

## July 2011 Cottonwood Grants - \$36,000 total

(Grants are each for \$1,000)

**African Blackwood Conservation Project, USA/Tanzania** - to expand ABCP's office at the Moshi Mpingo Plot in Tanzania, which will facilitate work at this nursery which is helping to restore the African blackwood (mpingo) tree in Tanzania as well as supplying other trees to local townspeople and farmers.

**Benton Furniture Share, USA** - to help provide 600 items of needed used furniture and household goods at no cost to 150 low-income elderly individuals and households, primarily in Oregon's Benton, Linn and surrounding counties.

**Blue Veins, Pakistan** - to provide two months of vocational training on sewing, tailoring and embroidery to 15 young minority women in Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa, Pakistan who are currently living in poverty and subject to severe discrimination, and to provide them with sewing machines and accessories as well as financial assistance after the training, which will help them to create decent livelihoods.

**Community Development Centre, India** - to promote nonconventional and alternative energy sources among rural low-income people in Lapti village, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh, India, including providing wood stoves (as an alternative to chulahs which use a great deal of wood) to 10 selected tribal families, 2 solar lamps each for 10 families with school going children, as well as skill building on making of Bio Globules from waste biomass, cow dung, and mud for use in home and marketing, including purchase of a bracket molding machine.

**Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, India** - to support a backyard gardening program for women in 100 households from villages in Kamuthi block, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu, India, that will help provide rural households with nutrition security and increased

income, with the grant funds used to help provide seeds, organic manure, and water saving drip irrigation kits.

**Centre for Improved Rural Health and Environmental Protection (CIRHEP), India** for the planting of 4,000 tree saplings in sacred groves on temple lands in villages in Tamil Nadu, India, where these trees are linked with the cultural and spiritual beliefs of the people, with the grant supporting a tree nursery, land preparation, purchase of seeds, and fencing.

**Common Ground Program, Kenya** - for CGP's Seed Saving Project which preserves genetic diversity and supports biointensive farming through acquiring, propagating, preserving and distributing native and naturalized seeds, with the grant supporting a seed storage facility, seed cleaning equipment and containers, and training.

**Cultural Survival, USA/Guatemala** - for the Guatemala Radio Project to purchase two portable recording kits (including microphones, sound mixers, wireless modems, notebook computers and headphones) to equip two pilot community radio stations, which will help them to create original environmental and other programming for distribution and broadcast in indigenous languages in rural Guatemala.

**Dos Pueblos, USA/Nicaragua** - to repair, clean, and upgrade the dilapidated community water well in the village of *Villa Japon* in rural Nicaragua, which will improve living conditions while creating education and economic opportunities, benefiting over 125 families for a total of over 600 inhabitants, with grant funds used for cement, stone, wood, PVC tubes, and other materials.

**Ecoclub, Ukraine** - for a public education and outreach project about effective energy-saving for climate safety to be carried out in Rivne, Ukraine

in September 2011, with the grant funds used to purchase bicycle racks, trees for planting, fabric for making ecological shopping bags, and transportation and food for participants involved in tree planting.

**Eco-Garden, Kenya** – to train 20 Kenyan farmers on organic farming and natural resource management by integrating conservation practices that contribute to food security, with grant funds used for purchasing tree and vegetable seeds, training, as well as for organizational support.

**Entebbe District Wildlife Association, Uganda** - for a local poultry project for three communities within Entebbe, Uganda, with the goal of improving nutrition, increasing household income, and generating fertilizers for farming, with grant funds used for purchase of parent stock, feed, training, disease control, and improvements to chicken houses.

**Fund for Wild Flora and Fauna, Bulgaria** - to build 35 song bird nest boxes and 10 nest boxes for kestrels and owls which will be placed close to farmers' fields in rural Bulgaria as an alternative method to chemicals for controlling damage from insects and rodents, and which will serve as a demonstration for many other farmers.

**Goriber Asroy, Bangladesh** - to set up a medicinal plant nursery, distribute 5,000 seedlings of traditional medicinal plants to 1,000 people in 5 villages of Jhenidah District, Bangladesh, and provide training on traditional medicine, with the goals of encouraging villagers to set up nurseries and backyard gardens of medicinal plants in the villages and of encouraging traditional medicine.

**Green Empowerment, USA/Nicaragua** - to build 10 improved Estufa Justa stoves in the El Roblar community in Nicaragua, which can reduce demand for firewood and improve air quality, and which can help to serve as a model for working in other communities in northern and central Nicaragua.

**Harvest of Hope Self Help Community Centre, Kenya** - to fund the continuation of a project in Mtwapa Kenya, in which Coral Junior and Senior High School students and community members are taught about sustainable agriculture and food production through hands-on experience, as well as providing vocational training, community sensitization workshops for 500 students and 300 community members, setting up 30 nurseries of cabbage, onion, kale, carrots, and tomatoes in 10 villages, tree and vegetable nursery equipment, tools, and transportation to and from the fields.

**HEARDS – Health Education Adoption Rehabilitation Development Society, India** - for a pilot project to address water shortages in two government high schools in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, India through rooftop collection of rainwater which is to be stored in underground tanks, benefiting about 1,200 children, which will reduce the burden of fetching water faced by school-going children during classes, with funds used for pipes, sand, cement, bricks, steel rods, and other materials.

**Jeevan Rekha Parishad, India** - to help women in Mahisa village, Puri District, Orissa, India ensure a sustainable income source through vermicomposting and mushroom cultivation while using local waste materials, with funds supporting preparation of mushroom beds, construction of vermicompost pits, and purchase of an autoclave.

**Land Empowerment Animals People (LEAP), USA/Malaysia** - to continue and expand organic vegetable gardens for Project Women Empowerment Trees Sinazat, a local indigenous community empowerment project in Sabah, Borneo, designed and managed by women of the Pitas indigenous community, which will improve community nutrition and increase household incomes, with Cottonwood's grant supporting the purchase of tools, equipment and materials for the gardens, and training workshops.

**MADRE, USA/Nicaragua** - to support the “Women Waterkeepers” project in the communities of Waspam, Kisalaya and Kururia on the North Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua in partnership with local Nicaraguan partner organization Wangki Tangni, with grant funds used for replacement materials to repair water wells, water pumps, and tools for cleaning and repairing wells and latrines, with the project helping to provide clean water to 600 families (approximately 3600 people).

**Mangrove Action Project, USA/El Salvador** - to support a mangrove restoration project in El Salvador in partnership with EcoViva, with funds to be used for purchase of a chainsaw, used boat, tools, rope and gasoline.

**New Forests Project, USA/Haiti** - to expand a Maya Nut production project in Haiti in partnership with Ayiti Konse Vet to help address local food needs as well as provide environmental benefits through reforestation, with the grant supporting purchase of seeds, transportation, nursery materials, and a training workshop for approximately 50 local women.

**Norwalk/Nagarote Sister City Project, USA/Nicaragua** - to provide scholarships in Nagarote, Nicaragua for 20 “Cottonwood Scholar” students from low-income families who are attending public schools, including covering their uniforms, shoes, books, school supplies and tutoring for one year

**Outreach Asia, USA/Vietnam** - to pay for the construction of 4 toilets for 4 disabled people or families in Ben Tre, Vietnam who are currently without sanitary facilities, with the toilets including a septic tank to help save the environment, a small building, tiled floor, and the toilet itself.

**People’s Agricultural Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Inc. (PAP 21), Philippines** - to improve and upgrade PAP 21’s 7.8 hectare farm for food production, including reconstructing the

farm’s nursery and improving its seed storage facility, purchasing farm tools and implements, and providing local farmers with training on tree nursery management.

**Planet Drum Foundation, USA/Ecuador** - to continue a six kilometer revegetation project near Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador that is working to stabilize dangerously eroded hillsides, including providing wages for tree planters, water transport, and fencing, with Cottonwood’s grant also supporting a bioregional educational program and field trips for local students of ages 12 - 15, helping them to learn about their natural environment, do community service projects, and to make sound, ecologically beneficial decisions.

**Project Mercy, USA/Mexico** - to build two small solid living quarters with concrete floors for families in need who are living near Tijuana, Mexico, partly using donated and second hand materials.

**Rainforest Information Centre, Australia/South Africa** – for a project in partnership with Hands on the World Global to help provide water and food security to an orphan village in South Africa, with grant funds used for a water tank, pipes and parts, seeds and trees to be planted, and garden tools.

**Seacology, USA/Papua New Guinea** - to help fund a health clinic in the village of Tavolo, Papua New Guinea, where the nearest medical facility is currently a full day’s walk away, in exchange for the community establishing a 998-acre protected marine conservation area of coral reef and lagoon.

**Sustainable Harvest International, USA/Panama** - to build cleaner-burning, wood conserving stoves for 13 subsistence farming families in rural communities in Coclé province, Panama, with the grant being used for bricks, cement, iron grid, blocks and other necessary materials, and with local recipients contributing materials as well.

**Trees for the Future, USA/Philippines** - to support establishment of tree nurseries for reforestation efforts in Zambales, Philippines, including purchase of wheelbarrows, irrigation piping, and other equipment, as well as seeds of *Acacia*, *Leucaena*, and other trees.

**Trees, Water and People, USA/Guatemala** - to help expand a fuel-efficient stove program by building an additional 20 *Justa* stoves for Mayan families in the municipality of Tiquisate, Guatemala who are currently using inefficient and unhealthy open-fire stoves for cooking, with the grant used for purchasing materials for stove construction, including metal griddles, metal chimneys, ceramic tiles, cement blocks, cement, and bricks.

**Umoja Wa Kienjero Self Help Group, Kenya** - to establish a sustainable livestock husbandry initiative in Naivasha, Kenya for rearing high quality dairy goats, which will improve and empower 300 peasant rural livestock keepers' livelihoods and protect the environment, with grant funds used to purchase dairy goats and management materials, as well as training.

**Village Volunteers, USA/Kenya** - to be used to establish a moringa tree nursery in Oronkai village, Kenya in partnership with Namunyak Maasai Welfare, in which local youth will learn how to run the nursery and how to cultivate the moringa tree, with grant funds used for a rainwater cistern, fencing wire and poles, hoses, shovels, and training.

**White Earth Land Recovery, USA (Land Fund)** - to help to pay for the Callaway property on Minnesota's White Earth Reservation, which includes a wind turbine and a community garden that will assist with restoring indigenous corn, beans, and squash, traditionally known as the three sisters, helping to create food security and resilience for the reservation.

**Women for Women, India** - to organize educational programs focusing on promotion, preservation and protection of the environment for 4,000 high school children in five villages in Tamil Nadu, India, who will each plant and care for two seedlings of trees including neem, pungan, kondrai, tamarind and papaya to be planted inside the school environment, in public places, and also around houses of the children, with funds used for seedlings, educational materials, community education programs, and organizational support.