











## Six reasons to use native plants in the landscape

- 1. Bring beauty and color to the landscape: Native plants provide four seasons of interest, and provide a 'sense of place'. When you create a landscape of native plants, you create a space that is clearly different than a backyard in other parts of the country, or the world.
- 2. Save on water and fertilizer: When properly sited, native plants do not need supplemental water or fertilizer once established.
- 3. Reduce disease: A landscape with a diversity of species can defend itself against one pest wiping it out completely.
- 4. Attract beneficial insects and pollinators: Pollinators and native bees rely on native plants to survive.
- 5. Provide food for songbirds and butterflies: Studies have shown that even a modest increase in the number of native plants in a neighborhood increases the number and species of birds.
- 6. Restore and balance the ecology of Lehigh Valley: Native plants are one link in a complex web that is our ecosystem. All parts of the ecosystem work together to keep our water clean and our air pure.

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