

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about this ordinance, please contact the Community Development Department at (651) 554-3217

Benefits of Native Plants

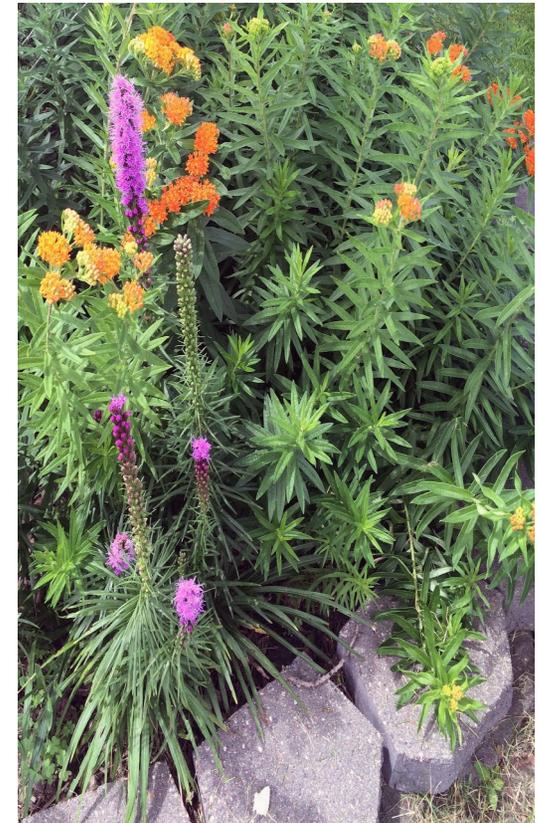
 Native Plant Landscape areas are low maintenance and seldom need watering, mulching, protection from frost or mowing.

 Native plants produce nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native birds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife.

 Native plants have deep roots which hold soil and help prevent erosion.

 Native Plants help control stormwater by taking up water that might otherwise pour into streets and, eventually, streams.

Native Plant Landscaping in South St. Paul



City of South St. Paul

Performance Standards

The following performance standards are required for native plant landscape areas:

- All turf grass must be eliminated from the future native plant landscape areas prior to the introduction of any native plants.

- Any native plant landscape area must be managed according to industry standards for the kind of vegetation being grown, including seasonal cutting as appropriate.

- No native plants may block or impede any corner visibility triangles, regulatory, warning or street identification signs; or street light illumination.

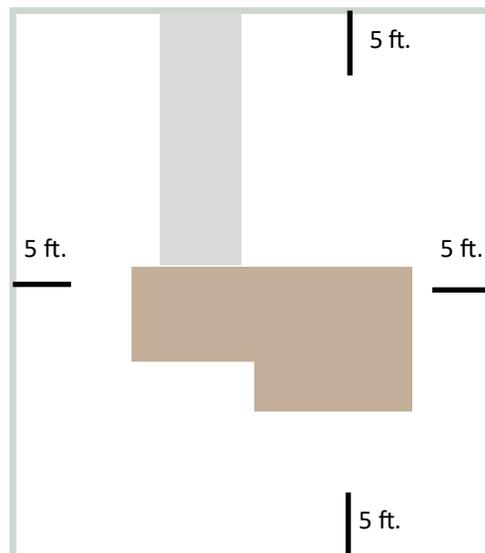
- The property owner or agent shall not be permitted to install native plant landscape areas within any City-owned boulevard or the right-of-way of a City street.

- A full list of performance standards for Native Plant Landscape areas can be found in Section 66-50 of the City Code.

Setback Requirements

There are setback requirements for native plant areas to help prevent native landscape areas from spreading rapidly. Setbacks for these areas include:

- Front Property Line: Five (5) foot setback from the front property line
- Side Property Line: Five (5) foot setback UNLESS there is a fully opaque five (5) foot fence on the side property line.
- Rear Property Line: Five (5) foot setback UNLESS there is a fully opaque five (5) foot fence on the rear property line.



Resources

- Landscaping with Native Plants—<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/index.html>
- University of Minnesota Extension for Native Plants- <https://extension.umn.edu/find-plants/native-plants>
- List with Native Plant Growers and other resources: <https://www.mwmo.org/learn/preventing-water-pollution/native-plants/>