

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM. THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.



GARDENS GONE NATIVE – A WILL COUNTY NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR EVENT

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Garden Application (EXAMPLE)

Applications must be submitted using the form provided below. Your application must be submitted prior to midnight on Sunday, March 3, 2024. The planning committee will review your application and make their selections by April 1, 2024. You will be notified in early April of your application status.

Submitting Your Garden for Consideration

Before you submit, please read the following:

1. **Final garden selection:** Will County is the 13th largest county in Illinois and covers over 825,000 square miles. Depending on the number and geographic location of the gardens submitted, the committee may elect to limit the garden tour to a specific region of the county so participants can enjoy each of the native gardens within the time allotted while spending less time in the car. A different region would be selected in 2025 or perhaps the committee would look at a different format depending on the response from native plant gardeners and participants.
2. **Gardener/homeowner must be present:** This is a learning experience. If your garden is selected, you must be present for the duration of the walk to talk with participants about your garden and native plant selections.
3. **Review/increase your homeowner's liability insurance:** Members of the public will be visiting your property and while we plan for the best, accidents occur. For everyone's safety, especially yours, we highly recommend that you review your homeowner's liability insurance and consider increasing the amount of liability insurance for the duration of this event to protect you in case of an incident.
4. **Pets:** We love our four-legged friends, but we ask that you keep your pets secured in your house or other location during the garden walk. This excludes any feral friends you may have.
5. **Important tip for completing this form:** Once you start filling out this form you must complete your work. Information will not be saved if you exit this page, and you will have to start over. We recommend gathering your information like your photo choices and native plant list before you start the application.

Gardens Gone Native - Garden Submission

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM. THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

* Indicates required field

Name *

Address *

City *

State *

Zip *

County *

Email *

Phone *

Is the location of your native garden the same as your mailing address above? *

If you selected "No" provide the address of your native garden.

What percentage of your garden beds would you estimate contains native plants? *

- Greater than 75%
- 50% - 75%
- 25% - 50%
- Less than 25%

Tell us about yourself and how you began gardening with native plants? *

Are there any key features that you feel make your garden special? *

Do you have any of the following certifications? Check all that apply.

- Conservation@Home Certification
- Conservation@Work Certification
- Audubon Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary Certification
- National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat
- Monarch Waystation Certification
- Xerces Society Bring Back the Pollinators
- Other
- If you selected "other" or have additional information to share, tell us more.

Tell us about your garden. What are your goals? What will people see when they visit? *

Since you've been using native plants, what species have you observed in your garden? (pollinators, birds, other insects, snakes, anything that is part of a healthy, functioning ecosystem) *

How long have you been using native plants in your garden? *

- Over 20 years
- 10 to 20 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 1 to 5 years
- Under 1 year

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM. THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

Do you have a list of native species in your garden? If so, please upload your list here. Word, PDF, and Excel documents work best. *

Please describe your parking situation. Check all that apply. *

- Street parking
- Parking along roadside - pull off
- Driveway parking
- Field parking
- Other
- Tell us more if you selected "other" or have additional information about parking.

How far of a walk is it from parking to your garden? *

We want to be able to tell participants about the terrain they will encounter while visiting your garden. We don't expect your garden to be accessible to people of all abilities but we do want to provide information so visitors know what to expect. Choose all that apply. *

- Wheelchair accessible
- Steps
- Paved paths
- Mowed paths
- Wood chipped paths
- Hilly/steep
- Level ground
- Mild grade changes and slopes
- Rain and flooding issues make garden inaccessible
- Other
- Tell us more if you selected "other" or have additional information about the terrain in your yard.

Photos of your garden will help the committee make its selections. Please upload up to 10 photos, jpg.is best.

We are considering adding a few vendors to sell garden art, native plants, etc. at some of the garden locations. Would you be interested in offering this at your garden provided you have the space? *

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your native garden?