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# Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

## 2013 Accomplishments

The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center gardens were established in 2001 to serve as a resource for visitors, conservation education programs, and seed collection site.

Youth Conservation Corps, students, teachers, certified master gardeners, youth groups, National Park Service volunteers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, UW-Extension and USDA Forest Service have planted nearly 8,000 native plants from 2001–2013.

As part of a new National Children’s Forest, Visitor Center staff use these gardens as a teaching platform for Earth Partnership for Schools and Lake Superior Stewardship experiential education programs and teacher institutes.

Volunteers and YCC provided 92 hours of maintenance in 2013 valued at \$2,036.88.



Figure 2. Teachers survey native plants during the Indigenous Arts & Sciences Watershed Institute hosted by UW-Arboretum, USDA Forest Service, and UW-Extension, July 2013.



Figure 1. Native garden plant stakes provide botanical information for visitors touring the 22 gardens.

**Year Project Initiated:** 2001

**Project Completion:** Weeding, transplanting, seed collection

**Report Number:** 1 of 1

**Expenditures (through 10/2013):** \$0

**FY13 funding (Partners/Contractors/Coop.):** Youth Conservation Corps, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service VIP volunteers, Ashland/Bayfield County Master Gardener Association

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