

LOCAL RESOURCES (presented at March chapter meeting, 3/28/24)

PLANTINGS AND GARDENS TO VISIT - Search for 'native plants' or 'restorations'

Ramsey County: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/restorationprojects>

-**Vadnais-Snail Lake Park Area** - link to map of trails - north side of Wetland A

<https://rwmwd.org/projects/snail-lake-regional-park-wetland-restoration/>

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/file/vadnais-snail-lakes-regional-park-snail-lake-area.jpg> -

-**Long Lake Regional Park**, 1500 Old Hwy 8, New Brighton 55112-

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/parks-recreation/parks-trails/find-park/long-lake-regional-park>. -prairie plants along entry road and woodland restoration in progress

-**Metro Council Parks and trails map** - <https://metro council.org/Parks/Visit/Map.aspx>

-**Silverwood Park**, 2500 Co Rd E, St Anthony 55421 -

<https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/silverwood-park>

great trails through restored woodlands, and shoreline

-**MPLS**-https://www.minneapolis parks.org/parks-destinations/parks-lakes/gardens_bird_sanctuaries/ link to list of Mpls gardens and bird sanctuaries

-**Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden** - 1 Theodore Wirth Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55405.

https://www.minneapolis parks.org/parks-destinations/parks-lakes/gardens_bird_sanctuaries/eloise_butler_wildflower_garden_and_bird_sanctuary/ - 15 acres, woodland

U of M area:

-**Bee Lab** - U of M Bee Research Facility 1634 Gortner Ave, St Paul, MN 55113 St Paul Campus - off Larpenteur Ave) native plantings on property - <https://beelab.umn.edu>

-**Bell Museum** - 2088 Larpenteur Ave W, St Paul 55113

<https://www.bellmuseum.umn.edu/>. native plantings on property

-**COMO PARK** - Capital region watershed district has done some restoration work

<https://www.capitolregionwd.org/como-lake-fall-2022-updates/> lake, shoreline, wetlands

Arboretums:

-**Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** - 3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, MN 55318

<http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/gardensandcollections.aspx> - prairie

-**Carlton College**, Cowling Arboretum, Northfield. 750 acres

<https://www.carleton.edu/arboretum/>

-**Gustavus Adolphus College**, 800 W College Ave, St Peter 56082 - 125 acres

<https://gustavus.edu/arboretum/>

Nature Centers - Environmental Education Opportunities

-List of **50 Nature Centers** in MN - most w/ acres of MN natives

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_nature_centers_in_Minnesota

-**Wargo Nature Center** 7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes, MN 55038

<https://www.anokacountyparks.com/wargo-nature-center>

OTHER Local Resources

-**Wild Ones Walks (WOW)** - explore some interesting places nearby! Suggestions?

Websites:

-**Big River Big Wood's** website: <https://bigriverbigwoods.org/>

Events, Volunteer opportunities, Plant Sale, About Us, Contact Us,

Native Plants: (growing list of plants/larval hosts/pollinators)

-**DNR** - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/index.html>

Website has a lot of links, articles, and pictures.

-**Twin Cities Wild Ones website:** Resource suggestions

http://www.wildonestwincities.org/p/resources_20.html

GRANTS AVAILABLE:

1. **LAWNS TO LEGUMES:** <http://bluethumb.org/lawns-to-legumes/apply/>

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources administers the Lawns to Legumes program, and Blue Thumb — Planting for Clean Water and Metro Blooms coordinates the Lawns to Legumes Individual Support grants.

2. **Water quality and natural resource improvements** - BRBW's website - under 'Native Plants' for list of the 5 WATERSHED DISTRICTS -

<https://bigriverbigwoods.org/learn/>

Facebook Pages:

Wild Ones Big River Big Woods <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064907521765>

Wild Ones Native Plants Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildonesnativeplants/permalink/2933733636767803/>

Native Plant Gardens in the Upper Midwest

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/466260610200990/members/>

Instagram: - Crystal

<https://www.instagram.com/bigriverbigwoods/>

BROCHURE: "Native plant Nurseries and Landscape services in MN/ WI".

Also on BRBW's website, under 'Native Plants' - 'Native nurseries brochure'