

# FACT SHEET

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**Who** Eligible nonprofit organizations within the following target areas:

### South Carolina Counties

Allendale	Calhoun	Jasper
Bamberg	Charleston	Lexington
Barnwell	Colleton	Orangeburg
Beaufort	Dorchester	Richland
Berkeley	Hampton	

### Georgia Counties

Bryan	Glynn	Tattnall
Bulloch	Liberty	
Chatham	Long	
Effingham	McIntosh	
Evans	Screven	

**What** **The Healthy Community Grant** is a competitive program funded by Ward Edwards to encourage creative solutions for existing environmental problems, plant seeds for innovation in stewardship, and recognize tangible efforts that lead to long-term sustainable benefits. Ward Edwards will invest up to \$10,000 in projects that promote or improve environmental sustainability in coastal South Carolina and Georgia. The Grant Program will achieve this through identifying and funding projects that:

- Encourage stewardship of human, environmental, or capital resources with a particular benefit to the environment
- Provide environmental education
- Promote principles of sustainable design

<b>When</b>	Announcement of Grant Application	April 10, 2008
	One-Page Summary Due	September 10, 2008
	Notification of Shortlist	September 29, 2008
	Full Proposal Package Due	November 14, 2008
	Announcement of Grant Recipients	February 12, 2009
	Funds will be awarded by	February 27, 2009

**Why** Ward Edwards is a business that exists to add value to real estate by helping create communities that work. One of our core beliefs is that people are accountable for stewardship of the earth. Adding value to real estate while practicing good stewardship requires the creativity and leadership of talented people. Therefore, to be successful, we need to hire the best people and work for the best clients.

The Healthy Community Grant Program will support our strategy by helping us hire the best and work for the best. It will demonstrate our values, tell our story, and help us connect with other community leaders, potential employees, and prospective clients who want to make a difference. By investing in the communities we serve, we also demonstrate that we believe we are adding value to our own business by investing in community stewardship.

**How** The complete application package can be found on our website.  
[www.wardedwards.com](http://www.wardedwards.com)

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION



**Company Name** Ward Edwards

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**Principals:** Allen Basil Ward, PE - President  
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**Services Provided:** Project Management and Development Approval  
Civil Engineering  
Land Surveying  
Natural Resources (Wetland Science)

**Employees:** 58 employees (as of 5/21/07)

**Company Description** Formerly Conner and Associates (established in 1989), the firm was purchased by principals Allen Ward and Berry Edwards in 2000. Headquartered in Bluffton, SC, Ward Edwards also has branch offices in Beaufort, SC and Savannah, GA.

**CORE BELIEFS** We believe...people are created to be in community  
...people are accountable for stewardship of the earth  
...people find fulfillment in creative purpose

**VISION** We see...a world transformed by communities that work

**MISSION** We exist...to add value to real estate

**STRATEGY** We will...hire the best and develop them  
...work for the best and make them successful  
...tell our story

## 2007/2008 Healthy Community Grant Recipients

**Grant Recipient:** Town of Bluffton (Bluffton, SC)

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**Project Overview:** The Town of Bluffton will construct a demonstration rain garden at Town Hall. A rain garden consists of shallow (2"-18") depressions, typically planted with colorful native plants, strategically located to collect, infiltrate and filter rain that falls on impervious surfaces. This will result in minimizing negative impacts of run-off on receiving waters. The design and installation of the rain garden will assist the Town in its efforts to educate the public about sustainable design practices that can be incorporated into private residences and businesses to help protect water quality.

**Grant Recipient:** St. Peter's Catholic School (Beaufort, SC)

**Contact:** Heather Remold / 843.522.2163 / [remboldjh@yahoo.com](mailto:remboldjh@yahoo.com)

**Project Overview:** The grant monies will enable students to do a water quality study in a high salinity estuary that is experiencing rapid growth. The evolution of this project comes after 8 years of a previously established environmental science program at St. Peter's Catholic Middle School. As a result of the rapid growth in Beaufort County, the Beaufort River has high surges of fresh water from storm water run off. It is the intent of St. Peter's Environmental Science Program to more clearly investigate the impact the fresh water runoff is having on fouling organisms, including anemones, sea squirts, and sponges. "These students take a greater appreciation for the natural world away with them, creating stewards of our earth in our own small pocket of the world," says Heather Remold, teacher at St. Peter's Catholic School.

**Grant Recipient:** Marshview Organic Community Farm (Saint Helena, SC)

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**Project Overview:** The goal of the Marshview Organic Community Farm is to educate the youth in the community about how they can be a change agent for improving their environment through training and hands-on operations in organic farming. The youth will be trained in the operation of an organic farm through applications of environmentally safe organic products and practices and through farm management. The project will also develop character in the students as they learn entrepreneurial skills in a safe and educational environment while earning a weekly stipend.

**Grant Recipient:** United Way of the Coastal Empire (Liberty County, GA)

**Contact:** Leah Poole / 912.368.4282 / [lpool@uwce.org](mailto:lpool@uwce.org)

**Project Overview:** The United Way of the Coastal Empire is partnering with Keep America Beautiful through their Students for Recycling Program. Students will collect plastic bottles (they collected six tons last year) that will be sent to Keep America Beautiful for recycling. The bottles will be sent back to the students in the form of something they can use. One year, they received 2,000 fleece pullovers that were then gifted to local students in need of warm winter clothing. One Liberty County school administrator reports, "We have always encouraged recycling at our school, but until this project where the students actually see and touch something made of recycled goods they never really understood the purpose behind it."

**Grant Recipient:** American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Georgia Chapter (Savannah, GA)

**Contact:** Jamie Csizmadia / 912.651.1288 / [jcsizmadia@kerncoleman.com](mailto:jcsizmadia@kerncoleman.com)

**Project Overview:** This project will create a native plant book specific to coastal South Carolina and Georgia that will seek to make environmental stewardship achievable on the personal level. It will also promote the creation and restoration of ecologically functioning landscapes in the coastal area by providing users with a comprehensive set of tools that will assist in the appropriate selection and utilization of native plants for urban development, restoration projects, and private gardens. "It is my belief as a Landscape Architect that every city or community needs to have a thorough understanding of its own distinct physiographic context in order to make informed decisions for its future," says Jamie Csizmadia.



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### **Ward Edwards Funds Second Cycle of Grant Program**

Bluffton - Ward Edwards is launching the second cycle of its grant program investing up to \$10,000 in projects that promote or improve environmental sustainability in coastal South Carolina and Georgia.

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The 2007/2008 Healthy Community Grant Recipients include:

- United Way of the Coastal Empire (Liberty County, GA) - Students will collect plastic bottles to be recycled into useful items such as fleece pullovers that will be given to students in need.
- American Society of Landscape Architects (Savannah, GA) - This project will create a native plant book specific to coastal South Carolina and Georgia that will seek to make environmental stewardship achievable on the personal level.
- Marshview Organic Community Farm (St. Helena, SC) - Local youth will be trained in the operation of an organic farm through applications of environmentally safe organic products and practices.
- Town of Bluffton (Bluffton, SC) - The Town of Bluffton will construct a demonstration rain garden at Town Hall.
- St Peter's Catholic School (Beaufort, SC) - The grant monies will enable students to do a water quality study in a high salinity estuary that is experiencing rapid growth.

As a civil engineering and surveying firm, Ward Edwards' three core beliefs are that people are created to be in community, people are accountable for stewardship of the earth and people find fulfillment in creative purpose. This grant program ties all of those ideas together and is an invitation to the community to get involved. "This grant as a vehicle for encouraging creative stewardship," says Allen Ward, President.

The application process is a two-step process. The initial one-page Project Summary is due on September 10, 2008. A select group of qualified applicants will then be asked to submit a full application package which will be due on November 14, 2008. It is anticipated that the grant(s) will be awarded in February 2009. To download a complete Healthy Community Grant application package, go to [www.WardEdwards.com](http://www.WardEdwards.com).

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