

### Local Resources

Doing anything new often generates a lot of questions. Well, there are many people, publications and web sites devoted to landscaping with native plants that you can access with your concerns. This information sheet is by no means an exhaustive list, but it should get you started in learning more about the process of naturalizing your yard and creating beautiful native gardens.

(Note: This list was compiled in May, 2002 and is just a starting place. The number of nurseries and consultants providing native plants and related services continues to grow. Springfield Township does not necessarily endorse or recommend these businesses over others. Be sure to visit your local nursery to see if it has joined the

growing number of nurseries that grow or supply native plants. More local landscape contractors and consultants are also beginning to incorporate native plants into their designs.)



#### **Before You Buy**

Before you buy native plants, make sure that the grower or dealer is reputable. Never buy wildcollected plants; thoughtless or unethical collectors can (and have) devastated wild plant communities. Also beware of the term "nursery grown," which may simply refer to a plant which was illegally collected in the wild, potted up, and grown for a season at the nursery. Buy only plants which were propagated at the nursery from legally collected seeds, divisions or cuttings.

# Nurseries With Native Michigan Genotypes

The following nurseries grow plants which are not only native to Michigan, but also originated from wild populations *in* Michigan. A native plant with an extensive range can show great genetic variation; a witchhazel from Georgia, for instance, could be significantly different, genetically, from a witchhazel in Michigan. Plants which are genetically native to Michigan may be hardier and better able to tolerate local insect and disease problems than their southern or eastern counterparts. In addition to supplying landscaping material, many

#### Michigan Wildflower Farm

Esther & Bill Durnwald 11770 Cutler Rd. Portland, MI 48875

E-mail: wildflowers@voyager.net www.michiganwildflowerfarm.com

Phone: 517-647-6010 Fax: 517-647-6072

Native wildflower & grass seed Consulting, installation, maintenance

#### **Nesta Prairie Perennials**

Stephen Keto 1019 Miller Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Phone: 800-233-5025 or 616-343-1669

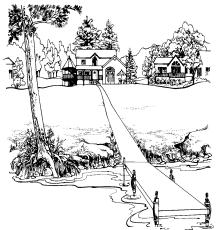
Fax: 616-343-0768

Native perennials: prairie, savannah,

wetland

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Before...Lawn down to the lakeshore can cause erosion, property loss, and poor lake water quality (not to mention unwanted visitors like Canada Geesel)

"Native flowers, grasses and ferns can match the finest cultivated perennials in beauty and surpass them in ruggedness and resistance to insects and diseases."

-Jim Wilson



After...Native lakeside vegetation protects shorelines and lake water quality. Tall vegetation also discourages Canada Geese.

### Nurseries With Native Michigan Genotypes

#### The Native Plant Nursery

Greg Vaclavek & Mike Appel

PO Box 7841

Ann Arbor, MI 48107

E-mail: <a href="mailto:plants@nativeplant.com">plants@nativeplant.com</a>

www.nativeplant.com Phone: 734-677-3260

Native perennial plants
Design, consulting, restoration

#### Sand Hill Farm

Cheryl Tolley 11250 Ten Mile Rd, NE Rockford, MI 49341

E-mail: <a href="mailto:cherylt@iserv.net">cherylt@iserv.net</a> Phone: 616-691-8214 Fax: 616-691-7872

Native plants, plugs & seeds

Consulting, installation, maintenance

#### Wetlands Nursery, Inc.

Jewel Richardson PO Box 14553 Saginaw, MI 48601 E-mail: JewelR@aol.com

Phone: 989-752-3492 Fax: 989-752-3096

Native wetland plants & seeds Consulting & installation

#### **Wildtype Native Plants**

Bill Schneider 900 N. Every Rd. Mason, MI 48854

Email: wildtype@msu.edu www.wildtypeplants.com Phone: 517-244-1140 Fax: 517-244-1142

Native trees, shrubs, grasses & wildflowers

Design, consulting, restoration

# Nurseries With Native Plants (Local or Non-Local Genotypes)

The following nurseries also offer native plants, which may or may not be local genotypes. If it is important to you to have local genotypes, be sure to check with the supplier:

#### Arrowhead Alpines

Bob & Brigitta Stewart

PO Box 857

Fowlerville, MI 48836 Phone: 517-223-3581 Fax: 517-223-8750

Perennial plants & shrubs; some native

#### **Bordine Nursery**

8600 Dixie Highway Clarkston, MI 48348-4236 Phone: 248-625-9100

Fax: 248-625-9109

Trees, shrubs, perennials; some native

#### Grass Roots, Inc.

Tom Smith PO Box 4001

East Lansing, MI 48826

E-mail: grassroots@voyager.net

Phone: 517-337-2405 Fax: 517-337-2430

Native perennials & grasses Design, construction, management

#### Hortech, Inc.

PO Box 533

Spring Lake, MI 49456-0533 Phone: 616-842-1392

Fax: 616-842-3273

Vines, ferns, groundcovers, grasses

Wholesale only

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# Nurseries With Native Plants

(Local or Non-Local Genotypes) (Cont.)

#### Michigan Habitat Design, Inc.

Jeff Ryan 2935 Flint

Ortonville, MI 48462 Phone/Fax: 248-627-8733 Design, consulting, installation Nursery materials, retail sales

#### **Oikos Tree Crops**

PO Box 19425

Kalamazoo, MI 49019-0425 E-mail: oak24@aol.com Phone: 616-624-6233 Fax: 616-624-4019

Trees, shrubs, perennials; some native

#### **Prairie Nursery**

PO Box 306 Westfield, WI 53964

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Web:www.prairienursery.com mail: cs@prairienursery.com

Phone: 800-476-9453 Fax: 608-296-2741

Native perennials & grasses. Informative catalogue



# Consulting, Installation and Other Services

The following businesses offer design, consulting and/or installation services for native plant landscapes:

#### **David Borneman**

1123 Mixtwood Ann Arbor, MI 48103

E-mail: davidborneman@yahoo.com

Phone: 734-994-3475 Mobile: 734-645-8476

Ecological consulting, burning services

#### Earth Art Landscape Design

Virginia Chatfield 3319 Eloc Drive Swartz Creek, MI 48473

E-mail: vchatfield@comcast.net

Phone: 810-655-6580

Design, consulting, installation

#### **Ecothink**

Maryann Whitman 2271 Rochester Road Oakland, MI 48363

E-mail: ecothink@comcast.net

Phone: 248-652-4004 *Design, consulting* 

#### Heritage Farm

Amy Murry 600 South Hurd Road Oxford, MI 48371

E-mail: prairiesmoke@earthlink.net www.home.earthlink.net/~prairiesmoke

Phone: 248-969-9200

Design, consulting, installation

#### Plantwise Native Landscapes

David Mindell 224 Charles Street Ann Arbor, MI 48103 E-mail: plantwise@aol.com Phone: 734-665-7168

Restoration, design, consulting, installation

#### Wild Thymes

Carolyn Wood 8070 Perry Lake Road Clarkston, MI 48348 Phone: 248-625-7240

Consulting, design, installation

## Check Out the Web

Other businesses in the Midwest and on the East Coast sell many of the plant species native to Springfield Township, though not necessarily genotypes from southeast Michigan. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website is one of several sites that provides a listing of such businesses:

www.epa.gov/greenacres/