



# The Wildflower Preservation and Propagation Committee Natural Garden in Your Yard Mentoring Program



## Our Mission: A native garden in every yard!

Native wildflowers are beautiful! If that isn't reason enough to add them to your landscape, consider this — transforming even a small 100 sq. ft. area of lawn or non-native garden space to native plants can have a sizable impact on the environment. The deep roots of native plants not only return clean water to our water table, they also make native plants hardy and sustainable without constant watering. In addition, their seeds, flower heads, and leaves are healthy food sources for our native wildlife and thus attract butterflies, birds, and bees.

## Mentoring Program Benefits:

By participating in The WPPC's Natural Yards Mentoring Program you will receive advice from an experienced native plant gardener who will mentor and assist you with site evaluation, plant selection, weed identification, and telephone/email support. You will also receive planting plans, lists of native plant resources, as well as reference materials, and invitations to a number of our evening educational programs on a variety of native gardening topics. Lastly, as a mentee, you have the opportunity to pre-order plants in January from our Native Plant Sale list with a discount on your first 100 plants. A \$25 non-refundable deposit must be submitted at time of admittance into the program. This will be applied to your balance due for your plant order.

The WPPC is a 100% volunteer based not-for-profit with decades worth of knowledge and experience.

## Application

If you are interested in creating a natural garden in your yard, please fill out the form below, detach and mail it to:

The WPPC-NGYY Program  
% The Land Conservancy  
P.O. Box 352  
Woodstock, IL 60098

**Upon review in the Fall, we will contact you for an interview. We must receive your application by August 1st.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Are you a McHenry County resident? .....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you willing to dedicate a total of 100 sq. ft. to a natural garden? .....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you willing to commit this space to natural gardening for at least 3 years?.....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you aware of any municipal or development restrictions on planting native plants in your area? ...                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I understand that I will be responsible for planting and the mentor will not provide physical labor. ....             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prior gardening experience <input type="checkbox"/> A Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> None |                          |                          |