



# The benefits of Native Plants

Scientific studies confirm wildlife thrive in greater numbers where gardens are planted with native plants that provide floral diversity, rich nectar, pollen sources and three-season bloom. Why is this important?

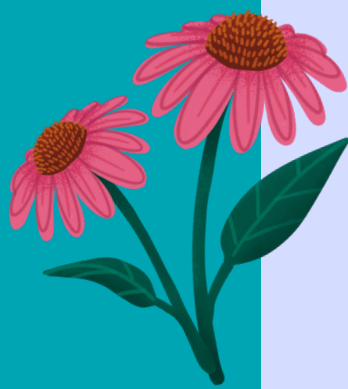
## Biodiversity

- Native plants are keystone species that provide food and shelter for native birds, bees, and other wildlife
- Native plants are crucial to the survival of many specialized pollinators
- Native plants can help keep invasive plants from spreading



## Water & Soil

- Native plants help improve the health of soil by allowing healthy microorganisms to thrive
- Native plants have deep roots trapping water and cleaning it before it enters our watersheds
- Deep roots also help hold soil in place, preventing soil erosion



## Climate Resilience

- Native plants roots and leaves help sequester carbon
- Native plants are adapted to thrive in their specific, unique climates
- Native plants don't require pesticides or other petroleum based interventions



## Impact on Us

- Native plants require less maintenance than traditional landscaping- saving time and money
- Native plants offer educational opportunities through the study of the ecosystem
- Native plants tie us to the history of where we live, fostering connection to the land we call our home

