

# NOVA Soil and Water Conservation District

## 2019 Sustainable Garden Tour

### Vienna and Oakton

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1 PM – 5 PM**

**Get inspired** to create a sustainable landscape at your home, school or business! Local residents open their gardens and share their experiences landscaping with nature in mind. *Please enjoy each garden at your own pace. Visit as many or as few as you like. Free and open to all.*



#### **Rooney Residence**

**104 Harmony Drive SW, Vienna VA 22180**

Interested in native plants -- but don't know where to start? Come see how these gardeners are adapting their landscape to be more environmentally and wild life friendly, one plant at a time. Non-native plants inherited when the house was purchased are gradually being replaced with native plants to attract birds, butterflies, and other species -- baby box turtles were born here in past years!

*From Cedar Ln. and Park St. SE in Vienna, head west on Park St. After 0.7 mi, turn left on Harmony Dr. The Rooney Residence is at the end of the street, the last house on your left. **Be aware that there are two 104 Harmony Dr. addresses in Vienna! Make sure you have Harmony Dr. SW.***

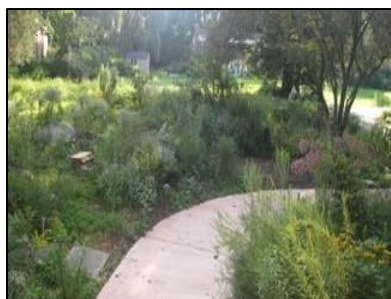
#### **Oakton Library**

**10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton VA 22124**

The Oakton Library rain garden hosts a variety of beautiful blooms throughout the summer and fall. The plants were established quickly and maintenance has been relatively easy. The selection of native plants will continue to provide habitat for native insects and birds for many seasons. This is one of the most beautiful and successful rain gardens in the Fairfax County system.



*From Jermantown Rd. and Chain Bridge Road (VA-123), head north on Chain Bridge Road, then turn left onto Hunter Mill Rd. Turn left onto Lynnhaven Place and the parking lot for the Oakton Library will be on your right.*



#### **Beaty Residence**

**3009 James Street, Fairfax VA 22031**

The front yard of this residence has become a meadow with plenty of native habitat for birds and other wildlife, including the groundhog that lives under the shed. The native plants with sequential blooms keep the pollinators and butterflies busy. Even the rock garden is composed of locally gathered native quartz providing a site for plants needing good drainage.

*From Jermantown Rd. and Chain Bridge Road (VA-123), head east on Jermantown Rd., which becomes Blake Ln. After about 1.5 miles total, take a left onto Five Oaks Rd., followed by quick right onto James St. The Beaty Residence will be on your left.*

## Holtz Residence

### 3310 Saddlestone Court, Oakton, VA 22124

“We chose native plants because they provide ideal habitat for countless species of wildlife including birds, insects, and pollinators such as hummingbirds and monarch butterflies. Native plants are beautiful, often with showy flowers, colorful fruits and seeds, interesting textures, and spectacular seasonal colors!” This residence is an Audubon at Home and National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Sanctuary, as well as a Monarch Waystation.



*From Fairfax Blvd. (US-50) take Waples Mill Rd. north. From Waples Mill Rd. turn right on Oakton Rd., then take a left onto Miller Heights Rd., left onto Cranbrook Ln., and when you take a right into Saddlestone Ct., the Holtz Residence is on the left.*



## Flint Hill Elementary School

### 2444 Flint Hill Road, Vienna VA 22181

“Several years ago, a two year clean-up occurred, and we now boast extensive gardens that include, but are not limited to, a Monarch Way Station, a sensory garden, a native species garden, and raised beds that will soon be used to support our garden to table initiatives. We tie everything we do to the NWF Eco-Schools sustainable development goals, using our gardens as a teaching tool for everyday outdoor learning.”

*From Hunter Mill Rd. and Chain Bridge Road (VA-123), head east on Chain Bridge Rd. After 1.4 miles, turn left onto Flint Hill Rd. In 0.5 miles, the entrance for Flint Hill Elementary School will be on your left.*

## Hoffman Residence

### 1926 Batten Hollow Road, Vienna, VA 22182

These homeowners have reduced the volume of runoff from their property through the use of conservation landscaping and stormwater management practices that would increase soil permeability and filter water. They converted lawn area to native plants to provide habitat and food sources for birds and insects while reducing the effects of lawn fertilizers. The property boasts a three-tiered stormwater holding pond system with native plantings to slow and filter the runoff.



*From the intersection of Leesburg Pike (Rte. 7) and Gosnell Rd., head south on Gosnell Rd. In 0.4 miles turn right onto Old Courthouse Rd. (State Rte. 677). In 2.1 miles turn left onto Beulah Rd. Take a right onto Clarks Crossing Rd. In 0.8 miles continue through the intersection with Batten Hollow Rd. where the Hoffman Residence will be on your right. **Park along Clarks Crossing Road and enter the backyard through the gate.***



## Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF)

### 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton VA 22124

UUCF has addressed runoff and erosion challenges by adding terracing, vegetated swales, a detention basin, and an infiltration trench to their parking area and have protected natural diversity by maintaining native trees and removing invasive plant species. They have an ongoing program of invasive-plant removal and revegetation with native plant species. All of these efforts have greatly improved the sustainability and

beauty of the grounds at UUCF.

*From Hunter Mill Rd. and Chain Bridge Road (VA-123), head north on Hunter Mill Rd. In 0.4 miles, continue straight at the traffic circle to stay on Hunter Mill Rd. Approximately 0.5 miles after the traffic circle, the parking lot and entrance for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax will be on your right.*



## Lattimore Residence 8396 Idylwood Road, Vienna VA 22182

This beautiful home features a rain garden, living roof, native plant landscaping, and green home construction, which will all be open for the tour. The house uses effective passive and active solar heating of the home and a narrow footprint for air movement, and was built using wood milled from the property, salvaged architectural pieces and recycled components.



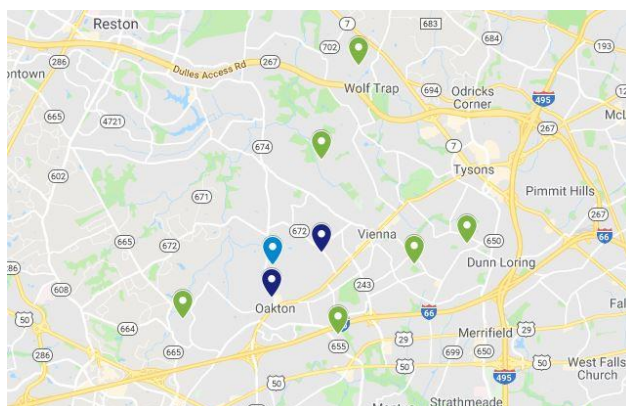
*From Gallows Rd. and Idylwood Rd., head west on Idylwood Rd. Pass Cedar Ln. and Central Ave. and the Lattimore-Brown Residence will be on your right.*



## Kahn-Furlong Residence 9412 Cello Court, Vienna VA 22182

This half acre property aims to be as colorful as possible and wildlife friendly with native plants. NY granite terraces reduce runoff in a sloped shade garden. Sunny areas mix perennials, groundcovers, and small shrubs, plus a vegetable garden. See the innovative deer prevention strategies, downspout redirection and rain barrels.

*From the intersection of Leesburg Pike (Rte. 7) and Towlston Rd., head south on Towlston Rd.. After 0.4 mi, turn right on Shouse Dr. Continue 0.5 mi and turn right on Cello Ct. The Kahn-Furlong Residence is at the end on the left.*



**For an online map of sites and descriptions, see**

**<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/sustainable-garden-tour>**

**or scan the QR code below.**

This event is organized by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD).

Please call 703-324-1460 (TTY 711) or email

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