

## COMMON NATIVE PLANTS

### Trees

Pin Oak, Scarlet Oak, and Swamp White Oak

Service Berry

Flowering Dogwood

Eastern Hemlock

### Shrubs

Button Bush

Spice Bush

Gray, Silky and Red Osier Dogwoods

Nannyberry

### Flowers

Purple Coneflower

Cardinal Flower

Black-eyed Susan

Wild Geranium



Blue Lobelia

Garden Phlox

Butterfly Weed



*Using native plants in your yard creates a beautiful, low-maintenance, and inexpensive landscape. Choosing to use native plants benefits you and the environment!*

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# Landscaping with Native Plants



**Plant Selection & Landscape Tips for a Beautiful Yard and a Healthy Environment**

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## Why Use Native Plants?



**Native Plants** are adapted to local environmental conditions and thus:

- Need Less Water
- Require Less Mowing and Maintenance Time
- Have Lower Fertilizer and Pesticide Needs
- Provide Food and Shelter for Wildlife
- Add Color and Interest to A Landscape

**You can save time and money, as well as reduce negative impacts to local water resources, by landscaping with native plants!**

## What Are Native Plants?

**Native plants** are trees, grasses, shrubs and flowers that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region. They have become well-adapted to the physical features and climate of the area.

**Native plants** provide habitat for a variety of native wildlife including songbirds and butterflies.



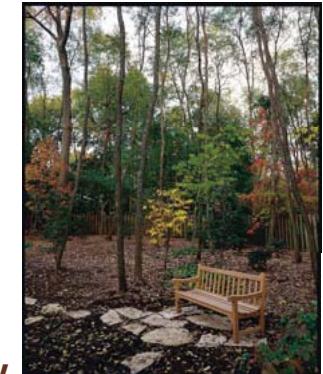
Because **native plants** grow in the wild without human intervention, they are sensible choices for low-maintenance gardens and landscapes.



## Problem Solving With Native Plants!

Can a native plant take care of that bare spot in your landscaping?

**Finding the best native plant for your yard is easy! Just follow these steps:**



**1. Analyze the prospective site for soil drainage, sun, and nutrient levels of the soil.** Test kits are available at the District Office.

**2. Find a native plant that corresponds to your site's environmental profile.** The District Office can direct you to a number of helpful publications in this regard.

**3. Locate and obtain your native plant from a reputable source.** A list of native plants and nurseries where they can be purchased can be obtained from the District Office.