

COOPERATION FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN BELARUS

## SUBGRANTED PROJECTS

Development of a mini sanctuary: "The Island" as a factor of sustainable development

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## GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project location: Vezhny

Organiser: Action Team for Sustainable Development of Vezhny village

Status: Civic initiative

The main purpose of the project is to consolidate the efforts of the village council, the actors committed in forestry, the clubs, the schools and the villagers for the sustainable development of the village. This will be done through jointly creating a micro sanctuary and implementing related activities with various actors in the village. As such a roundtable will be organized to plan the route and details of the micro sanctuary and to plan the marking of the route. Furthermore informational material for the route will be developed. A seminar and a manual on "School in nature" will also be developed. Finally six tours through the micro sanctuary will be organized, namely three trips for high school students from Vezhnovskoy and three excursions for the residents from Svetlogorsk district.

The Action Team for Sustainable Development of Vezhny village aims at promoting sustainable development in the community.

## PROJECT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2012

The project involved the population of agrovillage Vezhny in sustainable development activities in their local community. The local amateur ecologic society "Terrans" group consisting of local school teachers, local club servants, engaged villagers and children, coordinated the work of the initiative. The initiative group has been implementing several activities aimed at developing the existing ecologic trailway in the mini sanctuary "The Island".

First, the participants of the project took the necessary steps to create pivots with info stands on the path. They analysed the trailway for the possibility to create such points; they got information about legal regulations and how to perform in an environmental friendly way respecting the nature of the sanctuary. With the help of the national green NGO "Preserving birds of the fatherland", they studied birds and animals living on the territory of the sanctuary.

Second, the initiative group established Green Corners in the school and the club. The Green Corners spread information about the mini sanctuary "The Island", about a green way of life, and also serve as starting points for excursions. The group has started to buy the equipment for excursions and has been actively promoting the visits. The first pilot excursion "Summer" was elaborated and two test visits took place at the end of August.

Third, children members of "Terrans" were regularly monitoring the forest of the sanctuary. It gave them the practical experience of action. The observers revealed illegal slash of trees. They immediately contacted the responsible for the forest and stopped the deterioration of the protected territory.



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