

Knox County Native Plant Garden Grant

The Knox County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) would like to invite local nonprofit and public organizations in Knox County to apply for the Knox County Native Plant Garden Grant. This is a new initiative by the CISMA to raise awareness about the importance of native plants and to help organizations replace exotic, and potential invasive, plants with native species.

Through the grant, the CISMA will work with your organization to identify a location suitable for a native plant garden (or identify a landscaped area with exotics to convert to native plants), design the garden (up to a reasonable size), acquire plant and landscape materials for the garden, and help install the garden. All of this is included in the grant, so there will be no cost for the participating organization. The CISMA does require a maintenance person (representing the grantee) or similar to be present for the installation in order to be able to identify the plants and learn how to care for them. Long term maintenance will be up to the recipient, although CISMA members would be willing to provide technical assistance.

To apply: send a letter of interest to Will Drews at 604 S. Quail Run Rd., Vincennes, IN 47591 or by email at willem.drews@in.nacdn.net



Top Right Image: The beautiful native Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) planted at Gregg Park.

Image Directly Above: A shot of the entire native plant garden installed at Gregg Park in 2017.