

# NATIVE GARDEN IN GREENLAWN

**Greenlawn Train Station February 2017–July 2020**

# UNSIGHTLY AREA ALONG PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, ADJACENT TO GREENLAWN TRAIN STATION TRACKS FEBRUARY 2017

This wasteland of overgrown junipers, dead trees, and trash was avoided by commuters and pedestrians for years.



# GRANT APPROVED BY TOWN

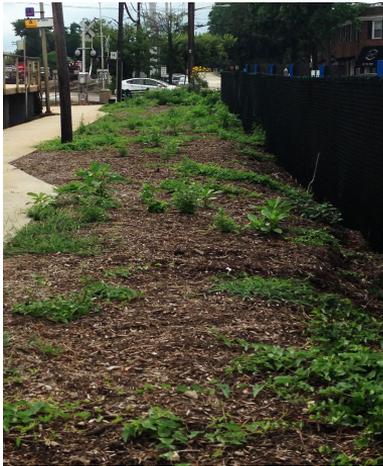
The remainder of *Greenlawn Train Station Beautification Grant*, \$1,950, was approved by the Town for use at the pedestrian walkway in July 2017 **with the purpose of creating a sustainable garden, that supports the native ecosystem, for the education and enjoyment of residents and benefit of birds and bees.**

Plans are drawn up with the cooperation of:

- Town of Huntington: Planning & Environment & General Services
- Rusty Schmidt of Nelson Pope & Voorhis, LLC
- Support & donations by Greenlawn Civic Association and LI Native Plant Initiative

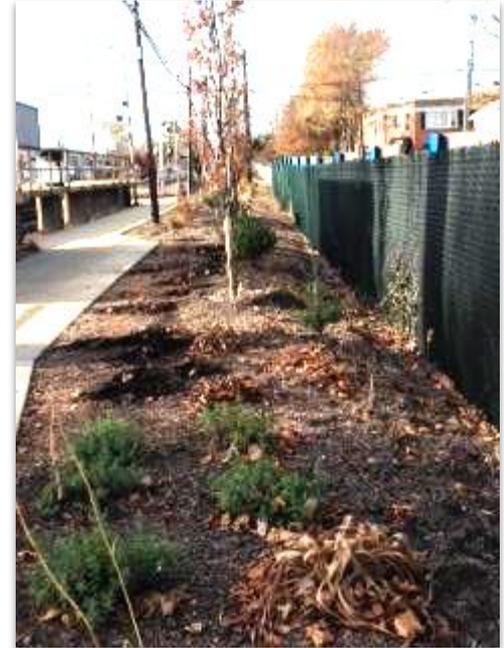
# TOWN CLEARS LAND - APRIL 2017

The Town of Huntington General Services clears land and community volunteers add topsoil & mulch on Earth Day.



# TREES PLANTED BY TOWN - SEPTEMBER 2017

- *Cornus Alternifolia*
- *Prunus maritima*
- White oak
- Prairie Crabapple



# MIXED PLANTING INCLUDES SHRUBS & PERENNIALS

Forty shrubs are set up along 200 feet – spaced 5 feet apart, with a second row where depth is deeper. Total of 48 bushes planted in groups of 3, 5, 7 with repeating patterns.

*Aronia melanocarpa*, *Kalmia latifolia* “Carousel”, *Physocarpus opulifolius* “Summer Wine”, *Viburnum rhytidophyllum*, *Baccharis halimifolia*, *Ilex verticillata*



# PLANTING FORMULA

- Drought tolerant
- Sun loving, low maintenance
- Pollinators
- Blue, white, pink colors
- Native when possible
- Repeating pattern
- Close planting to minimize weeds
- Seasonal interest
- Mixed plants provide 4 season color
- Flower masses provide easy path for pollinators



# NATIVE PLANTS ARE LAID OUT IN WITH RUSTY'S GUIDANCE

In repeating rows creating patterns with emphasis at ends



# PERENNIALS

With 540 square feet of open area, 240 perennials planted 18” on center, with some additional at both ends. 10 of each. Rusty’s “must-haves”:

- *Achillea millefolium* (yarrow)
- *Agastache* “Blue Fortune” (hyssop)
- *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterflyweed)
- *Aster*
- *Baptisia australis* (blue false indigo)
- *Echinacea* (purple coneflower)
- *Liatris spicata* (Blazingstar)
- *Chelone lyonii* (turtlehead)
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* (Little bluestem)

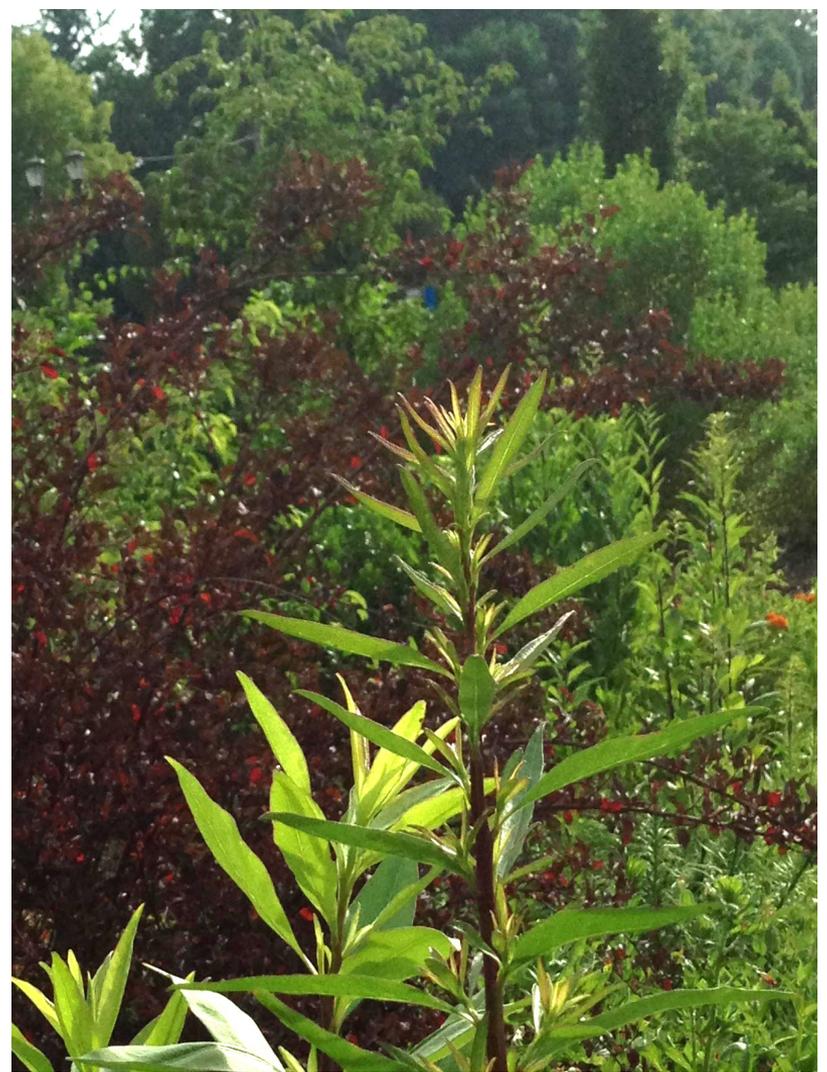
# LONG ISLAND NATIVE PLANT INITIATIVE DONATES \$800 WORTH OF PLANTS- OCTOBER 2018

- *Aronia melanocarpa* (black chokeberry)
- *Vaccinium corymbosum*  
(highbush blueberry)
- *Symphotrichum novi-belgii*  
(New York Aster)
- NJ Tea



# MAINTENANCE

- Once established, weed aggressively 3 x year (April, July, Sept)
- Don't delay - or annual seeds will go to seed
- Dead blooms are source of food: deadhead late March
- Differentiate weeds (purslane, burdock, ragweed, poison ivy) from plants



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# LITTLE BLUESTEM

- Low maintenance
- Easy growing
- Adds unique texture
- Flat blue leaves
- Turn mahogany red in fall



# IT'S A COMMUNITY EFFORT

- Greenlawn Civic Association sponsors annual Earth Day Clean-Ups. Scouts, teens, locals spread mulch and plant.
- Centerport Garden Club and Cornell Master Gardeners help with periodic weedings and regular maintenance.



# GREENLAWN'S HIGH LINE

*The popularity of NYC's High Line has generated renewed interest in "natural gardens". Piet Oudolf's designs have inspired public and private native gardens all over the world as awareness grows of human's impact on nature.*





**Commuters and pedestrians enjoy the natural “pocket garden”. Labels help educate and inspire those passing by to plant natives in their own gardens.**



NATIVE GARDENS BRING NATURE BACK TO OUR DAILY EXISTENCE.

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THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE OF RUSTY SCHMIDT (NELSON POPE & VOORHIS, LLC) WHO VOLUNTEERED COUNTLESS HOURS ADVISING, DESIGNING, SELECTING AND PLANTING THIS GARDEN.

IF YOU ENJOY GARDENING  
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR PERIODIC MAINTENANCE.

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