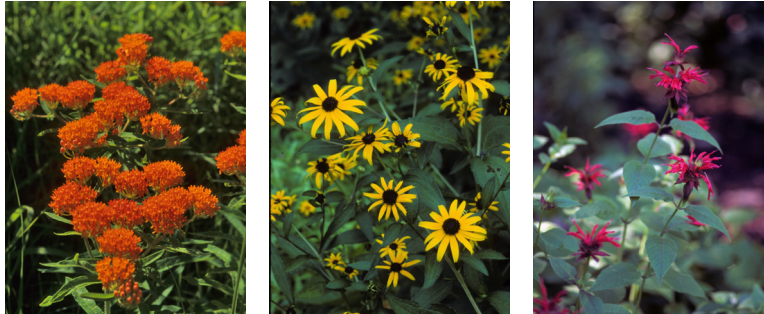


Native Plant Demonstration Garden



Watch it grow! Visit our native plant demonstration garden and learn about native plants, the ways they benefit wildlife and water conservation, and how you can plant a native garden at your home too.

Adopt-A-Native Plant Program

Interested in gardening with native plants? Adopt a section of the Native Plant Demonstration Garden located at the entrance of the Poricy Park Nature Center. Volunteers adopting a section will need to commit to a one year period of time. Duties include weeding, mulching, and some pruning. Groups are also welcome to adopt a plot and share duties. Please call the Green Team Coordinator at (732) 615-2289 or asarrinik@middletownnj.org for more information.

Background

In 2012, a Native Plant Garden and drip irrigation system was installed in front of the Poricy Park Nature Center with grant funding from Sustainable Jersey™ to control and remove invasive vegetation.

The Native Plant Garden contains a mix of wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs including but not limited to Scarlet Beebalm, Butterfly Weed, Purple Coneflower, Indian Grass, Heritage River Birch, and Inkberry Holly.

Guidelines

1. Select a section of the native plant garden, or the Green Team will assist you in the selection of an area. In determining the section, decide whether or not you can handle the work on your own or need a group of friends, or neighbors to assist.
2. You are required to clear the area of weed and brush, mulching, and some pruning.
3. If you wish to use mulch at your site, contact the Green Team coordinator, and mulch will be provided at the site from the Middletown Township recycling facility at no cost.
4. This is a year-round commitment.
5. You must contact the Green Team coordinator prior to conducting any work at your site. A site visit must be coordinated so the Green Team Coordinator can advise you as to where you can plant, clear, etc.
6. The Green Team coordinator will supply a container for weeds.

7. If you wish to beautify your area with additional native plantings, you must choose from the Approved Native Plant List and obtain approval from the Green Team Coordinator prior to installation of the additional plant.
8. If at anytime you determine you are no longer able to participate, please immediately advise the Township by calling the Green Team Coordinator.
9. If you have any questions or need to arrange a site visit, contact Middletown's Green Team Coordinator at 732-615-2000 ext.2289 or asarrinik@middletownnj.org