

TEQUESTA TRACE WINS STATEWIDE AWARD

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Florida Wildlife Federation (FWF), headquartered in Tallahassee, FL, is pleased to announce that Tequesta Trace Middle School in Weston, FL has been named as the winner in the FWF statewide “Kids’ Habitat Contest” for the Butterfly Garden growing on school property as the best wildlife habitat established and maintained by children. The garden was established under the direction of Tequesta Trace’s Science teacher, Glory Andreolas. A certificate presentation ceremony, attended by a representative for FWF and open to the public, was held at 10:00 AM on April 22, Earth Day, in the garden.

The award was made to Tequesta Trace in appreciation of the excellent educational value of the garden which includes signage which names and pictures each native butterfly, along with their host plant and caterpillar. With companion nectar plants and water sources, metamorphosed adult butterflies can spend their entire life cycle in the garden. This knowledge is being carried home and back into the community by students.

The contest was open to all backyard, schoolyard, business, or community habitats in Florida. FWF promotes building places for Florida wildlife to find food, water, breed, and raise their young as a way to lessen the dangerous effects of development and diminishing natural habitat on our native creatures. It is felt that education of young Floridians in ways to aid our wildlife is an effective method to help preserve our heritage of ordinary and unique-to-Florida species for future generations. FWF is the Florida affiliate of National Wildlife Federation (NWF), and supports and promotes NWF’s Wildlife Habitat Certification program. This program guides and informs citizens in establishing habitats, and information about the program and a Florida-specific guide to achieving certification of habitats is available on FWF’s website, www.fwfonline.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!

