

Ready to take that next step to beautify your neighborhood? Consider a **Neighbors Naturescaping** greening project to improve public spaces in your area.

# What is Neighbors Naturescaping?

It is a program offered by Brightside St. Louis to help neighborhood groups beautify their community by planting gardens in public spaces.

### Groups may request up to \$1,500 for:

Perennials, Grasses, Shrubs, Flower Bulbs, Trees, Tools and Hardscape Materials

# Who Can Apply?

Any neighborhood association, community group, block unit or school in the City of St. Louis.

### What Public Areas Are Eligible?

Neighborhood entrances, parks, medians, tree lawns, vacant lots and other public spaces.

### What Areas Are NOT Eligible?

Privately-owned properties.

Interested? Call Brightside at 772-4646 or email <u>info@brightsidestl.org</u> for more information and to get your name on the mailing list.

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# **Important Program Information**

# Neighbors Naturescaping 2014 Time Line

### Wednesday, June 4th

 Program Kick-Off begins at 5:30 p.m. at Brightside. Application packets will be distributed at this event.

### Saturday, June 21st

- St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Registration is free for Neighbors
   Naturescaping participants. Space is
   limited, so be sure to register online at
   <u>www.tinyurl.com/gardenurban</u> or by
   phone at 314-400-2115.
- Workshops begin at 9:00 a.m. and last 25 minutes each. A panel discussion with speakers begins at 11:30 a.m. See symposium flyer for details.

### Friday, August 15th

 Project Applications Due by Noon at Brightside's office.

### September (date to be announced)

• Selected Projects Announced.

### October 10th & 11th

- Plants available for pick-up (perennials, grasses, shrubs & bulbs).
- Some trees & shrubs may not be available until November.

- Application packets will be distributed beginning Wednesday, June 4th at the Neighbors Naturescaping Kick-Off event.
- Application packets include a recommended plant material list with plant descriptions. Many of the plants can be seen growing in Brightside's Demonstration Garden adjacent to our office at 4646 Shenandoah.
- Selected projects will be provided with plants, tools and hardscape, as requested in the application and approved by the Selection Committee. No cash awards.
- 4) Groups that plan to submit a Neighbors Naturescaping application are highly encouraged to attend the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium on Saturday, June 21st. Group participation in the symposium will be a component of the Judging Criteria considered by the Selection Committee in its funding decisions.





In partnership with Mayor Slay's Milkweeds for Monarchs initiative, Brightside is encouraging Neighbors Naturescaping applicants to consider planting a butterfly garden. Many plants on the STL Monarch Mix plant list will

be available on Brightside's recommended plant list. For more information about Milkweeds for Monarchs



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