

## WHY CHOOSE NATIVE PLANTS?





<u>Low maintenance</u>: Once established, native plants generally require little maintenance.

<u>Beauty:</u> Many native plants offer beautiful flowers and offer year 'round seasonal interest.

<u>Make Healthy Places for People:</u> No need for fertilizers and pesticides. Create a healthier place for yourself, your family, and your community with native plants.

<u>Help the Planet:</u> Landscaping with native plants can combat climate change. More plants and less lawn reduce carbon pollution from unnecessary lawn-mowing and increase carbon storage in the soil.

<u>Conserve Water:</u> Native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions and once established require far less water. Many natives are drought and salt spray tolerant.

<u>Help Protect Water Quality:</u> Deep-rooted natives help the rainwater soak in where it falls and allow natural processes to cleanse the water before it reaches our groundwater, and no fertilizers needed.

<u>Support Wildlife:</u> Natives provide critical food sources for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

