

Native Plants

Help Protect Your Watershed

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Why select native species and cultivars of native species for your landscape?

Be a Native Plant Advocate

In addition to incorporating native species in your own yard, contact your local city forester or park department and ask what guidelines and policies are in place for the use of native plantings. Many governmental agencies continue to promote exotic ornamental species as a first choice when selecting street trees and park plantings and occasionally continue the practice of planting invasive species such as Norway Maple. Control of invasive plant species costs U.S. taxpayers over one billion dollars per year.

Protecting Our Natural History and Regional Landscape Character

It is common today to see our native plant communities removed for development purposes only to be replaced by buildings, pavement, lawn, and exotic ornamental landscape plants. By using native species in your home landscape you can help to preserve the natural history and biodiversity of our region and protect our landscape heritage.

Wildlife Habitat

Native plants provide habitat for wildlife of all types of animals, birds, and insects affording the homeowner an up close view of species often found only in nature preserves or rural areas.

Residential Application

Native trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and wildflowers can be incorporated in numerous ways into your home landscape plan. Wildflowers, prairie grasses, and sedges are useful in perennial gardens, along shrub borders, and in rain gardens. Native trees and shrubs can form the framework of your landscape plan while vines such as Bittersweet or Virginia Creeper can be used to cover fences, arbors, and trellises.

If you would like more information, please check our web site at:
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