# Planting Native: Inspiring Pollinator-Friendly Landscapes

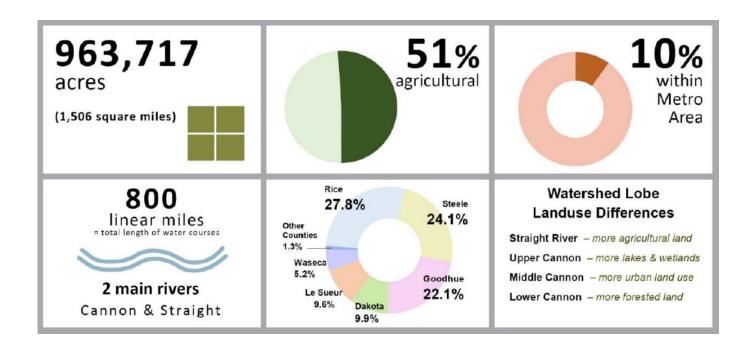
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# **CRWJPO**

14 entities working together to implement the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan







# Why Native Plants?

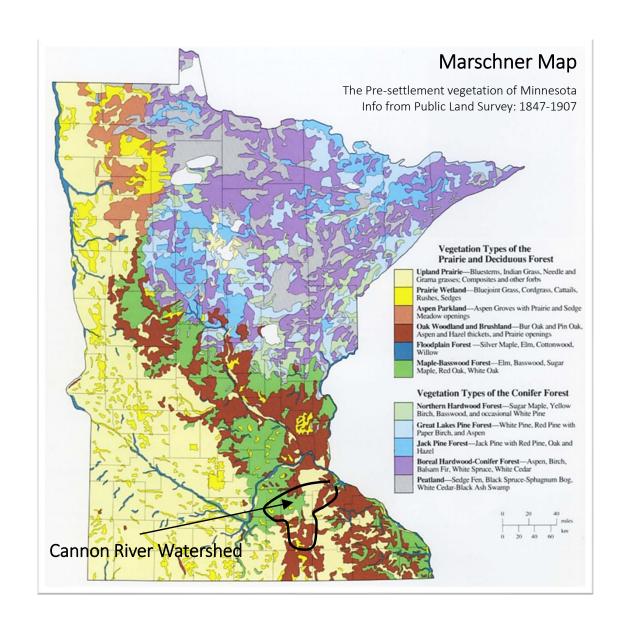




# ... Native Plants were







#### **Pre-Settlement Native Plant Communities**



#### Native Plant Communities – In Your Landscape!









#### **Native Plants vs. Cultivars**

Black Eyed Susan Rudbeckia hirta



#### **Native**

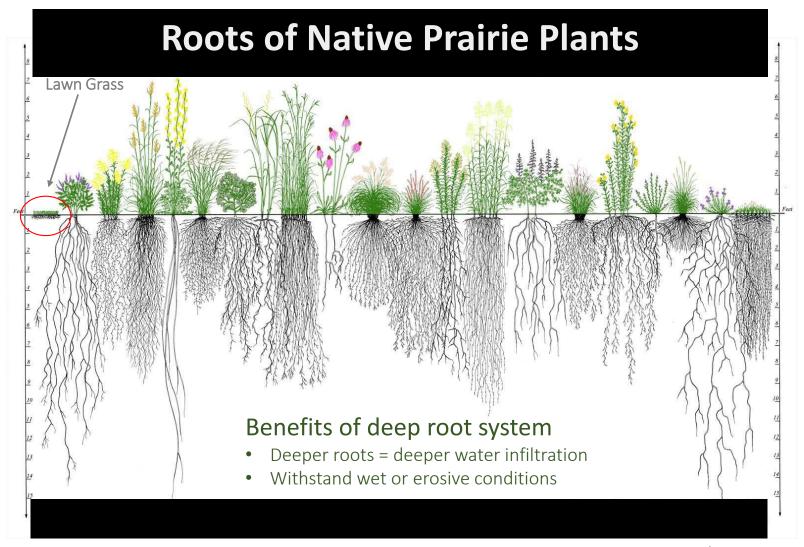
- Historically grew in this environment
- Adapted to local climate
- Part of the natural plant and wildlife community
- Provide food and shelter for wildlife and insects

Black Eyed Susan Rudbeckia hirta "Maya"



#### **Cultivar**

- Cultivated variety = Cultivar
- Bred from a native plant
- Selected for specific traits
  - Showy, long-lasting blooms
- Reduced nectar production, seed production, root growth
- Limited ecological benefit



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# **Host Plants**



**Butterfly Milkweed** 

Asclepias tuberosa



**Meadow Blazing Star** 

Liatris ligulistylis

#### Native Plants Come In All Colors, Shapes, & Sizes!

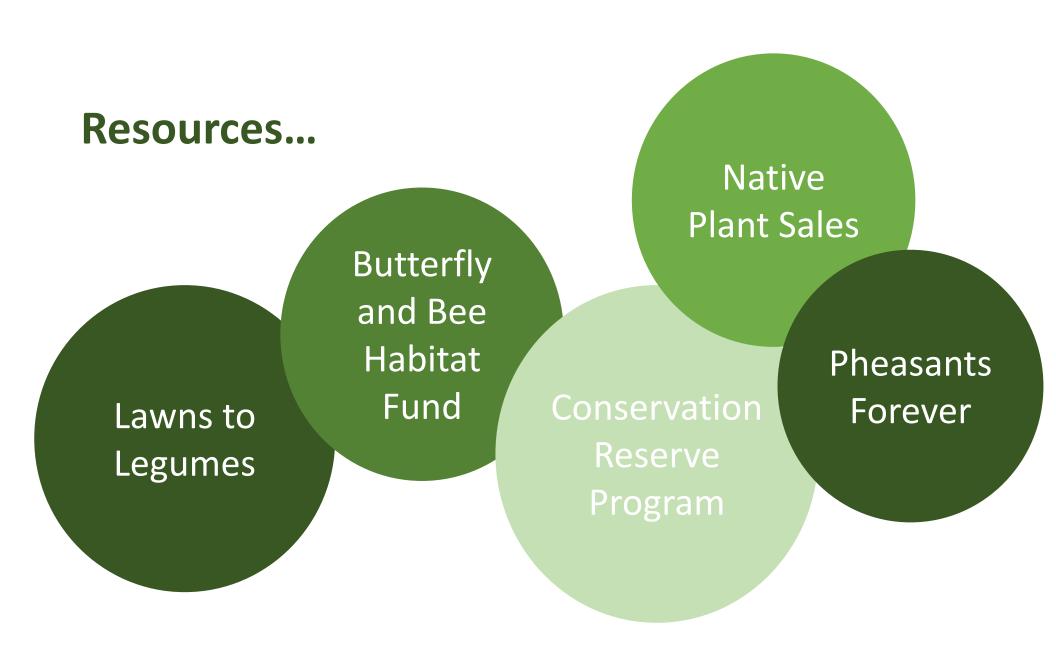
**Ox-eye Sunflower Purple Coneflower** 

**Turtlehead** 

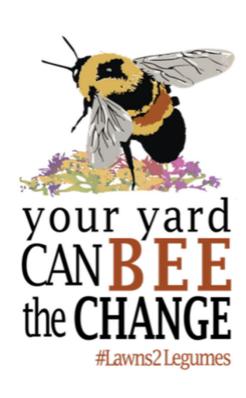
**Blue False Indigo** 

# Process of a Project



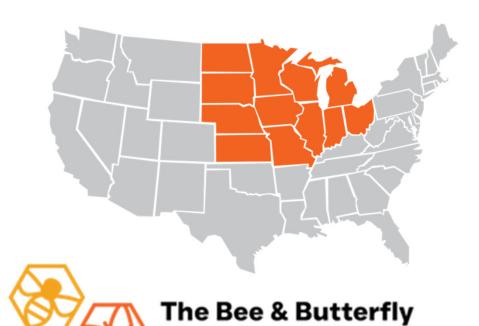


#### Lawns to Legumes



- Statewide
  - Rusty Patch Bumble Bee Priority Areas
- Up to \$350 with 25% match
- Resources online
- Coaching available

## **Butterfly and Bee Habitat Fund**



Habitat Fund

A NextGen Conservation Solution

- Minimum of 2 acres, Max 25 acres
- Provide seed at no cost
- 5-year agreement
- Assistance on site prep and maintenance

### **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**



- Must have cropping history
- General or Continuous signup
- 10, 15 or 30-year contracts
- Payment for establishment
- Annual 'rental' payment

#### **Pheasants Forever**

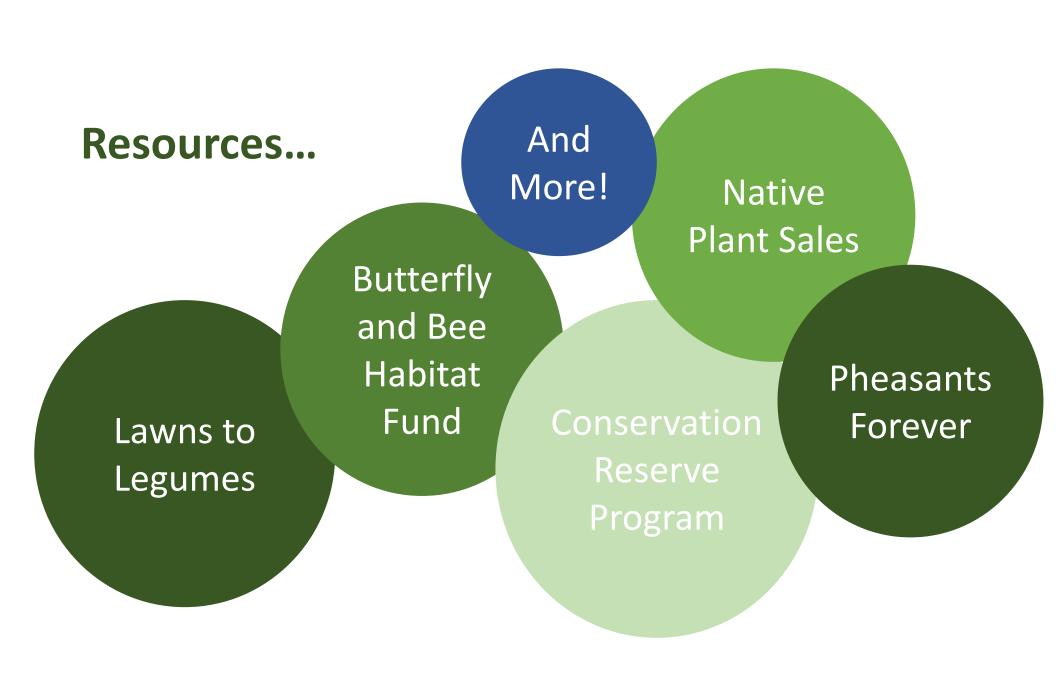


- Varies by Chapter
- Nesting Cover
- Up to 50%

#### **Cannon River Watershed JPO**



Coming Soon –Native Shoreline Plantings!



#### **Native Plant Sales**



- SWCDs
- Suppliers
- Farmers Markets
- Wild Ones Chapters
- GROWS
- Master Gardeners



## Networking

- GROWS
- Wild Ones
- Master Gardeners
- Facebook Groups



# Thank you!

**Next Virtual Sessions:** 

**Park the Plow:** Benefits of No-Till November - *November 20th* 

**Gifts of Green:** the Rewards of Planting Trees – *December 18th* 

