

CONSERVATION@WORK

Reasons to use sustainable native plant landscaping on your site:

- Lower maintenance costs vs. turf grass
- Can reduce goose populations
- Provide/Improve habitat for songbirds and butterflies
- Absorb more rainwater than with turf grass to reduce pollution from runoff and recharge our groundwater supply
- Add beauty and curb appeal
- Enhance customer and employee experience with aesthetically pleasing environments
- Reduce erosion and sequester carbon
- Help manage stormwater and reduce localized flooding



Contact Jim Kleinwachter
with questions and to schedule your site visit!

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**Call to find out
about our new
Meadow Mix!**



Business properties and educational and church campuses are often large parcels of land with great potential to impact the quality of our streams and the health of our environment. The Conservation Foundation's **Conservation@Work** program seeks to encourage these property owners to save money, conserve water resources, provide habitat for wildlife and beautify our region through the use of native plants and sustainable landscape practices.



Conservation@Work-certified property owners will receive this sign to post proudly on their property.



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A program of The Conservation Foundation

Encouraging business, school,
church and organizational
property owners to help
transform our landscape for
the benefit of people
and the environment.

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PROGRAM GOALS

- Encourage the use of native plants on business properties and corporate, school, church and organizational campuses.
- Protect and restore natural areas.
- Promote good water resource practices (rain barrels and rain gardens that reduce runoff and absorb and filter rainwater).
- Recognize landowners that practice good conservation measures.
- Educate landowners about how they can improve habitats.
- Provide a visible sign of good conservation design and implementation.

In-depth information on the following subjects is available on our website:

* Invasive Species *

* Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) *

* Composting * Advantages of Mulch *

* Ponds * Wildlife Habitat Improvements *

* Native Plants for Your Property *

* Native Plants in Your Community *

* Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens *

VISIT

www.theconservationfoundation.org

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RECOGNITION CRITERIA

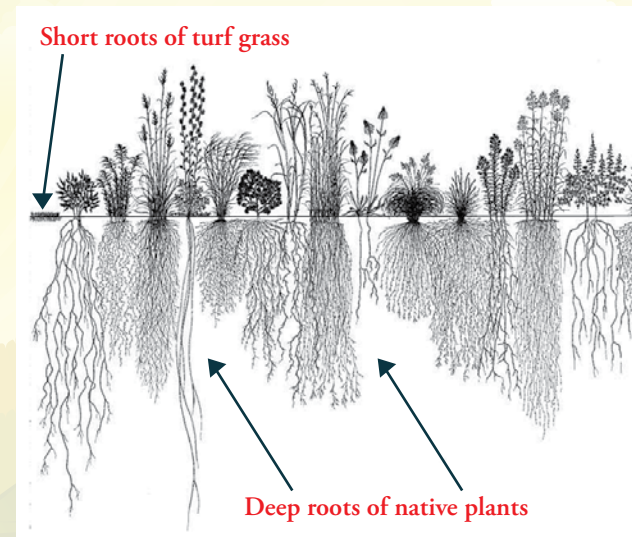
- Property must have some native plant components, for the benefit of water conservation and/or wildlife.
- There should be clear evidence of good land stewardship (invasive species control, and other management issues).
- Properties along creeks, rivers or ponds should be managed to reduce erosion and pollution.
- Protecting existing natural areas as well as creating new areas is highly encouraged!

If your land management style meets the basic criteria above, call The Conservation Foundation to become part of the Conservation@Work community!

We are available to help answer questions or walk a site. Qualifying property owners can be certified for a one-time \$300 fee that includes a complimentary one-year membership to The Conservation Foundation, and a Conservation@Work sign to post proudly at their site.

BENEFITS OF A NATURE-FRIENDLY PROPERTY

- Native plantings support a large variety of beneficial wildlife. The habitat you create will attract wildlife such as songbirds and butterflies!
- The deep roots of native plants reduce erosion and require less water than a traditional turf grass lawn.
- The work environment can be enhanced for employees with natural areas for relaxation.
- Sustainable landscape practices can cost less to maintain than traditional landscapes.



Queen of the Prairie

Bloodroot

Purple Coneflower/Monarch

Butterfly Weed

Purple Prairie Clover

Prairie Dropseed/Black-Eyed Susan

Red Trillium

Spiderwort