

# **Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society**

## **Audubon in Action 2021 Community Climate Action Project Proposal**

### **Information and Instructions**

Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society seeks to identify and help fund local projects that address climate change. **All project proposals must be received by 5pm on Friday, May 14 2021.** Announcements for projects awarded funding will be announced on May 28 2021.

### **Who can submit a proposal?**

Individuals and community members, schools, colleges or college groups and clubs, organizations, and municipalities. Businesses are not able to apply, but an owner or employee can apply and the business can be a partner in the project.

If a project can be completed without funding, please submit a project form. This will help Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society to document programs and will provide an example to other people who are working on projects in other communities.

### **What types of projects are permitted?**

Projects must address climate change in some way and are fairly flexible at this time. A project can be as simple as organizing members in your community to write a series of Letters to the Editors for your area newspapers, or getting a group together to meet with local, regional, state or federal elected officials (Zoom or Virtual meetings are completely acceptable while COVID-19 continues to be an issue for gatherings.). On the other hand, a municipality might want to undertake a program that pushes them further on their Climate Smart Communities certifications and might be a larger undertaking. Local riparian (lake, pond, river, stream boundaries) plantings with native plants, community educational native plant habitat garden, a community event for carbon reduction exhibits, etc. are all some examples that would be eligible for a proposal. A list of project ideas are available on the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Network in the Climate Action Leadership Group. *(More information on that below.)*

### **When and where must a project take place?**

Projects must be completed by **December 31, 2021** with a final report submitted to Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society by January 15, 2022. (Some larger scale projects may need to take place over a longer period of time, in which case a ‘phase 1’ completion must take place by the end of the year.)

All projects must take place in our chapter region which includes Northern Delaware County, Otsego County, eastern Chenango County, and western Schoharie County, as well as small parts in southern Herkimer and Montgomery Counties.

### **How to apply for the Climate Action Project Grant**

Please fill out and submit the Project Cover Sheet (Page 4) and Project Application (Page 5) located at the end of this form. **Please sign and return the Project Cover Sheet and Project Application forms to [info@doas.us](mailto:info@doas.us) by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 14. Please use subject line: “Attn: Susan Re: 2021 Climate Action Proposal.”** All funding determinations will be made by May 28, 2021.

Applicants will be notified by email. Informational sessions will be hosted via Zoom on April 8 and 29, 2021, at 7PM.

If you have questions or would like to discuss your project ideas, you can contact Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Co-President Susan O’Handley at (607)397-3815 or [info@doas.us](mailto:info@doas.us). Follow the links below to register for the Zoom informational sessions.

**Zoom Information Sessions**  
[Register for April 8, 2021 at 7PM](#)  
[Register for April 29, 2021 at 7PM](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **DOAS Network and the Climate Action Leadership Group**

The Climate Action Leadership Group is a dedicated space in the DOAS Online Network Platform where project leaders can communicate together and work on your projects. **Participation in the network is required as part of the program for project leaders and team members.**

Once projects are selected and announced, we will set up groups and topic areas in the DOAS Network for people working on your project to use together. You can get help from others in the network for input, resources, to get feedback, and to share ideas. It is also a space where you can upload documents, images, promotional materials, documentation and reports for your project. Request an invitation by emailing Susan O’Handley at [info@doas.us](mailto:info@doas.us) with the subject line “Request to Join Climate Action Network”.

## **Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society Statements**

**Our Vision:** We envision a healthy world where people and wildlife thrive and natural resources are protected.

**Our Mission:** The mission of Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society is to protect our natural environment and connect people with nature to benefit birds and other wildlife through conservation, education, research and advocacy.

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:** Diverse perspectives are essential for the effective achievement of the vision and mission of our organization. We respect the individuality of each member of our community, and we are committed to providing an environment that is free of any kind of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, national or ethnic origin, politics, income level, or veteran status.

**Operational Code of Ethics:** DOAS Board, Staff and Volunteers, as representatives of the organization, will be held to the highest ethical standards in their behavior when interacting with each other and members of the public, particularly when carrying out related operational tasks and responsibilities.

**COVID-19 Statement:** COVID-19 continues to be a risk in 2021. Even with vaccinations taking place between now and June, all in-person activities must have a plan in place for precautions that include the following: wearing masks at in-person events with social distancing planned for spacing at approximately 6 feet apart; the availability of hand sanitizer (60% or more alcohol) or hand washing station, and space disinfection as required (surfaces, shared items/objects, etc.). *Protective equipment (masks, gloves, sanitizer, etc.) can be included as a project expense.*

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**Project Cover Sheet**

**Deadline: May 14, 2021**

**Project Title:**

**Primary Contact Name:**

**Primary Contact Email & Phone:**

**Primary Contact Address:**

**Project Location:**

**One-Sentence Project Description:**

**Total Number of People that Will be Reached Through this Project:**

**Total Project Cost:**

**Amount Requested from Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society:**

**Group and Statement Verifications:**

I have joined the DOAS Climate Action Leadership Group

Those who will be working with me on this project have also joined the DOAS Climate Action Leadership Group..

I have read and accepted the DOAS Vision, Mission, EDI Statement and Operational Code of Ethics.

Submitter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Project Application**

**Deadline: May 14, 2021**

**Project Title:**

**Project Start Date:**

**Estimated End Date:**

**Name of Project Leader(s):**

**Which category best describes you?**  Individual (Community Member)  
 Individual (High School or College Student)  
 Informal Group (Student, Other)  
 Municipal Leader  
 Non-Profit Organization

**Tell us about your organization or group. If you are an individual, tell us about yourself. Use 2 paragraphs at most.**

**Project Category (Check all that apply):**

- Public Education
- Youth Outreach
- Native Plants and Habitat Building
- Riparian Habitat and Water Quality
- Carbon Emissions Reduction
- Letter-writing or Proclamations, Resolutions, and Ordinances
- Recycling and Composting
- Other (Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Give us an overview of your project - what would you like to do and how will you accomplish it?**

**Where will this project take place? Be as specific as possible.**

**What goals do you hope to achieve through this project?**

**How many people will be involved in your project? Think about who will be impacted by your project.**

**How do you plan to measure the outcomes of your project?**

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**Project Budget**  
**Deadline: May 14, 2021**

**Give us a general sense of your budget needs - think about what items, materials, or resources you will need to complete this project, and their cost, and where the funding might come from.**

Item/Material/Resource	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>		
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED FROM DOAS</b>		

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