

# GROW MARYLAND NATURALLY

## Introducing the Maryland Native Plants Program (MNPP)

### What is the Maryland Native Plants Program?

Established through the Maryland Native Plants Program Act (HB950/SB836, 2023), the MNPP is a first-of-its-kind initiative designed to:

- Promote the use of true Maryland native plants
- Support certified native plant nurseries and growers
- Educate consumers, gardeners, and professionals



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Scan to watch:  
"A legislative approach  
to promote and  
protect native plants"  
<https://youtu.be/d2rOsa4FhCc>

According to Maryland state law (HB950/SB836, 2023), a native plant is defined as:

*A plant that occurs naturally in the state and surrounding region, ecosystem, and habitat, without direct or indirect human actions.*

#### Commercial Maryland Native Plant List



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<https://chesapeakebay.wildones.org/md-plant-list/>

- A vetted list of 650+ native species available for sale in Maryland
- Searchable by conditions like soil, light, bloom time, and wildlife value
- Based on the Maryland Plant Atlas—our state's trusted nativity source!

#### Voluntary Nursery Certification



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- A three-tier program recognizing nurseries that carry Maryland native plants:
  - Bronze (20–49%)
  - Silver (50–74%)
  - Gold (75–100%)
- Certification helps consumers find more native plant options
- Look for the "Maryland's Best Native Plants" logo when shopping



#### Native Plant & Landscape Specialist



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- New position! Lisa Kuder, (UMD Extension) provides science-backed support for using native plants
- Resources include educational guides, planting advice, and seed programs
- New tools in development: searchable plant palettes and design aids



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