



UNDERSTANDING NATIVE PLANT GARDENS

NATIVE PLANTS

- Native plants and gardens aren't the perfectly spaced, out, orderly and clean cut gardens we are used to
- Being and looking 'wild' is a part of their nature
- Imagine before the "American dream" of green cut grass and white picket fences, these plantings are a restoration of what used to be
- Native gardens are beautiful; they are organic, enchanting, magical, colorful, and filled with life!

A few months after
planting



BENEFITS

Native plants offer a ton of benefits for people and the environment, including supporting wildlife, inviting pollinators, improving soil quality, water quality, and reducing maintenance costs.

KNOWING YOUR GARDEN

- Take the time to know your plants and differentiate them from common weeds especially when not blooming
- If starting with small plants at the beginning they can look like little grasses but over the years they grow and bloom periodically and become a full beautiful garden

1 year after
planting



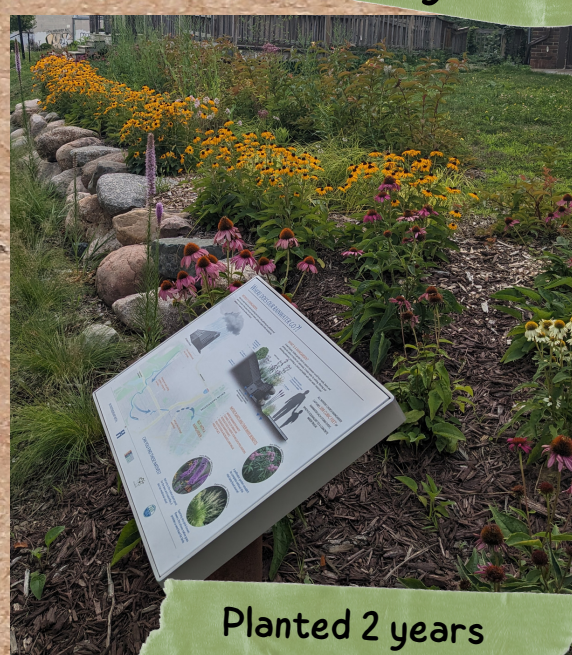
PLANTING

- As you re-introduce the plants to the environment you can arrange them in a natural sense, they don't have to be in perfect rows or symmetrical
- Plant a large number of the same type of plant for cohesion
- Cluster the same plants together, this helps them resist weeds and provides physical support
- Keep in mind native plants grow wild in big areas and may grow up and over and around in your garden
- Use grasses and flowers together to mimic how they grow naturally, this allows your garden to be self-sustaining after time
- Some native plants can spread in your garden by reseeding or through their roots
- Adding edging can help give structure

MAINTENANCE

- If plants are getting too large or 'messy', regularly pruning and trimming can help
- Weed once in late May, early June, and early September and as needed as they come up

Planted 2 years
ago



planted 4
years ago

