

Native Plant Demonstration Plantings

Shepard Park
Lake George Village



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A Real Group Effort

- Funding provided by the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board
- Matching funds provided by the Lake George Association and Village of Lake George
- Volunteers from Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, Cornell Cooperative Extension staff and Master Gardeners
- Retention wall provided by Town of Lake George



The Many Benefits of Natives

- Adapted to this climate
- Don't need to be watered or fertilized
- Don't need pesticides
- Provide many benefits to local wildlife
 - Food, cover, nesting habitat
- Increase biodiversity
- You can be sure they are not invasive!



Planting with Natives for Water Quality and Wildlife

- Slope stabilization & erosion control
- Rain gardens, swales, and bioinfiltration to manage stormwater runoff
- Biodiveristy of native plants support local food webs: butterflies, birds, or honeybees



Side of Shepard Cove



Installing the garden

- Replace invasive burning bushes
- Build swale to direct runoff into stormdrain and add rain garden for overflow

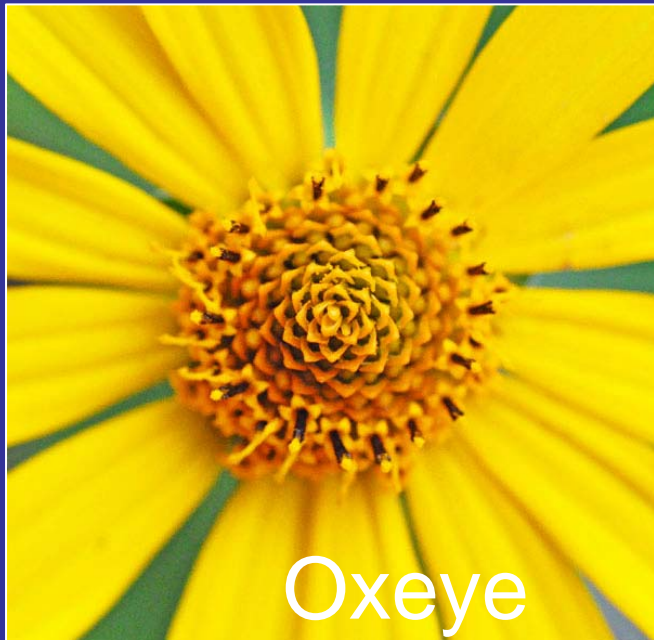




Spicebush



Sneezeweed



Oxeye



Tall White
Beardtongue



Sidewalk Garden

- Removed invasive Japanese Spiraea
- Left native common milkweed and birch
- Left invasive Norway Maple (for now!)



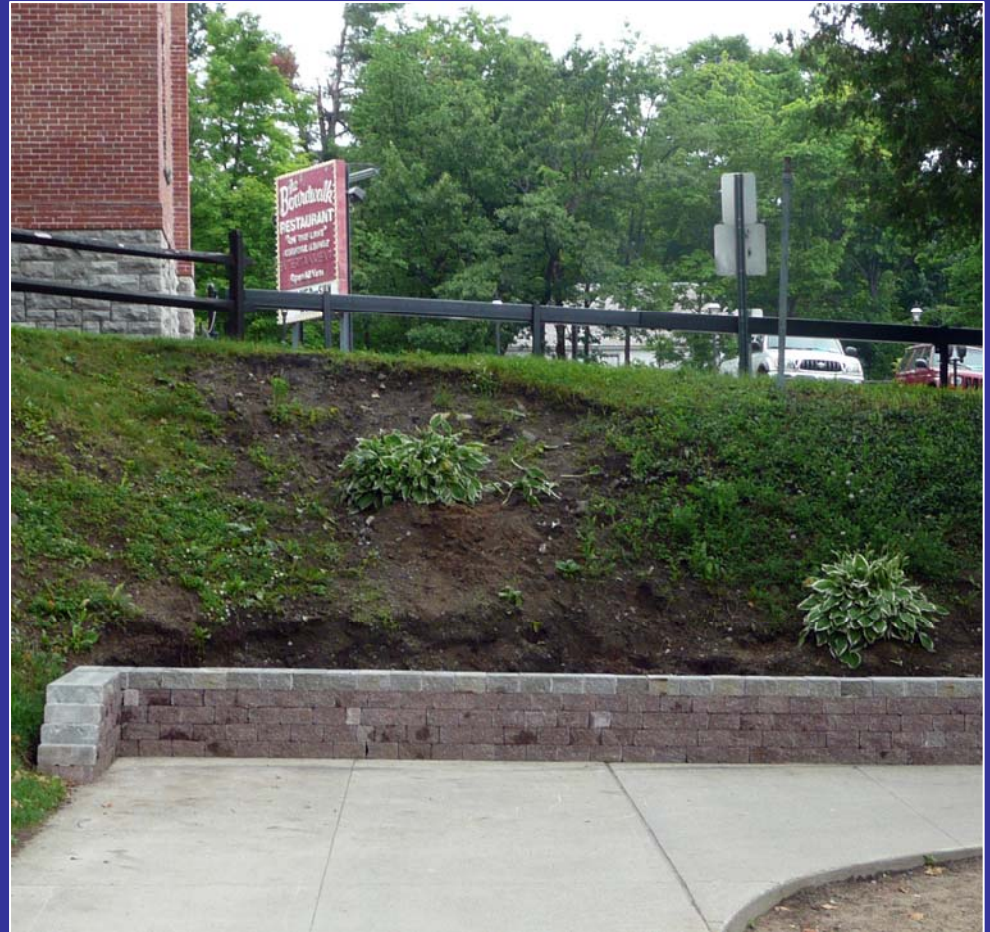
Sidewalk Garden

- Added in low growing native shrubs
 - lowbush blueberry, bearberry, new jersey tea, sand cherry



Hill on north end of park

- Erosion problems
- Dirt washing down hill, across sidewalk
- Town of LG installed new retention wall



Hill on north end of park

- Village of LG graded slope
- Planted with sedge plugs to stabilize
- Gray dogwoods along top and northern honeysuckle along bottom to discourage foot traffic...



Broad leaved and Pennsylvania Sedge



Northern Honeysuckle

More to come

- Also installed a garden and swale to catch runoff at Visitor Center
- Plant labels still to come

