

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 with 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



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IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

NEIGHBORS NATURESCAPING 2026 TIMELINE

WEEK OF MAY 18

- Applications become available
- Request an application by completing this google form: tinyurl.com/naturescaping2026

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

JUNE 13

- Native plant garden tour

JUNE 8 - JULY 10

- Technical assistance appointments with Brightside (Please schedule in advance)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

- Project applications due by Noon at the Brightside office

SEPTEMBER 9

- Announcement of selected projects

SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 2

- Brightside will coordinate with selected groups to purchase approved tools and supplies from Home Depot

OCTOBER 9 & 10

- Plants, shrubs, trees and bulbs will be available for groups to pick up 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 2026 St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium on May 30. 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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