

APPLICATION



- Native plant guidelines can easily be integrated into most landscaping ordinances because they cover new ideas in landscaping and often do not conflict with existing provisions. Communities can also adopt a native vegetation ordinance that would contain a larger range of native plant provisions to direct the use of native vegetation.
- The landscaping requirements should include a prohibited plant species list that consists of exotic invasive plant species, which have no natural controls and are able to out-compete and gradually displace native plants. It is important to update this list as new information on invasive plants becomes available.
- Native plant regulations and guidelines should promote:
 1. The use of native species in landscaping and plantings.
 2. The education of land development professionals about the possibilities of using native plants.
 3. Private “naturally landscaped” lots, which consist of taller plants, not much mown lawn, and are arranged to emulate nature.
 4. The rescue and transplantation of appropriate native plant species on development sites.
 5. The removal of exotic invasive plant species.
 6. Environmentally sound maintenance practices, which in turn reduce the amount of maintenance and water required, greatly reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and reduce emissions from gas powered landscaping equipment.



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