

2010–2011 ACT ENVIRONMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 Applicant Details

1. Project title: Growing Our Natural and Cultural Capital – Stage 2 of the Southern Tableland Ecosystems Park Project

2. Applicant: Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park Inc
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3. Amount of funding requested: \$16,058

4. Information about you/your organisation or group

(Please tick the relevant box and complete business number details as appropriate.)

Incorporated organisation

Australian Business Number: 60834573059

GST Registered: Yes No

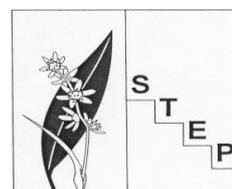
If you are an incorporated organisation please attach the following documents to this application form:

1. A copy of your organisation's incorporation certificate **or** articles of association **or** constitution. (Attachment A)
2. A copy of your organisation's ABN registration. (Attachment B)
3. A Taxation Status Form. (Attachment C).
4. Insurance

STEP Inc is insured *with Accident and Health International* through Austcover's National Landcare Insurance Program and has a Certificate of Currency issued on 1 April 2010 for the next twelve months. (see Attachment D).

Information about your organisation or group

The Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP Inc) is a community not-for-profit organisation with a vision of creating a regional ecosystems botanic garden, and an ecosystems recovery and education site by March 2013. STEP Inc's values and objectives are summarised in its Constitution. ([Attachment A](#)).



STEP has always been independent of the Arboretum in terms of fundraising and governance. We are a separate entity situated within the Arboretum with a vision to bring the conservation of southern tablelands biodiversity to the attention of the Arboretum as an organisation and to display and enhance the value of southern tablelands biodiversity in the eyes of local and international audiences.

STEP currently has stewardship of a 2.5ha site (the STEP regional botanic garden site) at the National Arboretum Canberra. STEP is also in the process establishing stewardship over a remnant pocket of 16 Ha of existing Yellow Box-Red Gum Grassy woodland with high ecological value on an adjacent rural lease in north east Molonglo. STEP has also been offered stewardship of Blocks 31–35: these include grassland remnants and remnant woodland trees facing William Hovell Drive. There are other remnant vegetation sites scattered across the Arboretum site. STEP has been negotiating for another Block on which to plant rare mallee Eucalypts of the southern tablelands region in partnership with the Australian National Botanic Gardens Eucalypt specialists. STEP has also been offered stewardship for a grassland area along the firebreak on the western boundary of the Arboretum facing the adjacent rural lease in the Molonglo Valley. (Attachment 1- Figures showing STEP in the National Arboretum).

STEP is centrally located within the broader landscape setting and biodiversity corridor created within the framework of the National Capital Open Space System under the National Capital Plan, and public land reserves under the Territory Plan. This central corridor includes the Belconnen Hills (including Kama Nature Reserve); Mount Painter; the Pinnacle; Aranda Bushland; and Black Mountain Reserve. It also includes the grasslands at Yarramundi Reach and the riparian zone of the Molonglo River corridor downstream of Scrivener Dam. This area will be referred to as the “central national area” in this grant application.

STEP is taking a leadership role in promoting conservation management within the southern tablelands region. We are working in productive partnerships with major stakeholders in conservation management in this region to develop new resources to engage our community in the value of biodiversity. Ten letters of support for STEP’s vision and this project are attached to this application (Attachment 2). These letters express support for our project as a key tool to further promote the value of biodiversity to agencies, landowners and the community in the Southern tablelands region through our community engagement activities and our communications strategy. STEP has hosted a number of successful field days engaging new community participants including schools and visitors to the festival of the Forests, a new Canberra Festival that commenced in 2009. Some STEP newsletters are attached to illustrate the community engagement activities we have hosted in the past. (Attachment 3).

STEP took a leadership role within the Australian community in December 2009 when it applied to be admitted as a participating organisation in the International

Year of Biodiversity 2010 (IYB 2010). The UN Secretariat officially welcomed STEP's participation in the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations, in January 2010. IYB 2010 Secretariat recognised STEP Inc as an organization that is committed to the preservation and conservation of biodiversity. STEP activities, for example, the March 14 *Festival of the Forests* have been posted on the IYB 2010 Celebrations page for Australia. The Secretariat also encouraged STEP to add our workshops or conferences to the IYB Calendar of Events and to link our website to the IYB website. STEP is also eligible to use IYB promotional materials, such as posters, leaflets, bookmarks, lapel pins, etc at our events.

SECTION 2 PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project objectives

The first concept underscoring this project is the showcasing, through a small botanic garden, of the Southern Tablelands Ecosystems (vegetation communities, flora and fauna and habitat) and to:

- raise the profile of and enthusiasm for indigenous ecosystems, flora and fauna of the Canberra region;
- illustrate how indigenous vegetation may be used to restore the landscape at large bringing back ecological function, biodiversity and habitat; and
- make linkages with vegetation remnants throughout central national area.

A second concept is that of building up the knowledge and skill associated with ecological restoration i.e. the project itself requires learning as we go, about the horticultural and ecology characteristics of a large number of flora and fauna species. This knowledge would not only underpin the establishment of STEP, but the knowledge learned would be invaluable in the wider management and restoration of our landscapes.

STEP has already made major advancements towards these goals by securing suitable land. Attachment 4 presents diagrams of the STEP site in the National Arboretum) and planting it with 12 key tree species of the region. (Attachment 4 - Landscape Plan for tree plantings at STEP regional botanic garden). This project involves designing the ecological gardens and plantings to encompass the other elements of the STEP vision by providing the **Master Plan** for our regional botanic garden.

STEP has identified the flora and fauna communities which comprise southern tablelands biodiversity as indigenous to a particular sub-region of the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) framework: this sub-region is a large geographically distinct area of similar climate, geology, landform, vegetation and animal communities, which is described as "the central sub bio-region of NSW"

in the IBRA framework and includes the ACT, Cooma-Monaro, Yarralumla, Queanbeyan and Snowy River. The two physiographic parts of the sub bioregion are valley floors and undulating hills and high mountain plateau and ranges. For convenience STEP Inc is using the phrase “the southern tablelands” to refer this region. The flora for this region are also described in Flora of New South Wales Edited by Gwen J. Harden 4 volumes, published by NSW University Press, 2000. The figure at Attachment 5 presents the scope of the southern tablelands region. There has been a series of scientific reports published for use in a planning framework for Natural Ecosystems of the ACT and NSW Southern Tablelands. They have included list of threatened species and endangered ecological communities for the Canberra Queanbeyan Landscape Unit. (See *A planning framework for Natural Ecosystems of the ACT and the NSW Southern Tablelands* by Martin Faulding, 2003). STEP contributes to this work by researching vegetation communities and providing detailed planting lists for the key ecosystems of this region. A STEP communications program developed for this project will bring this knowledge in the form of new experiences and new skills to our community.

The STEP Master plan has five objectives as follows:

- develop and publish a landscape design and horticultural plan for the ground layer and understorey plants typical of to selected iconic Southern Tablelands ecosystems forming a small regional botanic garden.
- implement a planting program for the understorey supported by effective community engagement activities and a project communications program.
- ascertain the proposal for, and ensure management of, the biodiversity values for the physical border between the STEP sites and both non-arboretum and Arboretum neighbours; taking into account of water flows and water quality and drainage, fire management and cat containment issues; walking, recreational activities such as cycling, walking and horse riding and design a suitable interface.
- host a workshop to review and harmonise with existing ecosystems monitoring practices of government and non government agencies in this region and build on the previous initiative funded by ACT Environment Grant, *the Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring-Feasibility Study*. The workshop will be held in partnership with the Molonglo Catchment Group. (Attachment 6 – draft of Ecosystems Monitoring Workshop Plan).
- host a workshop to create linkages with existing on ground biodiversity sites managed by parkcare groups and the other land managers and developers in the central Canberra region to :
 - describe and map the remnant biodiversity patches and linkages in this region of Canberra;
 - build additional resources in the central national area for supporting a Biodiversity Overlay Plan for the Territory; and
 - find new opportunities to display and present the biodiversity values of the Molonglo Valley, link with IYB 2010 celebration activities, and provide

ecosystems landscaping, species advice and practical conservation management skills and services for the development of the eastern Molonglo Valley.

This project will engage new and existing community groups in recognising the importance of regional biodiversity in Canberra and the southern tablelands' region for climate change mitigation and adaptation, consistent with the 2008 *National Strategy and Action Plan for the Role of Australia's Botanic Gardens in Adapting to Climate Change*.

2. Project outcomes

What will be the intended results of your project activities?

The project will:

- develop and implement a pro bono professional and peer-reviewed master plan for the ground layer and understorey of the 2.5ha STEP site in the National Arboretum Canberra supported by 2 planning workshops.
- undertake on-ground work for the understorey and ground layer plantings of a regional botanical garden including 4 community volunteer plantings in spring 2010 and autumn 2011.
- develop STEP policies and guidelines underpinning the botanic garden. These will include material for publication and distribution to planners and the community on:
 - ecosystem, taxonomic and horticultural policy, procedures and practices;
 - policy and guidelines regarding the curator, provenance and herbarium specimens;
 - review the recently developed guidelines on planting in the ACT; and include links to other botanic gardens.
 - review and update existing southern tablelands species lists for suitable street trees and understorey planting for public parks and gardens and domestic use and produce flyers, printed handouts and web based promotional material for distribution at public displays and open days;
- further develop the STEP's capacity to display the attractiveness and benefits of planting regional flora in new domestic gardens in Molonglo Valley. Prior to the public opening of the STEP site, southern tablelands species will be showcased in community field days at the site, on open days such as the annual Festival of the Forests, Floriade and at other suitable venues in Molonglo precinct in conjunction with land sales etc. There will be a display of southern tablelands flora at an Open Garden showcasing southern tablelands plantings in Aranda sponsored by the Canberra Open Garden Scheme and STEP Inc. These activities will encourage behavioural change in the broader community towards a commitment to protecting, nurturing and valuing our regional natural and cultural biodiversity.

- result in a workshop to harmonise existing ecosystem monitoring practices and explore new ways for stakeholders such as CSIRO's ATLAS Citizen Science Project and the Molonglo Catchment to connect, learn about and enhance biodiversity values. This will contribute to broader debates sponsored by organisations celebrating IYB 2010 around the issues such as the review of the National Capital Open Space System, the biodiversity overlay of the Territory Plan, and the intensification of urban development consistent with the Spatial Plan.
- create new partnerships with developers and community groups in the north eastern Molonglo Valley and consolidate these partnerships where possible (such as through STEP's membership of the Molonglo Bush on the Boundary (BoB) Group).
- Host a workshop with Molonglo Catchment Group to develop biodiversity overlay mapping resources to promote the importance of linkages and corridors in supporting biodiversity remnants when interfacing with the changing land and water use in the Molonglo Valley.
- recognise and promote the traditional knowledge of the Indigenous people of the region so as to encourage reconciliation, and an understanding of the importance of cultural diversity to biodiversity protection and adaptation to climate change. This will be achieved in partnership with the Friends of Grasslands Inc and the Kosciuszko to Coast (K2C) project.

3. Addressing the selection criteria

Does your project:

- ✓ align with government environment priorities, particularly in relation to the *Canberra Plan: Towards our Second Century*
- ✓ deliver a result that benefits the ACT environment;
- ✓ demonstrate a sound project plan that outlines achievable milestones, timelines, and project outcomes;
- ✓ have a realistic, value for money budget that clearly indicates financial expenses and matching in-kind and/or cash contributions made by the applicant and others;
- ✓ involve consultation with relevant stakeholders; and
- ✓ have community support and involvement?

4. Statements against assessment criteria

(a) How will your project address the ACT Government's priorities?

- The project addresses biodiversity conservation policies including: *Australia's National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy: Consultation Draft* (2009); the *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* (2002); *Australia's Native Vegetation Framework, Consultation Draft* (2009); *A Vision Splendid of the Grassy Plains Extended – ACT Lowland Native Grassland Conservation Strategy*; *ACT Natural Resource*

Management Plan 2004–2014; ACT Nature Conservation Strategy; Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) Framework for the ACT (2001); Woodlands for Wildlife – ACT Lowland Woodland Conservation Strategy (2004)

- The project addresses regional planning and connectivity frameworks: e.g. S. Lane, 'Connectivity conservation in the Australian Capital Territory', in K. McCue and S. Lenz (eds), *National Parks: Can they Take the Heat?*, *Proceedings of the NPA ACT Symposium Canberra 7-8 May 2010*: 155-161; M. Fallding, *A Planning Framework for Natural Ecosystems of the ACT and NSW Southern Tablelands*, Natural Heritage Trust, NSW Parks and Wildlife Service and Land Planning and Environment, Hurstville
- The project addresses climate change policies: e.g. *Weathering the Change – The ACT Climate Change Strategy 2007-2025* and Action Plans there under; the National Adaptation Framework
- The project addresses planning reviews: e.g. the review of the Territory Plan, the Spatial Plan, and the National Capital Authority's review of the National Capital Open Space System (NCOSS)

How will the project deliver a result that benefits the ACT's environment?

This project enhances the quality and availability of practical and scientific knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the ecosystems and species of the Southern Tablelands for present and future communities and agencies in the region. This will contribute to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity within the Southern Tablelands region.

STEP's involvement in the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations will enhance the ACT community's understanding of the value of biodiversity within the region, across Australia and within the world community by bringing new resources to benefit ACT community engagement as well as personal experience with educational and practical tools for increasing biodiversity.

This project increases skills and resources to support biodiversity and community connectivity in north eastern Molonglo Valley. It will also contribute to the delivery of essential ecosystems services such as sequestration and storage of carbon for climate change mitigation; the provision of habitat essential for species and genetic diversity; and maintenance of resilience against threats such as drought and fire.

Biodiversity protection will extend across many land tenures and land-uses in the region to ensure ecological connectivity and ecosystem resilience in response to pressures such as climate change and land-use conversion. This project will contribute to, and promote an understanding of the importance of maintaining ecological connectivity across landscapes, including in urban areas and domestic gardens.

Attachment 7 is a figure presenting a small scale diagram of *the Landscape Level Priority Wildlife Corridors of the ACT*. More work needs to be done to develop maps of biodiversity linkages and corridors on a large scale, suitable for use by community conservation groups. STEP supports Conservation Council's initiative to produce a Territory-wide biodiversity overlay for the Territory Plan in conjunction with ACTPLA. This project will contribute to the develop of this initiative by hosting a workshop to map the biodiversity remnants forming the wild life corridor with associated high value woodlands and grasslands within the central national area as part of this Project. STEP is a member of the proposed Molonglo Bush on the Boundary (BoB) group for this area and will explore new options for conserving the urban-bushland interface as part of this Project.

STEP will also explore the physical and indicative linkages that can be developed between Block 100 and other parts of the Arboretum; signage to indicate connectivity; and include multi use trails for cycling, walking and equestrians connecting the STEP edge of the Arboretum with nearby areas such as the Aranda Snow Gums site, the Australian National Botanic Gardens and the Australian National University.

To ensure better practice and illustrate how STEP achieves its objectives as an ecosystem recovery site, and to study the impact of and adaptation to climate change, STEP will harmonise with existing ecosystem monitoring frameworks to collect and record baseline data and a develop longitudinal program to monitor and assess developments and changes over time and adapt its ecological practice accordingly. A workshop has been planned for 28 August 2010 as part of this Project (see Attachment 7).

(c) How will the project benefit the ACT community?
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ACT community members engaging in this project will acquire improved skills and understanding of ecological connectivity and the natural and cultural values of regional biodiversity. This will encourage them to be better neighbours to Canberra Nature Park and urban parks, and to better manage their domestic pets to protect biodiversity. All of these are ways that STEP is actively participating in IYB 2010.

Urban biodiversity will be enhanced as community participants in this project carry their learning into their lives' activities. This should strengthen participants' attachment to place, and pride in the natural and cultural capital of our region. Community connections will be fostered, encouraging the development of social capital and the value of the biodiversity to the ACT in community.

A new partnership will be developed to build on and learn from the success of Kosciusko to Coast and to explore reconciliation with Indigenous Australia in this region so that we gain a better understanding of the value of both scientific and traditional knowledge (see attached statement from Kosciusko to Coast).

SECTION 2 – PROJECT DETAILS (CONTINUED)

PROJECT PLAN

Milestones	Activities	Key Dates
STEP Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2010 engaged landscape architect: Barbara Payne, Quandong Design Pty Ltd to prepare landscape and horticultural plans. She will undertake the project at no cost. • Existing community monitoring and research data used to develop landscape and horticultural plans. • 2 planning workshops with partner organisations and experts and an on site visit. 	within 3 months of funding being received
Master Plan approved for implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review Master Plan so that design is accredited. • National Arboretum Landscape Architects Taylor Cullity, Lethlean sign off 	within 6 months of funding being received
Master Plan launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media event with Chief Minister/Ministerial involvement. 	within 6 months of funding being received
Implementation of Master Plan – Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 community planting days. • Communications program supports this stage of the project with promotional and educational media. • Implement skills training and supervision program • Select, collect, germinate and nurture seed ready for planting. • Arrange planting activity safety, equipment and refreshments. • Management OHS risks and document planting results. 	September 2010, March 2011, September 2011
Master Plan - further develop the STEP's capacity to display the attractiveness and benefits of planting regional flora in new domestic gardens in Molonglo Valley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write paper on ecosystem, taxonomic and horticultural policy, procedures and practices. • Develop policy and guidelines for provenance and access to seed bank. • Review recently developed guidelines on planting in the ACT and publish species lists, suppliers and planting info. 	within 3 months of funding being received

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make new connections with botanic gardens, plant nurseries, plants sales, open gardens, developers and land managers to increase and support access to biodiversity resources in the region. 	
Implementation of Master Plan – STEP interface with Molonglo Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a pleasing and secure physical interface between the STEP botanic garden and other STEP assets with the suburb of Molonglo, the rest of the arboretum, and STEP's other neighbours (e.g. rural lessee) needs to be developed. • Network and lobby to influence ACTPLA, LDA, TAMS and the National Arboretum and neighbours to ascertain the nature of STEP's proposed physical border; take account of water drainage, fire management, weed management and cat containment issues; and design a suitable interface and lobby to achieve agreement. • Partner with Molonglo BoB group to recognise the STEP/Molonglo project as a key example of the Biodiversity Overlay in Territory Plan. 	within 12 months
Master Plan - increase biodiversity values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List and map the biodiversity patches, location and characteristics and identify management actions needed to enhance connectivity and resilience of components of national central area. • Partner with administered areas: Friends of Aranda Bushland; Pinnacle and Mt Painter Park Group; • Partner with adjoining NCA sites including Black Mountain and Lake Burley Griffin; and with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANBG • ANU • adjacent Blocks within Arboretum and their impacts on the STEP site; • all Arboretum Blocks and 	within 12 months

	<p>patches planted with native species;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural lessee; • Molonglo River corridor. <p>Negotiate signage and transport linkages within the biodiversity corridor.</p>	
Draft Master Plan – contribute to Biodiversity Overlay for Territory Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Conservation Council and Molonglo Catchment Group on the Biodiversity Overlay for the Territory Plan (East Molonglo and surrounding Region Section). • Results from STEP workshop on the biodiversity overlay to feed into Master Plan for better integration biodiversity capital both within the Territory Plan and for enhancing visitor experience at the National Arboretum. 	Workshop to be held in Oct 2010
Draft Master Plan – implement suitable ecological monitoring and assessment and implement it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create baseline data and monitor and assess developments and changes over time and adapt our ecological practice accordingly. • Review existing practices, conduct workshop for partner organisations and experts to establish a longitudinal ecosystem monitoring program (EMP) of the STEP flora and fauna. • Regularly publish results of monitoring and assessment work and explain how this may lead to changes in management. 	August 2010– March 2011 and ongoing
Project Communications Strategy is developed and implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement communications program. • Review and modify STEP's promotional material to take account of new partnerships. • Continue with website and newsletter, and update website regularly • Draft media releases, emails, advertisements • Request coverage in City News, Canberra Chronicle, commercial and community radio stations • Deliver talks to stakeholder and 	8 weeks after funding received for strategy, to be implemented and throughout project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> partner organisations • Ensure regular email updates are sent to all stakeholders and participants • Design and print and distribute species lists and planting and landscaping information • Design and make signage, flyers and handouts. 	
Project meets governance and reporting requirements and necessary resources are obtained to support activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep project governance and reporting arrangements under review and improve as necessary. • Acquit grant funding in accordance with the Grant requirements 	ongoing
Maintenance activities are undertaken on a routine basis to support implementation of the Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all activities and report to STEP Committee on a monthly and quarterly basis. 	Within 3 months of receipt of funding and ongoing

SECTION 3 – BUDGET

Please provide an itemised budget of ALL expenses and a justification of how the items of expenditure are calculated. This table should include all sources of income including government, non-government and private, as well as any in-kind contributions.			
EXPENSES (e.g. cost of printing, venue hire, catering, communication, materials, equipment hire, administration costs)	ACT ENVIRONMENT GRANTS (GST exclusive) \$	OTHER RESOURCES (GST exclusive) \$	TOTAL (GST exclusive) \$
<p>Regional botanic garden design brief and schematic master plan together with detailed landscaping and horticultural plans showcasing ecosystem based vegetation communities, southern tablelands flora and fauna habitat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit • 2 stakeholder workshops at start and completion for master plan (25 participants at each workshop) 	<p>Workshop refreshments - \$300.00</p> <p>Workshop stationery and printing costs for folders with documentation and record outcomes of the workshop - \$585.00</p> <p>Production cost for copies the 3 each of Master Plan and</p>	<p>\$4,000 (50 hours @ \$80 p/h)</p> <p>Pro bono landscape architect</p> <p>\$2,500 (50 hours @ \$50.00 per hour for pro bono technical advice on vegetation communities and horticultural practices.</p>	\$7,985

	detailed plans- \$900		
Peer review of the master plan (professional fee)	\$300	\$300 (10 hours @ \$30 per hour)	\$600
Function to launch master plan with Chief Minister/ Ministerial involvement (catering, communications)	\$300 (invitations and catering)	\$300 (10 hours @ \$30 per hour)	\$600
<p>Costs for volunteer planting days</p> <p>1. Following on from the first Master Plan workshop purchase services for seed collection, germination and nursery care of 4,000 plants based on the identified vegetation communities: a selection of shrubs, forbs and grasses. (See Attached quote from Seeds and Plants Australia)</p> <p>Four community Planting Activities in Spring 2010 and Autumn 2011</p> <p>2. Power augur and operator to make 4,000 holes for planting at the STEP garden for planting days.</p> <p>3. Lunches and drinks for 100 people at \$10.00 per person.</p> <p>4. Sunscreen</p> <p>5. Transport and administration costs four conservation volunteer groups : including Conservation Volunteers and Girl Guides School Groups to participate in building and planting the regional garden.</p>	<p>1. \$6,464</p> <p>2. \$1,584.00</p> <p>3. \$1000.00</p> <p>4. \$50.00</p> <p>5. 4 x \$500.00</p> <p>Total: \$11.098</p>	<p>Tools (no charge)</p> <p>Mulch(donation) 4 planting days for STEP mentoring and supervision \$15,000 (approx 500 hrs @ \$30/hr)</p> <p>Total: \$15,000</p>	\$26,098
<p>Communications activities</p> <p>Display posters and flyers showcasing indigenous ecosystems, flora and fauna of the southern tablelands region for stakeholder groups;</p> <p>Publicise linkages with vegetation remnants in the north Eastern Molonglo Valley and landscaping and planting for parks, street trees and domestic gardens to include vegetation communities, flora and fauna habitat.</p> <p>Workshop on biodiversity overlay in north east Molonglo Valley and</p> <p>Workshop on Ecosystems Monitoring</p> <p>Display Master Plan, garden design and ecosystem vegetation and horticultural resources at the STEP site</p> <p>Project Launch</p>	<p>Flyers</p> <p>Posters</p> <p>In door signage</p> <p>Out door signage (See costs below)</p>	\$3000 (approx 100 hours@ \$30 per hour) for attending events	\$3,000

<p>Display at Floriade Open Garden Scheme Festival of the Forests K2C event 2x ANPS Plant Sales 4 x Events and promotions of the Molonglo Valley planning agencies</p>			
<p>Communications material costs (See attached quotes – Bytes n’Colours)</p>	<p>1000 flyers - \$779.48</p> <p>5X Indoor signs \$583.20</p> <p>5x Outdoor signs \$816.51 Total: \$2,179.19</p>	<p>\$3000 (approx 100 hours@ \$30 per hour)</p>	<p>\$5,179.19</p>
<p>STEP Ecosystem Monitoring Workshop – to establish baseline data and methodology for use on STEP site and model/s for Arboretum and harmonise with other stakeholders.</p>	<p>Venue hire and Refreshments \$10.00 per person x 30 people. \$300.00</p> <p>Workshop Folders and documents – \$192.00</p> <p>Consultant - Dr Sarah Sharp to facilitate – pro bono</p> <p>Monitoring Kit and maps on CDs to be distributed to participants \$ 10.00 per person = \$300</p> <p>Total = \$792</p>	<p>\$750</p> <p>25 hours @ \$30.00 per hour</p> <p>(80.00 per hour for 6 hours).</p>	
<p>STEP Biodiversity Overlay Workshop to establish mapping framework and technical data needed to</p>	<p>Venue hire</p>		

<p>produce five maps of the remnant patches of biodiversity in the north eastern Molonglo Valley.</p> <p>(This will be hosted by STEP and held in partnership with Conservation Council and the Molonglo Catchment Group)</p>	<p>- nil</p> <p>Mapping consultant to facilitate and supply maps \$1500.00.</p> <p>Refreshments \$300.</p> <p>Workshop Folders, Report and maps on CDs to be for participants \$192.00</p> <p>Total: 1,992.00</p>	<p>\$750.00</p> <p>(25 hours @ \$30.00 per hour)</p>	
<p>Maintenance and management of STEP site to support the Master Plan for one year.</p> <p>(> 100hrs @ \$30/hr)</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$16,058</p>	<p>\$32,600</p>	<p>\$48,655</p>

SECTION 3 – INFORMATION ON OTHER GRANTS RECEIVED FROM THE ACT GOVERNMENT

If applicable, please provide details of any other grant monies received from the ACT Government over the past three years, including the funding program, the project title and the purpose of the project.

STEP Inc has not received a grant from the ACT Government. Members of our Committee have received ACT Government Environment Grants in the past – examples are Dr Hanna Jaireth - Friends of Aranda Bushland, Geoff Robertson - Friends of the Grasslands, etc.

SECTION FOUR – CERTIFICATION

Authorisation by applicant/organisation/group:

I, Cathy Robertson, President, Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park Inc, of 51 Limestone Avenue, Ainslie, Canberra, State ACT, 2602 certify that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: Date: 31 /05 / 2010

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