

OVERVIEW:

Oakland Native Partnership Initiative:

The Oakland Native Partnership Initiative (ONPI) is a partnership between local government, non-profit and volunteer organizations to promote the use of native plants in Oakland County. Partner members include the Oakland Chapter of Wild Ones (OWO), the Oakland Land Conservancy (OLC), the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services (OCPEDS) and the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC), and North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC). Each organization will contribute their own unique resources in the form of funding, expertise, or promotional support to the effort. The ONPI mission is:

“We are a partnership to promote the initiation and continued stewardship of high-quality native landscape restorations and community native gardens on public spaces within Oakland County”

Native Landscape Demonstration Projects Small Grants Program

This small grants program is designed to promote the ONPI mission. The aim of this program is to ensure that native plantings are designed, executed, and maintained into the future with strong commitment and informed respect for the land. To support this, grant packages include:

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- \$250-\$750 in native plant materials (depending on need and project scope) provided by OWO.
- Wild Ones Native Landscapers Sign provided by OWO
- Up to 6 person-hours of consultation by OLC Staff for design, including:
 - Advice and guidance on developing a plan for the site, including site location, plant selection, plant location, and planting methods.
- Up to 6 person-hours of consultation by OLC Staff during the construction phase. Consultation may include:
 - Advice and guidance on construction issues.
 - Leadership and supervision of volunteer labor
- Up to 4 person-hours of consultation by OLC Staff during the maintenance and stewardship phase, expiring the April after the grant was awarded. Consultation may include:
 - Development of a basic management plan for the site, including management objectives, monitoring methods, and management techniques, and management recommendations and guidelines, using established OLC management plan template.
- One interpretive sign design provided by OCPEDS
- Feature on Oakland County website provided by OCPEDS

- Each project will be the focus of an OWO meeting during the following year after installation
- Publicity assistance through Clinton River Watershed Council (assistance in development of project press releases and promotion of project to media during the grant cycle)
- One 1-2 hour training workshop for volunteers to help them understand the type of native project that will be implemented (i.e. rain garden, wildlife habitat, shoreline restoration), its benefits and how they will be engaged in the project