# 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.



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

Perennials | Grasses | Shrubs | Flower Bulbs | Trees Hoses | Garden Edging | Shovels | Rakes | Other Hand Tools

Eligible expenses include Missouri native plants selected from our recommended plant list, plus hardscape materials and gardening tools from Home Depot.

# What are the benefits of Neighbors Naturescaping?

- Beautify a public or visible nonprofit 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, LRA lots w/current garden leases and other public spaces and nonprofits 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

# **Sincere Thanks to our Sponsors**







# IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

# NEIGHBORS NATURESCAPING 2025 TIME LINE

#### **WEEK OF MAY 19**

- Applications become available.
- Request an application by completing this google form: bit.ly/neighborsnaturescaping.

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 31**

- Learn from the native plant and pollinator experts at the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium (SLUGS).
- No charge for Neighbors Naturescaping participants and volunteers.

#### **JUNE 14**

Native plant garden tour.

#### **JUNE 9 - JULY 11**

• Technical assistance appointments with Brightside. (Please schedule in advance.)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

 Project applications due by Noon at the Brightside office.

#### **SEPTEMBER 10**

• Announcement of selected projects.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

 Selected groups will coordinate with Brightside staff to purchase approved tools and supplies from Home Depot.

#### **OCTOBER 10 & 11**

 Plants, shrubs, trees and bulbs will be available for groups to pick up at the Greenhouse in Forest Park.



- Application packets include a recommended plant material list with plant descriptions and links to MDC educational materials. Many of the plants can be seen growing in Brightside's Demonstration Garden adjacent to our office.
- Neighbors Naturescaping applicants (project leaders and volunteers) are highly encouraged to attend at NO CHARGE the 2025 St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium on May 31. Participation in the symposium is a component of the Judging Criteria considered by the Selection Committee in project funding decisions.
- 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.

#### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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