**2020 GRANT APPLICATION**

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**Name of Partner Organization**

Green Sanctuary (affiliated with the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta)

**Amount of Funding Requested**

Please list in $USD with a maximum request of $10,000.

$10,000. Any amount will be beneficial to improving the Sustainability Forum project impact.

**Focus Areas**

Please check all that apply to your proposed project (see grant criteria).

☒ Climate Change Adaptation

☒ Climate Change Mitigation

☐ Water Stewardship

☐ Circular Economy

☐ Biodiversity Protection

**Program Description**

1. Where is the project located? Is it located within a DuPont Community (see grant criteria)?

The Sustainability Forum will take place in Marietta, OH. The reach of the project will extend to people in surrounding areas including Belpre, OH, Williamstown, WV, Parkersburg, WV, and other local communities. Multiple DuPont employees live in the community, including the DuPont representative for this application.

1. Please provide a short overview or summary of the project in 5 lines or less.

The purpose of the Sustainability Forum is to educate and inspire action to improve sustainability and resilience throughout the community. The event will bring together members and leaders of the region to assess all aspects of how a community can work together to make a positive environmental and economic impact. People will leave empowered to take on initiatives in their personal and professional lives.

1. Please describe the project’s projected impact.

We are planning for approximately 100 people in attendance over a 3-day event. Guests we expect include the Mayor of Marietta, city and municipal officials, local business owners, faith leaders, University Faculty (Marietta College and Ohio University), and other community members as this event will be open to the public. A CITF grant would be a springboard to a greater project with greater impact that builds upon much work already established.

The Sustainability Forum has the potential for far-reaching economic and environmental impacts in the Marietta/Mid-Ohio Valley community. The Forum’s primary focus is not about debating the settled science of climate change and its impacts, but instead on answering the question “What can we do?” The first step is education followed by creating actionable steps that engage citizens, businesses, and government toward a positive transformation of our community. The process holds promise of creating a resilient economy based on sustainable practices for the long-term benefit of the region.

Examples of expert led workshops and topics that are planned include:

* Review of climate science
* Role of municipal government in addressing climate change
* Civic engagement for local projects on climate change
* Personal ways to address climate change
* Marietta downtown development plan incorporating renewable energy
* Review of existing projects involving renewable energy (two Marietta city buildings have recently installed solar panels)
* Plans for further projects
* Promoting solar panels on religious buildings, etc.

1. Will your program deliver measurable outcomes in the next 12 months (i.e. amount of land conserved, GHG reduction achieved, number of people educated, etc.)? If so, please explain.

Yes, the Sustainability Forum Committee intends for the event to take place within the next year. Exact timing will be determined based on the local COVID-19 situation. The primary metric that will be used is the number of people educated, measured by attendance at the event as well as attendance within the individual workshops. A pre and post survey will be developed to measure the events success toward its goal, learn where opportunities are to improve, and determine what follow up actions are required.

The vision of an economically viable and environmentally sustainable community is a long-term measurement. The plan is to form a follow-up committee to ascertain what further actions are needed and continue support for the initiatives discussed at the event. The ideal metric of success is the city initiating a formal Marietta Sustainability Plan.

1. Does your project involve an education and/or volunteerism component (for the community and/or DuPont employees)? If applicable, please explain.

Yes, the Sustainability Forum is being planned and executed primarily by enthusiastic volunteers from Green Sanctuary. Any DuPont employee that wants to volunteer will be warmly welcomed. Volunteer opportunities include marketing the Forum, assisting with pre and post survey content, and general help on the weekend of the Forum. Follow-up volunteers to serve on committees that would include producing and distributing the survey results, and promoting the Forum’s ideas. The Forum will be open to the public. All DuPont employees are welcome to attend.

**Funding Information**

1. Is your program sustainable over time without continued funding from DuPont? Please explain.

Yes, Green Sanctuary is committed to put on the Sustainability Forum event. Our vision is to arrange this event annually going forward.

The 3-day event has been based on the funding detailed below. Any grant funds received from DuPont will be a tremendous boost to the Forum experience and the number of people we are able to reach and host, thereby amplifying the impact achieved. Planned expenses include venue rental, workshops, pre and post outreach, renting quality presentation equipment (projectors, microphones, etc.), honorarium for speakers, marketing design, event promotion, pamphlets, refreshments, locally sourced lunch, etc.

1. Provide a complete list of committed funders for this program, including funder name and amount (if applicable).

* First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta ($500)
* Sierra Club (have offered funding, undisclosed amount)
* Blue Rock Station ($250)
* Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action ($100)
* Members of Green Sanctuary have offered to donate personal funds as well

1. List the year, amount and purpose of all prior DuPont CITF funding (if applicable).

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