

Restore & Beautify Your Property

Landscaping in Balance With Nature

As Fairfax County develops, trees are lost. Here and everywhere else, replanting the *right* way can restore beauty to the landscape while also providing a home for beneficial wildlife.



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Major construction projects underway in the region have led to reduced natural vegetation screens. Restore beauty to your landscape by replanting *the natural way*.

Beauty and Function: The Argument for Native Plants

Native plants - those that grow naturally in this area - are beautiful, easy to care for, and attract beneficial wildlife such as birds and butterflies.

Picking the right native plants provides a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape that also connects your property back to nature. The choices you make now will benefit the earth for years to come.



Screening: A native vegetation screen gives you privacy, tranquility and cuts down on traffic noise. Some good choices for effective, native screening include:

Shrubs:

- Ink Berry Holly - *Ilex Glabra*
- Wax Myrtle - *Morella (or Myrica) cerifera*
- Mountain Laurel - *Kalmia latifolia*
- Rosebay Rhododendron - *Rhododendron maximum*
- High Bush Blueberry - *Vaccinium macrocarpon*

Trees

- American Holly - *Ilex opaca*
- Eastern Red Cedar - *Juniperus virginiana*
- Sweet Bay Magnolia - *Magnolia virginiana*
- Southern Magnolia - *Magnolia grandiflora*
- Virginia Pine - *Pinus virginiana*
- Arborvitae - *Thuja occidentalis*

Groundcovers: Native groundcovers are an aesthetic and low-maintenance alternative to grass. Less lawn means less to mow!



Bergamot



Bluebells

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Bedding Plants: Many natives give the color and density you want in a bedding plant



Bellwort



Coreopsis



Bleeding Hearts



Wild Ginger

Flowers: Native flowers bloom throughout the year and attract a variety of pollinators

Tiger Swallowtail on Phlox



Humming Bird on Swamp Milkweed



Serviceberry



Year Round Color: The berries, bark, and leaves of natives provide a dash of color to the winter landscape and an important source of food to birds

You're not in this alone! Many local organizations would like to advise you on your choice of plants and materials to restore your property to aesthetic and natural balance.

For help with *your* yard, see the list of resources on the back of this brochure.

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County, one yard at a time!

Resources



The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia's Audubon at Home Program sends program ambassadors to help you make your landscaping choices.
www.audubonva.org



The National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat Program will instruct you how you can get the property you want while attracting wildlife.
www.nwf.org/In-Your-Backyard.aspx



Through their Horticulture Help Desk, the Fairfax Master Gardeners' knowledgeable volunteers will answer you horticulture questions and advise you on your landscaping decisions. Reach them by phone at (703) 324-8556 or email mgfairfax@vt.edu.

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