

# Neighbors Naturescaping



## 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 or not-for-profit owned 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, nonprofits 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 and 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 selected from our recommended plant list, plus hardscape materials and gardening tools from Home Depot.

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# Important Program Information

## Neighbors Naturescaping 2018 Time Line

### Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- ♦ 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.

### Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Technical assistance workshop at Brightside's office from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### September Date TBD

- ♦ Announcement of selected projects.

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- ♦ Selected groups will meet Brightside staff at Home Depot to purchase their approved tools and supplies.

### October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ Plants, shrubs and 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**

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/monarchs](http://www.stlouis-mo.gov/monarchs)