

Alternatives to Invasives: A Designer's Approach to Selecting Native Plants

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In a designed space, plants are used in combination with hardscape materials to achieve aesthetic and functional goals. Designers will select specific plants by balancing these goals with a number of other factors, including site conditions, maintenance practices, nursery availability and personal and client preferences.

Typically, a number of species are appropriate for each planting location. This presentation will look at some typical design scenarios, the non-native plants traditionally selected for these situations, and propose some native plant alternatives that help to achieve the same goals.