

River City Wild Ones Local Conflict of Interest Statement – Adopted May 12, 2017

River City Wild Ones (RCWO) currently has several members who own native plant businesses. We wish to have them thrive so that we have local vendors to meet our members' needs. RCWO is also bound by the By-laws of its parent organization, Wild Ones, which state the following:

- No Wild Ones member, officer or director or their agent(s), nor any chapter thereof, while acting on behalf of Wild Ones, shall sell, advertise or otherwise promote any product or service at any Wild Ones sanctioned event, that does not directly and solely benefit Wild Ones.
- No officer, director or member of Wild Ones shall permit any person, partnership or entity to use the name of Wild Ones, or otherwise endorse said product or service on behalf of Wild Ones.
- The prohibition of items 1 and 2 may be waived only by the express permission of the Executive Committee of Wild Ones and can be granted only if the proposed activity or product is consistent with the Wild Ones mission.

RCWO Meetings:

River City Wild Ones permits member business owners producing native plant seed, propagating native plants, planning landscape design, and/or installing native landscapes to share a business card with prospective clients during RCWO meetings, or member field trips, or garden tours. We request that discussion of private projects, goods or services take place outside of our meetings, field trips or garden tours. Business cards shall not be made available en masse at RCWO handout tables.

RCWO Presentations:

River City Wild Ones permits member business owners producing native plant seed, propagating native plants, planning landscape design, and/or installing native landscapes to distribute the RCWO prepared list of local business vendors. This list includes contact information for their business, and all other member and regional native plant related businesses. Member business owners may hand out business cards personally to individuals requesting them.

Disclaimer:

River City Wild Ones is a chapter of Wild Ones, a non-profit, tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(C) (3.) As such, River City Wild Ones does not endorse or promote any business entity which produces or markets native plants or seeds, or which provides landscape design or installation services. The list of local vendors is provided for informational purposes only, and River City Wild Ones disclaims any and all liability for the quality of planning, materials, or workmanship of businesses included in its list of local vendors.

