamarisk from waterways.
- Create a large wildflower planted garden for butterflies.
- Construct and install bird feeders at senior citizens homes.
- Plant trees and shrubs to make a visual and noise barrier between a road and a park.
- Construct and place bat boxes to increase number of bats to eat more mosquitoes.

NOTE: All projects should be done with the approval of the recipient agency or organization before beginning any project work.