

Mark your calendar!

- Casino Night: June 21
- Golf Tournament: September 29
- Easy as Pi Races: October 18 & 19



On April 22, the Woodard & Curran Foundation and Woodard & Curran Sustainability Committee hosted 2012 grant recipient Mill City Grows at a lunch-time Earth Day celebration, seen across Woodard & Curran's offices thanks to video conferencing. Co-Director Lydia Sisson talked about the success her organization has had building community gardens in Lowell, MA. In addition to expanding and adding garden



Woodard & Curran's Sam Olney (right) hosted the Earth Day gathering with speaker Lydia Sisson, Co-Director of Mill City Grows.

beds, which now serve 300 people, Mill City Grows also has a pop-up urban production farm, which is an educational food production site where they grow thousands of pounds of produce. For more information about this growing nonprofit, check out their website: www.millcitygrows.org and like them on Facebook! 🌱



2014 Grant Season is Now Open

The Woodard & Curran Foundation is pleased to announce that this year the Foundation will award at least two grants, with a maximum value of \$10,000 per grant, for projects that promote a clean and sustainable environment by demonstrating environmental stewardship through community involvement.

The Foundation's Giving Committee Chair, Kelly Cowan, said, "We are very excited that the Board of Directors voted to increase the amount of our grants. Another change this year," she added, "is that we wanted to provide greater clarity to grant applicants. So we have stated that additional preference will be given to projects with a defined educational component, that rely on volunteers, and are located in a geography that heightens the opportunity for the Foundation to have direct contact with the organization. We like to do our best to maintain a relationship with past grant winners, and that

is difficult when the organization itself is located at great distances from the Foundation's Board and its volunteers."

The application deadline is midnight, June 15, 2014. All applications must be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014WCFGrantApp>. Applicants are asked to note that paper copies and direct emails of applications will *not* be accepted.

Past Foundation grant winners are:

- AguaClara Cornell
- Bangor Land Trust
- Engineers Without Borders, University of Maine Student Chapter and Worcester Polytechnic Institute Student Chapter
- Mill City Grows
- New Hampshire Audubon

Applicants with questions may contact Kelly Cowan at grants@woodardcurran-foundation.org. 🌱

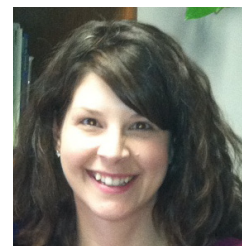
Donor & Volunteer Spotlight: Gillian Wood

The Woodard & Curran Foundation is honored to spotlight Gillian Wood. Gillian is a Woodard & Curran Project Manager who has supported the Foundation, both financially and by volunteering her time, since its founding in 2010. She has been an energetic member of first the Giving Committee, and now the Fundraising & Development Committee.

Gillian served on the Giving Committee for the first three grant cycles. She said, "Being on the Giving Committee was inspiring because it opened my eyes to the good that others are doing in the world."

Gillian supports the Foundation because she believes in its mission and wants to help further its cause. When asked about the possibilities she sees for the Founda-

tion, she responded, "The volunteers have the ability to shape the future of the Foundation, to help determine the impact it will have, and to discover how to better support our donors." She believes that the Foundation will have a tremendous impact and is excited by how much the Foundation has learned and grown over the past four years. She predicts a bright future for the organization.



Gillian Wood

Thank you, Gillian, for all of the positive energy, enthusiasm, and dedication you bring to your work for the Foundation. 🌱

Sponsor Spotlight: Alpha Analytical

Alpha Analytical: 28 Years Providing Environmental Laboratory Solutions

Alpha Analytical, a partner in the Foundation's New Jersey golf tournament since its inception, is a world-class environmental testing laboratory providing analytical testing services worldwide. Alpha boasts that unsurpassed customer service and unequalled quality systems set them apart from the competition.



Kevin Hoogerhyde of Alpha's Mahwah, New Jersey service center explains why Alpha Analytical supports the Foundation, saying "We believe in the mission and vision of the Foundation. Projects like clean water initiatives for struggling communities show a global concern and we support the volun-

teers who dedicate themselves to giving back to these communities."

Alpha ranks 8th among the top environmental laboratories in the U.S. with courier support services throughout New England, New York, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Alpha's capabilities include air, water, and soil analysis, with particular expertise in the highly specialized fields of sediment and tissue analysis and petroleum forensics. They also support ecological and human-health risk assessments and is an industry leader in developing innovative technologies and improved analytical results.

Established in 1985, Hoogerhyde says, "Alpha Analytical is dedicated to assembling the very best people in the business, investing in intelligent, capable and hard-working employees who are passionate about innovating and improving how Alpha performs and how they serve customers. Alpha strives to produce the most accurate analytical results attainable in the shortest possible time and feels a deep responsibility to our clients and the communities they serve in common."

Thanks to sponsors like Alpha Analytical, the Foundation continues to grow and support more worthwhile causes. 🌱

Board News: Focusing on the Future

Thomas Francoeur, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, reports, "Guided by our financial partner, Plimsoll Mark, we have adopted an investment policy that will allow us to achieve our goals of growing an endowment both to secure an enduring legacy and to address the wishes of our donors to increase our grant giving. We are uniform in our desire to increase that giving, as shown by this year's total giving doubling from \$10,000 in 2013 to \$20,000 for 2014. We will revisit this topic annually, with a goal to increase the amounts when possible."

"We also understand," he continued, "the importance of broadening the expertise brought to the Foundation by means of its Board members, and to that end have been in discussion with several individuals over the past year. To date, our Board members have all been individuals in the Woodard & Curran community, and we would like to broaden that membership to individuals outside of Woodard & Curran. We expect to be able to report on that outcome in the very near future." 🌱

MISSION

The Woodard & Curran Foundation has been established to take Woodard & Curran's vision of exemplary corporate citizenship further by allowing the Foundation to grow and invest financial resources in an endowment and make significant contributions to charitable organizations aligned with our values.

VISION

The Woodard & Curran Foundation is a public nonprofit organization dedicated to directing endowment resources to non-profits with environmental missions focused on creating a healthier world.

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