

Neighbors Naturescaping



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What is Neighbors Naturescaping?

A program offered by Brightside St. Louis to help neighborhood groups enhance their community by planting native gardens in public spaces.

What are the benefits of Neighbors Naturescaping?

- Beautify a public space in your neighborhood
- Restore Missouri native plant communities
- Attract beneficial wildlife, such as butterflies, bees and birds
- Reduce storm water runoff and protect our drinking water



Eligible Groups

Neighborhood associations, community groups, block units, non-profits and school groups located in St. Louis city

Eligible Planting Locations

Medians, neighborhood entrances, parks, street barricades, tree lawns, vacant LRA lots and other public spaces approved by Brightside. Must be located in St. Louis city

Locations NOT Eligible

Privately-owned properties and locations outside of the St. Louis city limits

Request up to \$1,500 for...

- ~ Perennials ~ Grasses ~ Shrubs ~
- ~ Flower Bulbs ~ Trees ~ Hoses ~
- ~ Garden Edging ~ Shovels ~ Rakes ~
- ~ Other Supplies ~

Eligible expenses include Missouri native plants, hardscape materials and gardening tools.

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Important Program Information

Neighbors Naturescaping 2015 Time Line

Wednesday, May 20th

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

May 20th—August 12th

- ◆ Applicants may contact Brightside for technical assistance.

Saturday, June 6th

- ◆ Educational workshops will be held at Brightside as part of the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium.
- ◆ Workshop registration fees will be waived for Neighbors Naturescaping applicants.

Friday, August 14th

- ◆ Project applications are due by Noon at Brightside's office.

September (dates to be determined)

- ◆ Announcement of selected projects.
- ◆ Selected groups will meet Brightside staff at Home Depot to purchase their approved tools and supplies.

October 9th & 10th

- ◆ Most plants, shrubs and trees will be available for groups to pick up.

November (date to be determined)

- ◆ Large trees will be available for groups to pick up.



- 1) Application packets include a recommended plant material list with plant descriptions and MDC educational materials. Many of the plants can be seen growing in Brightside's Demonstration Garden adjacent to our office.
- 2) ***Neighbors Naturescaping applicants are highly encouraged to attend the educational workshops offered at the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium.*** Participation in the symposium workshops is a component of the application Judging Criteria and will be considered by the Selection Committee when making project funding decisions.
- 3) Selected projects will be provided with plants, tools and supplies, as requested in the application and approved by the Selection Committee.
No cash awards will be given.



Milkweeds For Monarchs **The St. Louis Butterfly Project**

In partnership with Mayor Francis 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 visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/sustainability