



March 10, 2021 – Environmental Council

Native Plants for School and Community Projects



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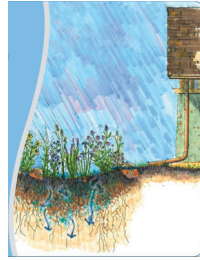


Image: Rainscaping Iowa



How can the Land & Water Resources Department support local groups trying to expand native plants and rain gardens?

Native Plants for Water Quality and Education

Volunteers and free plants!!!



Photo: Stephen's Elementary School

Native Plants for Water Quality and Education

Summer/Fall Cycle

Volunteers grow plants
Schools/Community Groups apply
Plants distributed to projects



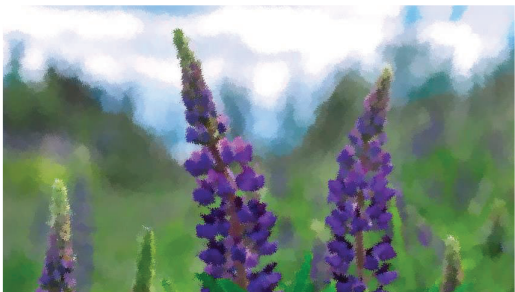
Spring Cycle

Schools/Community Groups apply
Project listed on Plant Dane! Website
Community can donate to projects



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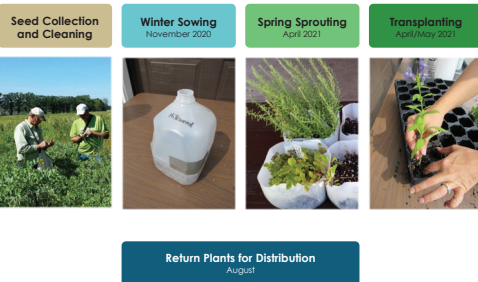
Since the program began in 2016, we have distributed more than **15,000** native plants to over **86** different local groups.



Growing Steps



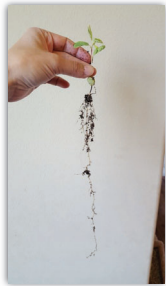
Growing Steps: Timeline Overview



Volunteer Seed Collection and Cleaning



Grower Workshop



Plants returned in **August** to distribute to groups



Plant Dane encourages residents and organizations to build native gardens and rain gardens through educational opportunities, resources and access to low cost native plants.



- ORDER** native plants online-
-40+ species including garden kits
-\$2.25/each (order in multiples of 4)
-order deadline 3/21
-plant pick up May 22nd
- DONATE** native plants to school/community projects through Plant Dane order system.
-donate by 3/21
- GROW** native plants for community projects (summer/fall cycle).
-seed and instructions provided
-training available (fall)
- LEARN** how to build a rain garden. Virtual Rain Garden Workshop Series - Feb. 16th, Mar. 2nd, Mar. 16th
Cost-\$10



www.ripple-effects.com/plantdane

Now accepting Free Native Plant Project Applications for Summer Cycle

