## **IMN Volunteer Hours**



Are the volunteer hours for a natural YES resource agency (government or 501-C-3 Have you contacted the agency to non-profit)? propose a project or to ask them if you can assist them with a program or need? NO Be sure to make them aware you are seeking IMN volunteer hours. YES YES Does the project/program have a component of environmental education, habitat enhancement, environmental stewardship, promoting natural Go for it! Your hours will count! resources, utilizing native plants? NO If you still think your project is worthy of volunteer time, check with your IMN host for input before starting.

- 1. The IMN program values work done locally. Please try to keep the majority of your hours in-state.
- 2. Please be aware that you can't double-count hours; for example, one project hour can't be counted for both IMN and Master Gardener volunteering. No double dipping!
- 3. IMN participation is encouraged in international, national, regional, and local citizen science activities. However, considering the substantial amount of time that can be involved in doing many of these, an IMN intern may submit no more than 8 hours of citizen science activities toward their initial 24 required hours. The remaining 16 hours must come from other volunteer sources. Advanced IMNs may submit no more than 10 hours of citizen science activities toward their 30 required hours. (Exceptions may be made for those IMNs with physical disabilities.)
- 4. Volunteer time must be uncompensated, of benefit to others beyond your immediate family or friends, and occur in public spaces.
- 5. We encourage you to volunteer with several different groups or agencies to find out which activities you most enjoy.