



Resources List

Professionals:

Search Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals (CBLP) for certified individuals offering a variety of services <https://certified.cblpro.org/>

Native By Design, LLC, Lauren Hubbard

<https://www.facebook.com/Native-By-Design-LLC-2113417288925283>

Where to find native plants, design, and installation services:

-Ask your nursery if the plants they are selling are native to our region and if they are locally sourced. Are they grown from seed? Note that only retail outlets are listed, there are additional wholesale nurseries, a landscape professional may provide access to additional resources.

-Find friends who are native plant enthusiasts, they are usually willing to share once they have lots of plants that are flourishing.

-Before hiring for design and install ask if they have a certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional on staff.

Nurseries that offer 100% ecotypic natives: (grown from responsibly collected regional seed sources):

- Chesapeake Natives <http://chesapeakenatives.org/> (a not-for-profit)
- Earth Sangha <http://www.earthsangha.org/> (a not-for-profit)

Some ecotypic natives, mostly native to the region:

- Native By Design - laurenhubbard100@gmail.com, 631-764-6226
- Muddy Branch Alliance Spring Plant Sale <https://muddybranch.org/>
- Locust Grove Nature Center Spring Plant Sale <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/cabin-john-regional-park/locust-grove-nature-center/native-plant-sale-at-locust-grove-nature-center/>
- Friends of Black Hills Spring Plant Sale <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/black-hill-nature-programs/friends-of-bhnp/>

- Herring Run <https://www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/herring-run-nursery/> (a not-for-profit)
- Lauren's Garden Service <https://www.laurensgardenservice.com/>
- Nature By Design <http://www.nature-by-design.com/>

Watch for other native plant sales held at county parks and botanical gardens.

Plant Selection:

I encourage you to use as many plant species as possible from the following “Keystone genera” list. “Keystone genera” are plant groupings that, based upon research by Doug Tallamy, provide the most benefit to wildlife in our general area. 5% of the available native plant genera (keystone genera) support 73% of the available caterpillar species. You don't necessarily need to only have those species, but adding some will help sustain the wildlife that lives in your area.

Keystone genera

Trees:

Oaks
Cherries
Willows
Birches
Maples
Cottonwood
Blueberries
Crabapples
Alders
Elms
Pines
Basswood
Hawthorns

Herbaceous:

Goldenrod
Asters
Wild strawberries
Sunflowers
Nightshades
Plantain
Ragweed
Wild lettuce
Smartweed
Joe Pye weed
Morning glories
Goosefoot
Native grasses

General information:

- Montgomery County has a rich website with many links to help with all aspects of your project: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/resources.html>
- Eartheast (a not-for-profit) provides plant lists for their project on Darnestown Road as well as helpful tips for homeowners. <http://eartheast.org/new-page/>
- Wildones Chesapeake Chapter is a local group promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. They host plant swaps and are a very friendly helpful group! <https://wildones.org/chapters-2/chapters-in-maryland/>
- Landscape For Life for a deeper dive into sustainable gardening practices <https://landscapeforlife.org/>
- Montgomery County Cooperative Extension <http://extension.umd.edu/hgic>
- Master Gardeners <https://extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/montgomery-county-master-gardeners>

Native Plant Databases:

- Lady Bird Wildflower Center <https://www.wildflower.org/>

- Alliance for the Chesapeake and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service searchable database, not all species are on their list but it is a great resource to help find plants suitable for specific soil and light requirements, you can also sort by size and color! <http://www.nativeplantcenter.net/>
- USDA database with fact sheets https://plants.sc.egov.usda.gov/about_plants.html
- Missouri Botanical Garden will often come up under google searches, it is a great site although use with caution as not every species is native. Use other resources first to ensure that the species of interest is native to our area. <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>

Other resources:

- Irwin Stone <https://www.irwinstone.com/> - a good source for hardscaping materials.
- Lilypons Watergarden <https://www.lilypons.com/> for ponds and water garden plants and supplies.

Financial help:

Rebates are available to homeowners, schools and community organizations who install projects that reduce stormwater runoff:

- Montgomery County Residents - Rainscapes.org
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/index.html>
- City of Gaithersburg Residents -
<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/environmental-services/rainscapes-reward-program>
- City of Rockville Residents - <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/827/Rainscape-Rebates>

Inspiration:

- Muddy Branch Alliance Garden Tour
<https://muddybranch.org/wp-content/uploads/Butterfly-Bird-and-Bay-Friendly-Garden-Tour-Stops-Final-1.pdf>
- Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary <https://anshome.org/visit/>
- Brookside Gardens <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/brookside-gardens/>
- Master Gardener Demonstration Garden(Agricultural History Farm Park)
<https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/home-gardening/derwood-demo-garden>
- National Botanical Garden on the Mall <https://www.usbg.gov/>
- National Arboretum's Fern Valley garden <https://www.usna.usda.gov/>
- Smithsonian Natural History Museum gardens on the Mall
<http://www.gardens.si.edu/our-gardens/pollinator-garden.html>

Free stuff!

- Backyard Buffer program - get free trees from the state:
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/Backyard-Buffer-Program.aspx>
- The Muddy Branch Alliance offers free tree and occasional rain barrel giveaways. To receive announcements sign up for their newsletter at <https://muddybranch.org/>
- Tree Montgomery offers free shade trees 12' tall and planted and for smaller trees \$25-\$40 tree rebates at <https://treemontgomery.org/get-trees/>
- If you can handle large amounts of mulch sign up for "[ChipDrop](#)". You can get a full truck load of mulch at low or no cost. I've used it, it works!

A selected bibliography, some are hard copy some are websites:

- Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. <https://www.fws.gov/Chesapeakebay/pdf/NativePlantsforWildlifeHabitatandConservationLandscaping.pdf>
- Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens by Rusty Schmidt, Dan Shaw and David Dods
- Bringing Nature Home, Living Landscape, and Nature's Best Hope by Douglas W. Tallamy. Books and a website <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/>
- Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher
- Planting in a Post-Wild World by Thomas Rainer and Claudia West
- Plant Invaders of the Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas <https://www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic/>
- Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants by C. Colston Burrell. Book and a website https://www.bbg.org/gardening/article/native_alternatives_plant_list1

The information provided here is accurate to the best of my ability, I continue to update this list. Please let me know if you are aware of a resource that should include or if corrections are needed. Email comments to laurenhubbard100@gmail.com Thank you!

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