Urban Lands Program

The Urban Lands Program helps people make healthy, informed choices for their neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds. We collaborate with community partners to develop demonstration projects that showcase healthy landscaping practices.

We offer site visits, workshops, presentations, and annual events to help you get started.

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Why native plants?

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• Need less water and fertilizer when established
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How do I use this guide?
This guide provides plant suggestions for areas in full sun. 
The plants on the next page are grouped by how much water they need. 
For example, if you have a sunny spot in your yard and you want to find 
plants that will need very little moisture, look in the first column, 
titled “dry soil.”

Right Plant – Right Place
When you are ready to plant a 
section of your yard, first determine 
how much sun and moisture the 
area gets, then choose a plant that 
matches those conditions. The right 
plant, for the right place!

Why is it important to 
plan for sun and water?
• Plants won’t need extra watering 
• They will grow better, faster 
• You can save money and time

How can I learn more?
EMSWCD offers FREE workshops 
that show examples of native plant 
communities and provide tips to 
help them thrive!

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