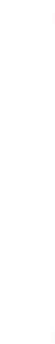


Connect to Protect

Gardening for Biodiversity: From the Built to the Restored



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Mission

Our mission is to encourage schools, parks, businesses, and municipalities to infuse their landscapes with native plants in order to support biodiversity on all levels. Our gardens are designed to educate and inspire an appreciation for the connections between plants, animals and people.



Objectives

Support wildlife by providing nectar, pollen, food, and shelter.

Encourage schools, businesses and parks to include native plants in their landscapes.

Provide teaching materials to foster an appreciation for the connections between plants, animals, and people.



Elements of a Connect to Protect Garden

- Three larval host plant species
- Successional blooming
- Commitment to the entire life cycle of native bees
- Free of broad-spectrum insecticides
- Free of exotic invasive plants



Achievements

- Partnership with UGA Extension bringing program state-wide
- More than 50 created gardens
- Integrated into the annual Great Georgia Pollinator Census
- Specialized training program through the Certificate in Native Plants program
- Enriched the landscapes of over 20 cities throughout Georgia



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