

## Resources



National Wildlife Federation, Native Plant Finder

<http://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder>



Audubon, Plants for Birds

<https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>



Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Native Garden Templates

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/LandscapingwithNativePlants/NativeGardenTemplates/Pages/default.aspx>



Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center

[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=AMSA](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=AMSA)



## Light Up the Map!

### ON THE MAP!



## Bondsville Mill Park and Historic Trails is on the map!

For additional information about the Homegrown National Park and Bondsville Mill Park and Historic Trails, please visit our website.

[www.bondsvillemillpark.org](http://www.bondsvillemillpark.org)

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Downingtown, PA 19335



## Bondsville Mill Park and Historic Trails

# GET ON THE MAP!

# What is the Homegrown National Park Program?

A national grassroots call to action to restore biodiversity and ecosystem function by planting native

Goal is 20 million acres of native plantings in the U.S.

Small efforts by many people

## What Can You Do?

Plant a new native habitat and remove invasives

Shrink the lawn

Plant keystone plants

### Examples of KEYSTONE PLANTS

Native Oaks (e.g. White Oaks) are superstars!

Native Cherries

Native Willows

Native Birches

Cottonwoods

Elms



### Top herbaceous producers

(plants that do not have woody stems)

Goldenrods

Asters

Sunflowers



Be generous with your plantings

Plant for specialist pollinators (many bees and butterflies specialize on particular plants, we need to meet their needs)

### Some of the best plants for specialists

Milkweed

Perennial sunflowers

Various goldenrods

Native willows

Asters

Blueberries



## Why?

Every human needs diverse, highly productive ecosystems to survive

There is a relationship between declining insects and declining birds

Plants brought in from other countries don't support our native insects

We are at a critical point of losing so many species from local ecosystems that their ability to produce oxygen, clean water, flood control, pollination, pest control, carbon storage, etc., (ecosystem services that sustain us, will become seriously compromised)

Network with neighbors and educate your neighborhood civic association

Build a conservation hardscape

Create caterpillar pupation sites under

Do not spray or fertilize

Get yourself on the Homegrown National Park map!

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