



Press Release

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Village Goes Green

Plainfield, IL -- The Village of Plainfield recently initiated a new program entitled “Green Village” which focuses on the use of native plantings in landscaping. “Green Village” evolved due to the nationally rising green movement and the Village’s desire to practice environmentally friendly best management practices and to commit to urban sustainability.

Native plantings are recognized for the aesthetic and ecological benefits they bring to an area including:

- Improving storm water management and controlling flooding;
- Reducing air pollution and the amount of chemicals needed for landscape maintenance;
- Increasing regional biodiversity and decreasing the numbers of pests and diseases;
- Conserving water and preserving its quality; and
- Providing historical and cultural interest by restoring and connecting residents to the original landscapes of the area.

To help residents interested in incorporating native plantings on their properties, the Village has created illustrative design guidelines, informative brochures, and posters that showcase the attractive flowers and native plants that residents may enhance their properties with. These publications are available on the Village web site, www.plainfield-il.org, and at the Village Hall.

The Village strongly supports the use of native plants in landscaping. Native plants will help to restore the area’s natural beauty and aid in creating a unique identity for the Village.

The Village has also initiated a new permitting procedure that allows the Village to maintain an accurate record of where naturally landscaped areas are throughout the Village and ensure that they are maintained

correctly to restore the area's natural beauty. Applications are available online, www.plainfield-il.org, and at the Village Hall.

For more information regarding natural landscaping, please contact the Planning Division at (815) 439-2824.

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