Green Earth, Inc.

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December 26, 2012

Scott Ballard, District Heritage Biologist
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Resource Conservation
9053 Route 148, Suite B
Marion, IL 62959

RE: Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #12-008W
Cargo Trailer for Trail Steward and Habitat Management Tools

Dear Dr. Ballard,

Please find enclosed our final report for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant #12-008W. The project covered the purchase of a 6'x10' cargo trailer for the storage and transportation of trail steward and habitat management tools; the design and construction of equipment and tool racks; and the design and installation of professional adhesive vinyl graphics for the left and right outside panels.

This cargo trailer will enable us to better store, transport, and access our equipment for use in each of our six natural areas. This project will also allow us to equip a larger volunteer workforce and to do so on a consistent basis. The work completed during workdays will not only enhance the native habitat of our natural areas, but also allow greater access to the public.

Please let me know if any other information is required, or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Eichholz
Executive Director,
Green Earth, Inc.
www.greenearthinc.org

Enclosures: Payment Request Certification
Final Report - 2 hard copies, 1 copy on CD
Purchase Receipts
Equipment Use Report 2012 (Year 1)

Final Report

1. **Project information**

   Grant Agreement Number: **12-008W**

   Grantee name: **Green Earth, Inc.**

   Address: **PO Box 441, Carbondale, IL 62903-0441**

   Telephone number: **618 201-3774**

   Time frame: **WPF 2011**

   Name, number, email of grantee representative completing report:

   Stephanie Eichholz
   618 201-3774
   director@greenearthinc.org

2. **Project objective described in the application and Grant agreement:**

   1) Green Earth intends to purchase an enclosed cargo trailer to securely store and safely transport both habitat management gear (back pack sprayers, water drums, herbicide, weed poppers, etc.) and trail steward tools (council rakes, rogue hoes, pulaskis, shovels, etc.).

   2) After obtaining trailer, a racking system will be designed, built, and installed. The trailer will then be professionally signed with the Green Earth logo and the Wildlife Preservation Fund logo to proudly advertise our organization and the Wildlife Preservation Fund.

   3) This year alone, our goal is to remove 2,500 lbs of garlic mustard from an infested riparian area, herbicide spray a significant invasion of Japanese stilt grass within a 37 acre woodland and riparian corridor, and stump cut and herbicide spray both autumn olive and bush honeysuckle from areas of infestation across all six natural areas. We will also continue upgrades to three of our trails systems that include constructing water control features, revamping self-guided educational trail marker posts to two of our sites, and erecting educational signage at one of our sites. All these projects will be aided with the addition of a cargo trailer.

3. **Completed project description:**

   Green Earth purchased a 6'x10' cargo trailer, outfitted the trailer for storing and hauling land steward tools with a rack system, and affixed 3'x6' graphics on both sides to display ownership, purpose, and WPF funding of the equipment trailer.

4. **Summary of the Project accomplishments (if applicable):**

   This equipment trailer has been used for each Green Earth's monthly volunteer workdays to transport tools and equipment. The trailer has significantly improved the access and availability of our equipment that has aided in on-going trail maintenance and habitat management projects.

5. **Total project expenditures itemized to include the following:**

   Name and address of vendor, Item description, Quantity purchased, Date item purchased

Name & Address	Item Description	Quantity	Date	Total
C&P Carriages PO Box 1252 Seneca, IL 61360	2006 Haulin Trailer 6'x10' (used) Vin# 5NHUHA01X6W043420	1	08/02/11	$ 1,495.00
Associated Lumber 300 West Willow Carbondale, IL 62901	lumber for equipment racks lumber for equipment racks	various various	10/20/2011 03/02/2012	$ 63.76 $ 22.90
Murdale True Value 1915 West Main Carbondale, IL 62901	padlocks for trailer gate & hitch	3	08/16/2011	$ 22.72
Weatherford Signgang 219 Weatherford Ln Carbondale, IL 62902	3'x6' vinyl adhesive graphic	2	12/10/2012	$ 395.00
Total				**$ 1,999.38**

6. **Project expenditures paid by sources other than the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund:**

IL Dept. of Motor Vehicle	license fee	1	02/17/2012	$ 127.00
IL Dept. of Motor Vehicle	title fee	1	02/17/2012	$ 95.00
Mark Herman	skilled carpentry labor (match in-kind @$20/hr)	25 hrs	March 2012	$ 500.00
Total				**$ 722.00**

Equipment Use Report

1. **Details on the grant recipient:**
   Grant Agreement Number: **12-008W**
   Grantee name, address, and telephone number:
   Green Earth, Inc.
   PO Box 441
   Carbondale, IL 62903-0441
   618 201-3774
   Time Frame: **WPF 2011 Final Report**

2. **Details on the piece of equipment:**
   Equipment type: **2006 6'x10' cargo trailer**
   Model Number and serial number: **VIN#5NHUHA01X6W043420**
   Storage location address: **SIUC Wildlife Annex, 1985 Wildlife Road, Carbondale, IL 62901**
   Contact person name and telephone number: **Stephanie Eichholz, 618 201-3774**
   Rental rate charged and total fees collected for the use of the equipment: **N/A**

Description of any equipment maintenance: **No maintenance needed as yet**
Total expenditures for maintenance: **N/A**

3. **Detailed information on the use of the equipment:**

Date equipment was used: **The equipment trailer is used on the third Saturday of each month (except December & August).**

08.20.11	01.21.12	05.19.12	10.20.12
09.17.11	02.18.12	06.16.12	11.17.12
10.15.11	03.17.12	07.21.12	
11.19.11	04.21.12	09.12.12	

Location of equipment use (county, township, range and section): **The volunteer workdays are rotated between each of the six Green Earth preserves, all located within the Carbondale, IL area (Jackson County, Township 9S, Range 1W, Sections 15, 16, 17, 27, & 29).**

Landowner name and full address: **Green Earth owns each of the preserves.**

4. **Description of how equipment was used:**

Managing practice completed (planting, disking, mowing, herbicide application, prescribed burn): **Over nine miles of trails were maintained by equipment hauled in trailer, and over 80 acres of natural areas were actively managed for invasive species removal by equipment and herbicide hauled in trailer.**

Materials planted including the quantity and species planted: **N/A**

Acres established, enhanced, or otherwise affected and how: **Approximately 80 acres were directly enhanced by invasive species removal practices including stump-cut and herbicide treatment of multi flora rose, autumn olive, bush honeysuckle, and privet; foliar spraying of Japanese honey suckle and stilt grass; and hand pulling of garlic mustard.**

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FY11 WILDLIFE PRESERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM

PAYMENT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

Grantee Information

Grantee Name: Green Earth, Inc.
P.O. Box 441
Carbondale, IL 62901

Grant Agreement #: 12-008W

Amount of
Reimbursement Requested: $ 2000.00

I certify that the goods or services specified on this request for payment were for the use of this agency and that the expenditure for such goods or services was authorized and lawfully incurred, that such goods or services meet all the required standards set forth in the grant agreement to which this request for payment relates, and that the amount shown below on this request is correct and approved for payment.

By: Stephanie Eichholz Date: Dec 31, 2012
(Signature)

Name: Stephanie Eichholz Title: Executive Director

Grantee F.E.I.N. / TIN: 36-3031593

Attach copies of vendor billings, proof of payment, and other necessary documentation and send the Request for Payment Certification to:

Scott Ballard
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
9053 Route 148, Suite B
Marion, IL 62959

Telephone #: (618)993-7023
E-Mail Address: Scott.Ballard@Illinois.gov

For DNR Use Only

Approved
for Payment: Scott Ballard
Signature

Name: Scott Ballard

Date: 12-31-2012

RECEIVED
JAN 09 2013
Dept. of Natural Resources

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Dept. of Natural Resources

R and P Carriages

R and P Carriages
PO Box 1252
Seneca, IL 61360

(815)357-3292
fax@815.357.9920

DATE	SALE #
08/02/2011	9140

SOLD TO
Stephanie Eichholz 338 Lucky Dog Ln Murphysboro, IL 62966

PMT METHOD
Visa

Activity	Quantity	Each	Amount
• 2006 Used Haulin Trailer 6 x 10 VIN#5NHUHA01X6W043420	1	1,495.00	1,495.00
• Tax Exempt E#363031593			
• Down Payment paid on trailer	-1	200.00	-200.00

Check and Re - torque Lug nuts on all new trailers within the first 20 miles!!! R and P Carriages does not guarantee any trailer, all warranties are with the original manufacture.

SUBTOTAL	$1,295.00
TAX (6.25%)	$0.00
TOTAL	$1,295.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED	$1,295.00
BALANCE DUE	$0.00

2013 Illinois Registration Identification Card
Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State

CADS02/17/12:02:1432: 127.00 CC1

5818KH-TA 3DDS21432 XTR 0413

Vehicle Year	Vehicle Make	VIN
2006	HAULIN	5NHUHA01X6W043420

Weight or CC's	Body Style	Application Type
03000	TRAILER	TRAILER

Axles	Leased/Rental	Unit Number	File Number	County
1				039 JACKSON

Driver's License Number(s) or FEIN(s)	Expiration Date
	APRIL 30, 2013
	Plate Number: 5818KH-TA

Renewal Fee Due
127.00

GREEN EARTH INC

PO BOX 441
CARBONDALE IL 62903

Securemark Decal Corp.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OF A VEHICLE

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO.	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY STYLE	TITLE NO.
5NHUHA01X6W043420	2006	HAULIN	TRAILER	TRAILER	X2054694039

5NHUHA01X6W043420

DATE ISSUED	ODOMETER	CCM	MOBILE HOME SQ. FT.	PURCHASED	TYPE OF TITLE
02/23/12				12/16/11 USED	ORIGINAL

MAILING ADDRESS

GREEN EARTH INC
PO BOX 441
CARBONDALE IL 62903-0441

LEGEND(S)

MILEAGE NOT REQUIRED

OWNER(S) NAME AND ADDRESS

GREEN EARTH INC
PO BOX 441
CARBONDALE IL 62903-0441

FIRST LIENHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

SECOND LIENHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS

RELEASE OF LIEN

The Lienholder on the vehicle described in this Certificate does hereby state that the lien is released and discharged.

Firm Name _____ By _____ Signature of Authorized Agent _____ Date _____

Firm Name _____ By _____ Signature of Authorized Agent _____ Date _____

NEW LIEN ASSIGNMENT: The information below must be on an application for title and presented to the Secretary of State.

Secured Party: Address:

Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

ASSIGNMENT OF TITLE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following printed name and address:

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

☐ 1. **The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.**
☐ 2. **The odometer reading is not the actual mileage.**
WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.

"If this vehicle is one of more than 5 commercial vehicles owned by me, I certify also that the vehicle is not damaged in excess of 33 1/3% of its fair-market value unless this document is accompanied by a salvage application."

NO TENTHS

ODOMETER READING

Signature(s) of Seller(s) _____

Printed Name(s) of Seller(s) _____ DATE OF SALE _____

I am aware of the above odometer certification made by seller.

Signature(s) of Buyer(s) _____ Printed Name _____

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that according to the records on file with my Office, the person or entity named hereon is the owner of the vehicle described hereon, which is subject to the above named liens and encumbrances, if any.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE AFFIXED MY SIGNATURE AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT SPRINGFIELD.

CONTROL NO.

J30521787

Jesse White

JESSE WHITE, Secretary of State

DO NOT ACCEPT TITLE SHOWING ANY ERASURES, ALTERATIONS OR MUTILATIONS

Associated Lumber City

300 W. Willow
P.O. Box 2316
Carbondale, IL 62902
Phone : 618-457-2131 Fax : 618-549-2093

Invoice # 9100943

Taken On : 10/20/2011 at 11:48 AM Date Printed: 04/09/2012 at 11:06:47 AM

Sold To
GREEN EARTH INC.
PO BOX 441
E9965-0789-02
CARBONDALE IL 62903-0441

ShipTo
GREEN EARTH INC.

Tax Category : (2) 2 TAX EXEMPT (0%) E9965-0789-02
Account Rep : (0) Assoc House
Sales Clerk : (14) Todd Hancock

Account # 5199
Ordered By :
PO #

Qty Ord	Qty Ship	UOM	Item Number	Description	Unit Price	Extended
18	18	EA	248S	2X4-8' PREM SPF	2.4900	44.82
1	1	PC	34CD	4X8-3/4" CD YP PLYWOOD	18.9400	18.94

Lumber for trailer

Cash :	$0.00	Check :	$0.00	Credit Card :	$63.76	On Account :	$0.00

Credit Card : 3785

SubTotal :	$63.76
Tax (0%)	$0.00
Total :	$63.76
Tendered :	$63.76
Change Due :	$0.00
Amount Due :	$0.00

All Invoices Are Due And Payable Upon Receipt. Late Payment May Result in a Service Charge of 2.0000% (Min $1.00)

AGREEMENT:The parties agree as follows: (1) Terms: Net cash 10th of the month. (2) Purchaser agrees to pay: (a) 15% handling charge for items pickup by our truck for return. (b) Delivery charge of $1.00 per mile for orders less than $100.00 and/or a stop charge if assessed (c) SERVICE CHARGE of 2% per month(min charge $1.00) which is an ANNUAL PERECENTAGE RATE of 24% after 30 days. (d) In the event of default by purchaser, seller's reasonable attorney fees and collection expenses.

Associated Lumber City
300 W. Willow
P.O. Box 2316
Carbondale, IL 62902
Phone : 618-457-2131 Fax : 618-549-2093

nvoice # 9104656

Taken On : 04/09/2012 at 11:04 AM Date Printed: 04/09/2012 at 11:05:23 AM

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PO BOX 441
E9965-0789-02
CARBONDALE IL 62903-0441

ShipTo GREEN EARTH INC.

Tax Category : (2) 2 TAX EXEMPT (0%) E9965-0789-02
Account Rep : (0) Assoc House
Sales Clerk : (14) Todd Hancock

Account # 5199
Ordered By :
PO #

Qty Ord	Qty Ship	UOM	Item Number	Description	Unit Price	Extended
10	10	EA	248S	2X4-8' PREM SPF	2.2900	22.90

Lumber for Trailer

Cash :	$0.00	Check :	$0.00	Credit Card :	$22.90	On Account :	$0.00

Credit Card : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX1/14

SubTotal :	$22.90
Tax (0%)	$0.00
Total :	$22.90
Tendered :	$22.90
Change Due :	$0.00
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THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT
MURDALE TRUE VALUE
(618) 529-3400

8/16/11 4:52PM AMH 565 SALE

395640 1 EA 20.99 EA
3PK 1-9/16"BRS Padlock 20.99

SUB-TOTAL: 20.99 TAX: 1.73
TOTAL: 22.72
BC AMT: $22.72

BK CARD#: XXXXXXXXXXX9482
ID: 06220293899791595
AUTH: 08047B AMT: 22.72
Host reference #:387990 Bat#000001
SWIPED
CARD TYPE:VISA EXPR: XXXX

==>> JRNL#D87990 <<==
CUST # *1

THANK YOU MICHAEL EICHHOLZ
FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

Name: X_____
Acct: TAXABLE CASH CARBONDALE

I agree to pay above total amount
according to card issuer agreement
(merchant agreement if credit voucher)
Customer Copy

ILLINOIS WILDLIFE PRESERVATION FUND GRANT AGREEMENT # 12-008W

EQUIPMENT USE REPORT for year ending DECEMBER 31, 2012 Report # 1 of 5

Person Completing this Report Stephanie Eichholz Date 12/20/12 Page 1 of 3

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Storage Location: SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab Annex Bldg. 1985 Wildlife Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901			**Contact Person & Telephone #:** Stephanie Eichholz, 618 201-3774
Acreage Meter Reading: N/A **Beginning** _____ **Ending** _____	**Rental Charge Rate/Collected:** N/A		**Maintenance Expenditures** *(attach description)*: None to Date

Date	County	Township, Range, Section (T, R, S)	Cooperator Name & Address	Description (Management practice, species planted, etc.)	Acres Affected
08.20.11	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S15	Green Earth's Pyles Fork Preserve North Wall Street, Carbondale, IL	trail building, trail maintenance, invasive species removal	40
09.17.11	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S16	Green Earth's Oakland Nature Preserve North Oakland Ave, Carbondale, IL	prairie maintenance invasive specie removal	20
10.15.11	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S15	Green Earth's Pyles Fork Preserve North Wall Street, Carbondale, IL	trail upgrades, erect foot bridge,	40
11.19.11	Jackson	T10S,R1W,S6	Green Earth's Fernlands Kennedy Road, Carbondale, IL	invasive specie removal (autumn olive, rose)	20
01.21.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S20	Green Earth's Chautauqua Bottoms Chautauqua Road, Carbondale, IL	invasive specie removal (bittersweet)	20
02.18.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S27	Green Earth's Brush Hill Preserve Park Street, Carbondale, IL	trail upgrades	20

Mail completed form to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Resource Conservation, Federal Aid/Special Funds Section, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271. Questions? Call (217) 782-2602 or e-mail dnr.specialfunds@illinois.gov (You may copy this form as necessary.) Revised July, 2006

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03.24.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S15	Green Earth's Pyles Fork Preserve North Wall Street, Carbondale, IL	trash & debris clean up of creek & preserve	40
04.21.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S16	Green Earth's Oakland Preserve North Oakland Street	invasive species removal targeting privet, multiflora rose, bush honey suckle, Japanese honeysuckle	20
05.17.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S20	Green Earth's Chautauqua Bottoms Chautauqua Road, Carbondale, IL	grade school environmental education Invasive species removal targeting garlic mustard	20
06.16.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S15	Green Earth's Pyles Fork Preserve North Wall Street, Carbondale, IL	trail maintenance	40
07.21.12	Jackson	T 9S,R1W,S16	Green Earth's Oakland Preserve North Oakland Street	trail maintenance	20
09.15.12	Jackson	T10S,R1W,S6	Green Earth's Fernlands Preserve Kennedy Road, Carbondale, IL	trail upgrades, invasive species removal targeting autumn olive and bush honey suckle	20

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THE SOUTHERN

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BLUE RIDGE: Tractor company buys land, plans to start construction in '13

FROM PAGE 1

Construction will come in two phases, Huffman said, with the building of a showroom first and a full-service facility offering parts and service within two years.

The business will initially provide five jobs; another 15 will be added when both phases are completed, Huffman said.

The dealership will also generate sales tax revenue for the city of Benton and open up further development of commercial property owed by the EDC near the interstate. Blue Ridge purchased seven of the EDC's 34 acres at the site.

"This is the start of something we hope will blossom," incoming EDC executive director Dave Cooper said.

Infrastructure impr-ovements will be made to the area and construction is expected to begin sometime in the new year.

The announcement of the new business could help the two cities in their quest for a second interchange, a project now under review by the Illinois Department of Transportation and Fed-eral Highway Admini-stration, Huffman said.

A new interchange would improve access to the area for future development and ease traffic congestion in both cities.

beckymalk@gmail.com
618-927-5633
On Twitter: @beckymalkovich

OBITUARIES

For more, see 5B.

Joe Phalin

WETAUG – Joe W. Phalin, 77, of Anna, formerly of Wetaug, died at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, in St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Arrangements are incomplete at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

GOVERNMENT

Carbondale Park District board, 6 p.m., civic center.

West Frankfort City Council, 3 p.m., city hall.

TODAY'S EVENT

Event: 6 p.m. Anna VFW, 70 VFW Lane. New Year's Eve

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2 HOURS AGO • **THE SOUTHERN**

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund

FIELD INSPECTION

Inspector:	**Lamma Parrack**	**Date:**	

Project Information

Project Title:	Cargo Trailer for Trail Steward and Habitat Management Tools	Grant #:	12-008W
Grantee Name:	Green Earth, Inc.	Grantee Representative:	Stephanie Eichholz
Address:	P.O. Box 441	Telephone #:	(618) 201-3774
	Carbondale, Illinois 62901		
Grant Amount:	$2,000	Counties Served:	Jackson

IDNR Project Manager:	Scott Ballard						
Type of Project:		Management		Site Inventory		Education		Research

Are the Project objectives being met?		Yes		No	Comments:	
some informational signage.						

Are there signs identifying the IWPF as been a sponsor?		Yes		No	Comments:	

Has the project (mark one) the Grantee's expectations?		Not Met Met Exceeded	Comments:	

Equipment Purchases Only Rental Charge $_____ / Acre

Equipment Observed**:**		Condition:	Good Fair Poor
		Decal Applied?	Yes No

Equipment Observed**:**		Condition:	Good Fair Poor
		Decal Applied**?**	Yes No

Comments:	(storage location, usage log, problems observed, etc.)	
Other:		

General Comments / Observations

Signature:	