

## **BookNook Gardens**

**Number of employees** - None

**Number of volunteers**- Currently we have a 7 member board and a 'Friends' group of 20+ members. We just recently organized our 'Friends of BNG' and as of yet have done very little in the way of recruitment. This is a goal we are just starting to work toward.

**Mission statement, purpose and who you serve:**

To enrich all the young at heart through books, while capturing the natural beauty of Egg Harbor and beyond.

**What percent of your funding is used for administrative expenses?**

None

**What percent of your funding is used to service Northern Door County?**

Our ultimate goal is to combine horticulture, books and art to create a County-Wide system of 'Book Themed Garden Spaces'. Ideally located around each community's library, we will use Egg Harbor Village-Wide Project to show our project's diversity in location choices, space usage, and design dynamics. Ultimately, each community could tailor their own garden, if they choose to join the project, into its own environmentally sensitive, fun, and unique park addition.

**Explanation of how you serve Northern Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.**

We serve by providing an opportunity. We have a dream, one we would like to share with our entire Northern Door community. We are using our willing partner, The Village of Egg Harbor, to help us illustrate our dream and offer it, when complete, as an example of what can be achieved. Beyond just 'books, statues and flowers', we hope to create spaces that enhance our beauty. This entails using plants that are designed to our specific locations and sensitive to invasive possibility, design elements that not only acknowledge watershed issues but alleviate or remediate problem areas through native horticultural planning and landscape design. We envision architectural designs sensitive to our visiting population that will address traffic flow (both pedestrian and vehicle), population usage (accessibility to all ages and special needs), and with a design nod to our future in the use of sustainable planting and the cultivation of high interest activities and educational and tactile opportunities for the next and upcoming generations.

**How would you define the impact your organization is making in Northern Door County?**

When realized, I believe this project will have a momentous impact on ALL of Door County. Nothing like this has ever been attempted before, anywhere. Our initial goal will be to make the Village of Egg Harbor virtually a 'Village Wide Garden' with walking trails that extend from one end of the village to the other, in a seamless and inviting design for all ages. But beyond the

trails, the books, the gardens and the interactive elements, we also offer educational opportunities. An example: The Crane Statue by the beach could highlight a trail that leads to a new "Birding Trail" or "Bird Boardwalk" along Horseshoe Bay Road sprinkled with interactive kiosks discussing the native birds and built-in viewing sites. The design would be composed of horticultural design elements that eliminate invasive species in lieu of natural planting that are designed to enhance the 'birding experience'. The 'trail' itself would be constructed from 'all accessible' design and the viewing locations could include binoculars or viewing devise for all ages and be accompanied by a literary element nodding to a classic children's book. Water drainage issues would be acknowledged, a better and more efficient use of fallow land would be achieved, design elements would be future thinking with green-tier elements, and a fun and educational destination would be provided.

**If you were to receive a donation from 100+ WWC, how would that donation be used?**

We have proudly hired a noted landscape architect that shares our vision. This money would be used to purchase the Master Plan Design.

**If you were to receive a donation from 100+ WWC, who would the checks be payable to?**

BookNook Gardens.