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# Why Use Native Trees?



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# Overview

- Sustainability defined (4-13)
  - Historic
  - Contemporary
- Native plants defined (14-30)
- Ecosystems benefits/services (31-68)
  - Linkages/connectivity

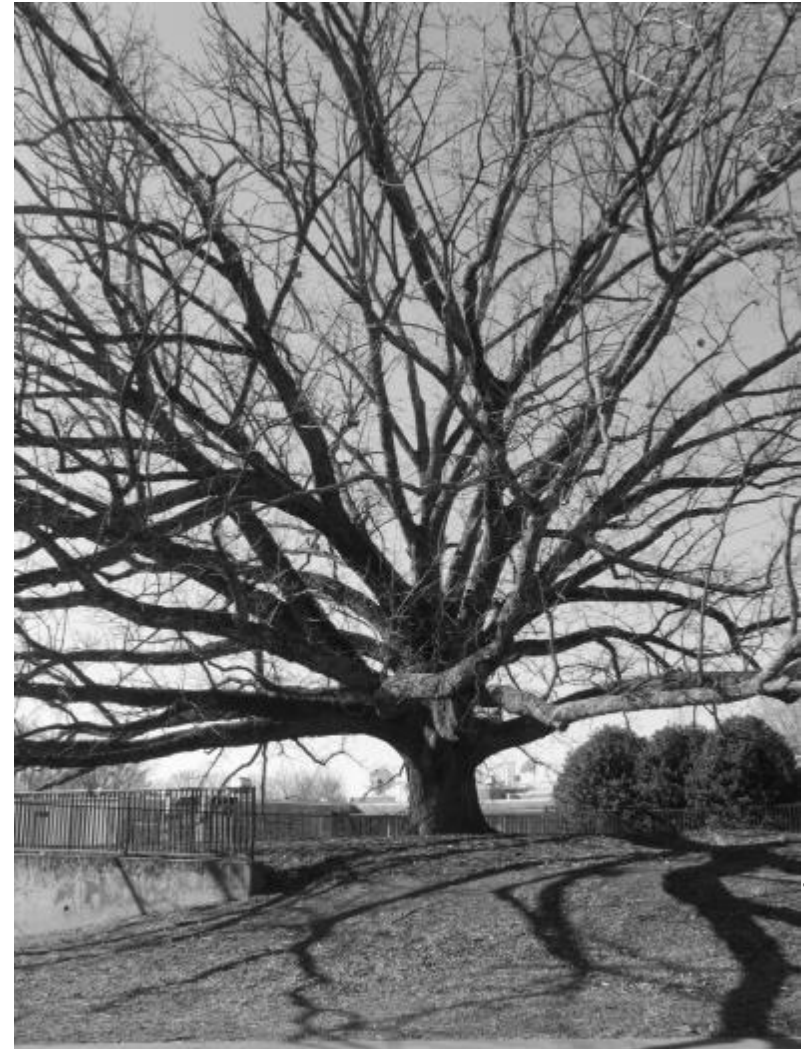


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Centennial Oak *Quercus macrocarpa*, Clemson campus

# Definitions



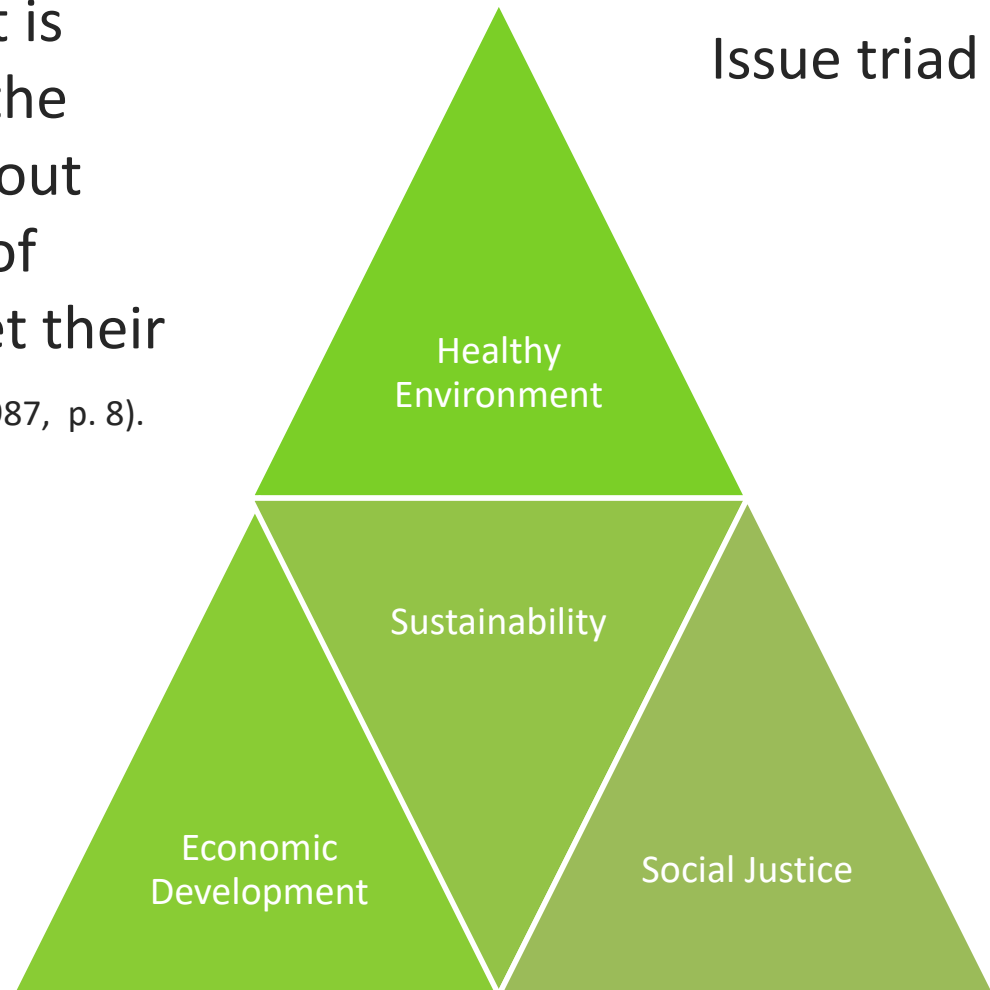


**Sustainability**



# Sustainability: historic definition 1987

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (World Commission, 1987, p. 8).



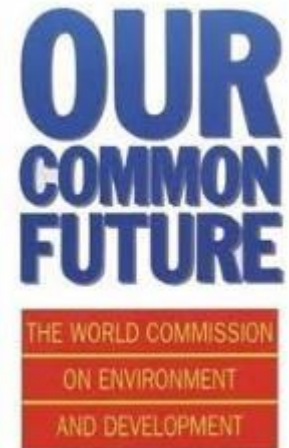
Issue triad pyramid by Ellen Vincent

# Gro Harlan Brundtland (b. 1939)

- Norwegian Minister for Environmental Affairs (1974-1979)
- Prime Minister of Norway (Feb –Oct 1981, May 1986-Oct 1989)
- Chair of United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, published *Our Common Future* (April, 1987) aka The Brundtland Report
- Commissioners: 22 people 21 countries



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Amazon prices:

\$24.95 new

\$4.95 used

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gro\\_Harlem\\_Brundtland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gro_Harlem_Brundtland)

# Sustainability

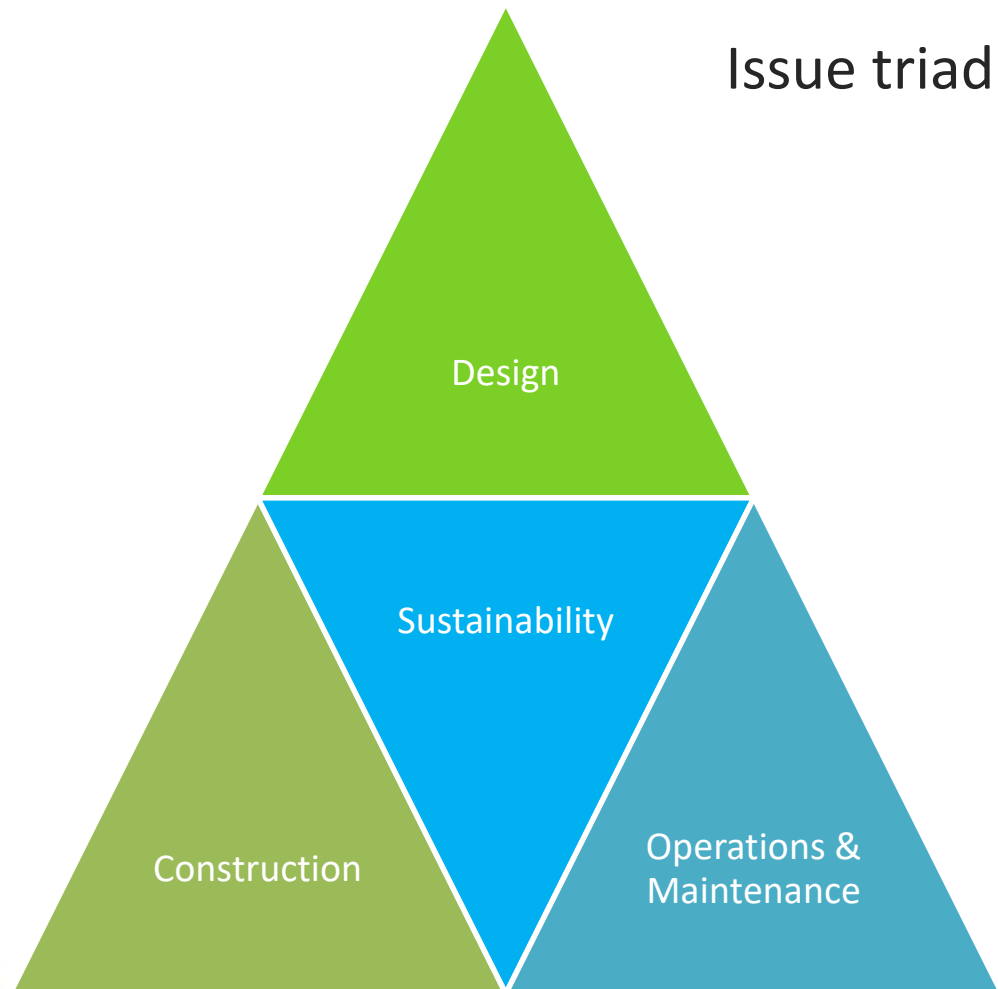
- “The **‘environment’** is where we all live; and **‘development’** is what we all do in attempting to improve our lot within that abode. The two are inseparable”  
–Gro Harlem Brundtland (The Case for Sustainable Landscapes, 2009, p. 8).



# Sustainability: modern definition 2009

“Sustainability is defined as **design, construction, operations, and maintenance** practices that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”

*(The Case for Sustainable Landscapes, 2009, p. 5).*



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# Sustainability: Modern definition creators, 2009

## THE SUSTAINABLE SITES INITIATIVE™



- [www.sustainablesites.org/](http://www.sustainablesites.org/)



- <http://asla.org/>
- <http://www.wildflower.org/>
- <http://www.usbg.gov/>



# Sustainable Sites Initiative, 2014

**2014-SITES v2 is negotiating with Green Building Council to be part of LEED and receive certification.**

**Over 30 Certified Sites.**

Focus is currently on:

- Resiliency**
- Ecosystem services**
- Human health**
- Materials
- Soil & vegetation
- Water



**2015-Sustainable SITES Initiative SITES® is produced by Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI)**

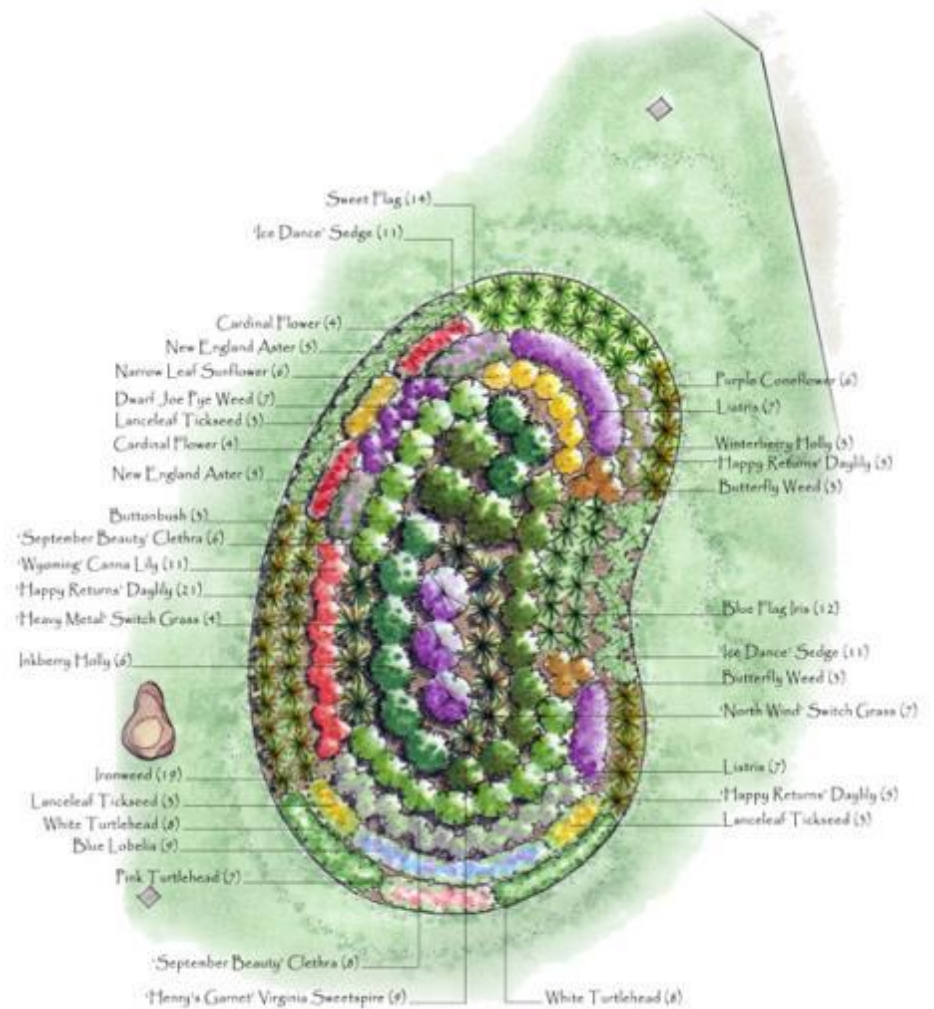
**Voluntary program designed to evolve over time.**

## 2104: SITES v2 Rating System and Reference Guide

Sustainable landscapes create **ecologically resilient communities** better able to withstand and recover from episodic floods, droughts, wildfires, and other catastrophic events.

# “Sustainability” in landscapes

- Is a relative concept.
- Is a shift in thinking and practice.
- Is evolving.
- “They are still artificial landscapes inserted into highly disturbed site environments and maintained to meet the expectations of owners and occupants” (Cook & VanDerZanden, 2011, p. 1).



Renee Byrd design Byrdlandscapedesign.com

# Sustainable landscapes

- Ecologically more stable
- Require less inputs such as water, fertilizers and pesticides





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**Native Plants**



# A NATIVE Plant:

<http://www.wildflower.org/whynatives/>

- North American native plants are defined as those that existed here without human introduction.

[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=21128](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=21128)



*Acer rubrum*  
Red maple

[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=21568](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=21568)



*Betula nigra*  
River birch

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*Callicarpa americana*  
Beautyberry

# A NATIVE Plant:

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/technical/ecoscience/invasive/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_011124/](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/technical/ecoscience/invasive/?cid=nrcs142p2_011124/)

- Only **plants** found in this country before European settlement are considered to be **native** to the United States (USDA).



*Asarum canadense*  
Wild ginger

[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=2820](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=2820)



*Ilex verticillata*  
Winterberry holly

[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=18998](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=18998)



*Hydrangea quercifolia*  
Oakleaf Hydrangea

[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=7841](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=7841)



# Why plant NATIVE:

- The loss of native plant communities has reduced wildlife habitat and the genetic diversity necessary for **balanced ecosystems**.
- Native plants are disappearing at an alarming rate due to human activities:
  - Urban development
  - Agribusiness
  - Introduction of invasive species



# Why plant NATIVE:

- -Report by Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services 2019
  - **“Current global response insufficient; ‘Transformative changes’ needed to restore and protect nature; Opposition from vested interests can be overcome for public good” ....**

**“Through ‘transformative change’, nature can still be conserved, restored and used sustainably – this is also key to meeting most other global goals. By transformative change, we mean a fundamental, system-wide reorganization across technological, economic and social factors, including paradigms, goals and values.”**

*Science* 13 Dec 2019:  
Vol. 366, Issue 6471, eaax3100  
DOI: 10.1126/science.aax3100

<https://www.ipbes.net/news/Media-Release-Global-Assessment>

# Benefits of native plants

- They are winter hardy and heat tolerant to a given area.
- Provide food and habitat for animals and insects.
- Less susceptible to pest infestations.
- Less likely to become invasive.
- If selected carefully, may not require any soil modification.
- If properly selected require less irrigation, fertilization.
- Source of food and traditional or new medicines.

# Challenges of native plants

- Locating reputable sources that grow the plants (not harvest from the wild).
- Changing aesthetic preferences.
- Changing tolerance levels: **Biodiversity** means living with other species.
- Relationships with exotics.



[http://bee-pollen-health.com/WaxMothsandHoneyBees\\_2.jpg](http://bee-pollen-health.com/WaxMothsandHoneyBees_2.jpg)

# Invasive species

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- High reproductive capacity.
- Fast growth rate.
- High dispersal ability.
- Phenotypic plasticity (very adaptable to changing environmental conditions).
- Tolerates wide range of environmental conditions.
- History of invasions (pg. 98).

# Invasive species

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- Not all introduced species are harmful
- Cultivars are not normally invasive
  - Except for Bradford pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) and Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)-they are exhibiting invasive behaviors in woodland areas (pg. 98).
- Native species can be invasive as well
  - Western juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*) is spreading beyond its native territory (pg. 98).
  - See page 99 Table 5-5

# Invasive species web sites

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- Must view sites to see if plant is on the invasive list

v **USDA SC Invasive Plant Species Web site at**

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/main.shtml>

v **SC Exotic Plant Pest Council Web site at**

<http://www.se-eppc.org/southcarolina/>

# Recent research

## **Emerging Urban Forests: Opportunities for Promoting the Wild Side of the Urban Green Infrastructure**

Analyzed the species richness of native and alien plants and of invertebrates (carabid beetles, spiders) in emerging forests [Germany] dominated by alien or native trees.

Native and alien plant species richnesses were positively related. Numbers of endangered plants and invertebrates did not differ between native- and alien-dominated forest patches.

*Sustainability* 2019, 11(22), 6318; <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11226318>



- **AN INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE PLANTS FOR SC LANDSCAPES**
- Factsheet | HGIC 1852 | **Published:** Apr 22, 2015
- <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/an-introduction-to-native-plants-for-sc-landscapes/>

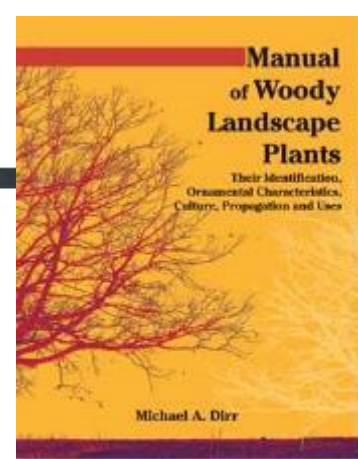
# Native plant literature

***Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens (2006)* by Allan M. Armitage**

***Native Perennials for the Southeast (2004)* by Peter Loewer**

***Bringing Nature Home (2011)* by Douglas W. Tallamy**

***Manual of Woody Landscape Plants (2009)* by Michael A. Dirr**



[http://www.ffbooks.net/shop\\_image/product/113.jpg](http://www.ffbooks.net/shop_image/product/113.jpg)

# Nativar research

- Mt Cuba Trial Gardens
- <https://mtcubacenter.org/research/trial-garden/>

MT. CUBA  
CENTER

*Leucothoe fontanesiana* 'Greensprite'



Heuchera



# Nativar research-New plant introduction

- Yellow-stemmed, shrub dogwood originated as a mutation on *Cornus sericea* 'Flaviramea'
- Recommended replacement for variegated forms of *Cornus alba* because it better withstands the hot and humid climate in the mid-Atlantic region.



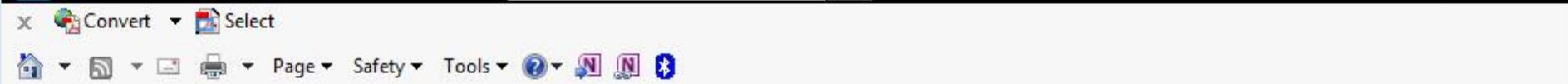
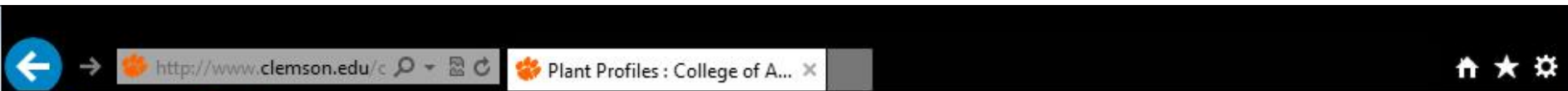
*Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold'  
Silver and Gold redosier dogwood  
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's  
Styer Award of Garden Merit 1990

<https://mtcubacenter.org/plants/silver-and-gold-red-osier-dogwood/>



5 South Carolina Native Plant Society Chapters  
-Lowcountry –Midlands –Piedmont – South coast  
– Upstate

# Sustainable Landscape Demonstration Site



CU > CAFLS > Sustainable Landscape Demonstration > Plant Profiles > Plant Profiles

## Plant Profiles

Sources



Home & Garden Information

Extension

Agricultural Services

Experiment Station

Livestock-Poultry Health

Regulatory Services

Centers & Institutes

## Plant Profiles

- **PLANT RATING SHEETS** (PDF)
- *Amsonia tabernaemontana*: Eastern Blue Star
- *Andropogon glomeratus*: Bushy Bluestem
- *Asclepias tuberosa*: Butterfly weed
- *Baptisia australis*: Blue False Indigo
- *Calycanthus floridus*: Carolina Allspice
- *Carex flaccosperma*: Blue wood sedge
- *Carya ovata*: Shagbark Hickory

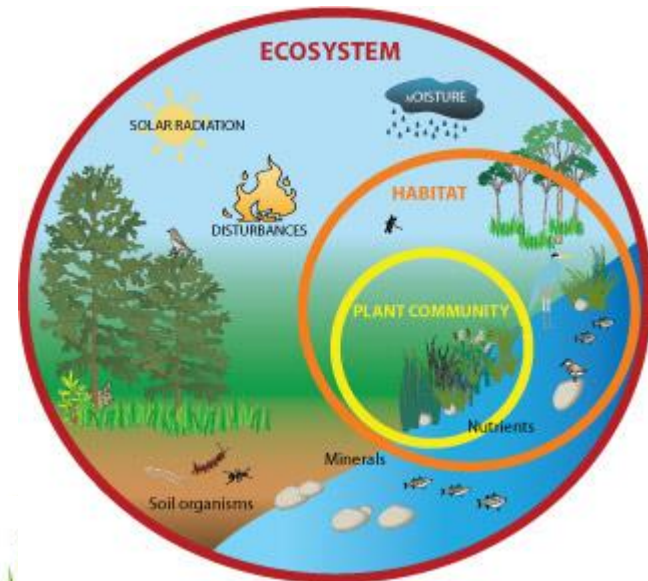


**Ecosystem  
Services**



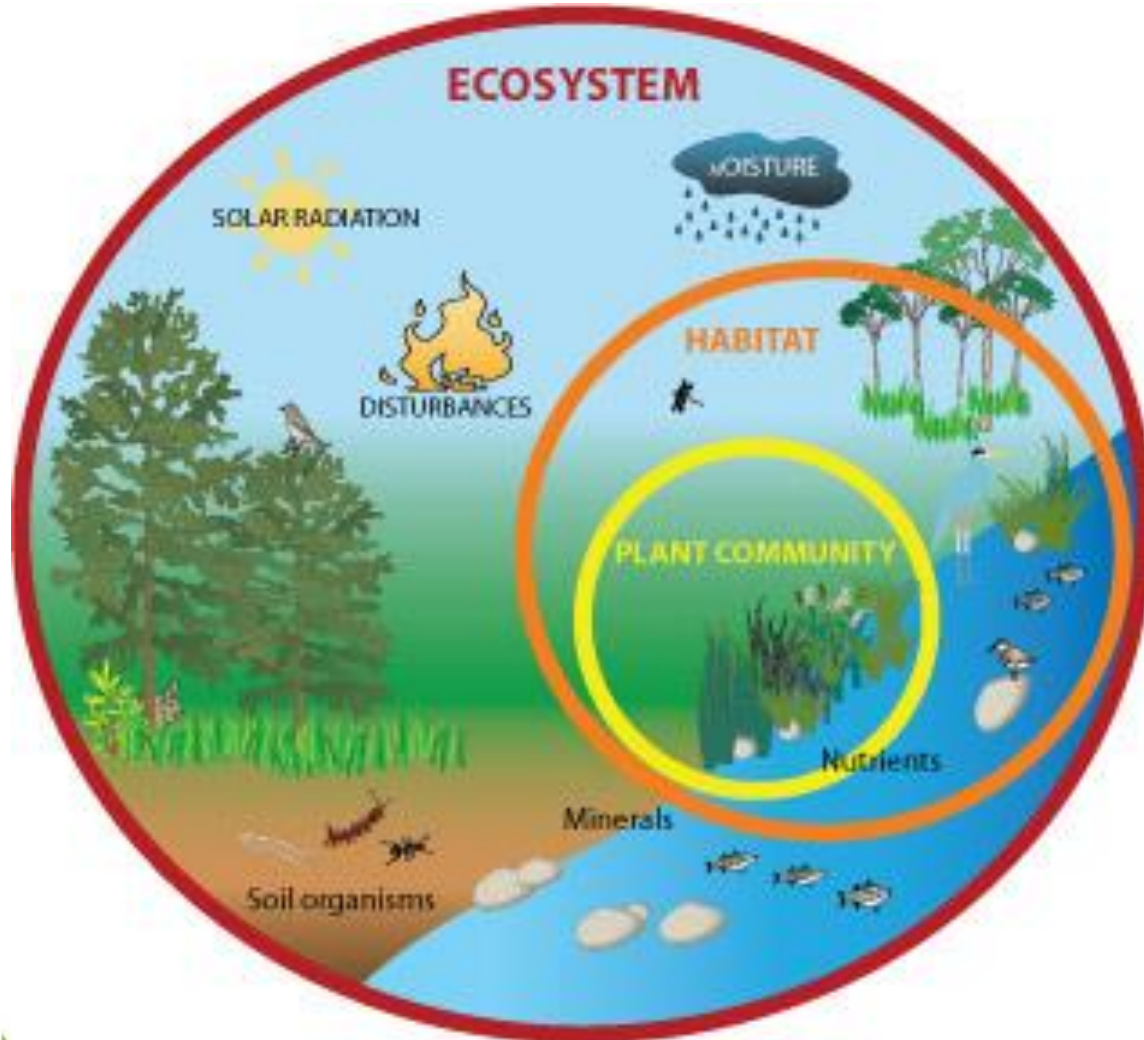
# Ecosystem defined

- Ecosystem is a complex set or relationships among:  
Living resources + habitats + residents (p. 81)
- Living resources = plants + animals
- Environmental elements = water + soil
- Residents = people
- ***Each area has significant impact upon the others*** (p. 81).





# Ecosystem defined



# Urban ecosystem



<http://ivanredi.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/UrbanEcoSystem.jpg>

Regenerative urban design by Ivan Redi (Austrian architect)

<http://ivanredi.com/architecture-of-networks-experiment-or-reality/>

# Urban ecosystem-Falls Park on the Reedy, Greenville, SC



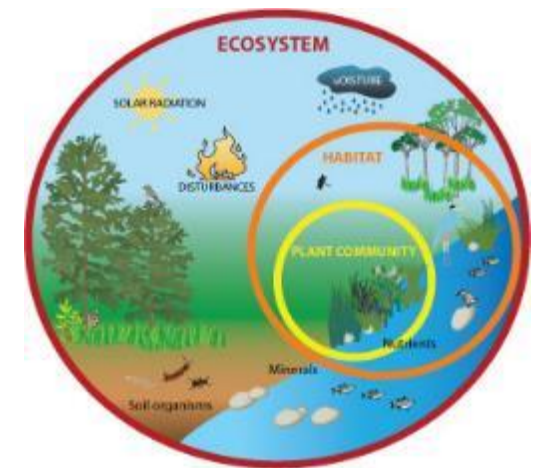
<http://www.rudybruneraward.org/winners/falls-park/>

Regenerative urban design by Arbor Engineering (Greenville, SC)

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- ***If one part of the ecosystem is damaged or disappears, it has an impact on everything else*** (p.81).



# Ecosystems

- Healthy ecosystems are in balance
- Sustainable ecosystems contain biodiversity (p. 81)

***Biodiversity*** (def.) “the sum total of the variety of life and its interactions and can be subdivided into (1) genetic diversity; (2) species diversity; and (3) ecological or ecosystem diversity” (p. 81)

–defined by National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII)

- Ecological landscape design treats landscapes as ecosystems (p. 81).

# Ecosystems : Biodiversity-plant selection

- An assortment of species from various plant families may thwart mass pest infestations e.g. Dutch elm disease.
  - Bur oak and American beech are from same family so should be separated by another family species.
- Native plants (50% minimum) can support local soil, insect, bird, and mammal organisms.



Photo by Peter Tögel

*Quercus macrocarpa* Fagaceae ↑  
*Fagus grandifolia* Fagaceae ↓



# Ecosystem services

- Ecosystem services are goods and services from living and non living elements that directly or indirectly benefit humans (p. 27).
- Natural cycles that protect and sustain:
  - ▶ The hydrologic cycle
  - ▶ The carbon cycle
  - ▶ The nitrogen cycle (p. 28-32)



Photo by E. Vincent

# Ecosystem services

## 12 ecosystem services identified by Sustainable Sites Initiative (p. 83)

<b>Global climate regulation</b>	<b>Erosion and sediment control</b>	<b>Waste decomposition and treatment</b>
<b>Local climate regulation</b>	<b>Hazard mitigation</b>	<b>Human health and well being benefits</b>
<b>Air and water cleansing</b>	<b>Pollination</b>	<b>Food and renewable nonfood products</b>
<b>Water supply and regulation</b>	<b>Habitat functions</b>	<b>Cultural benefits</b>



# Ecosystem services

MACRO	MICRO
Healthy soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Organic matter</li><li>-Beneficial soil organisms</li><li>-Vegetative mulch</li></ul>
Clean air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Plants with foliage</li></ul>
Erosion control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Plants in place</li><li>-Mulch</li><li>-Permeable pavement</li></ul>
Pollination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Insects in flowers</li></ul>
Human health and well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Shade from trees</li><li>-Benches to sit on</li><li>-Walkable paths</li></ul>



Photo source: North American Butterfly Association (see notes for Web location)

# Urban ecosystem: Highline NYC



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# Urban ecosystem: Falls Park Greenville, SC



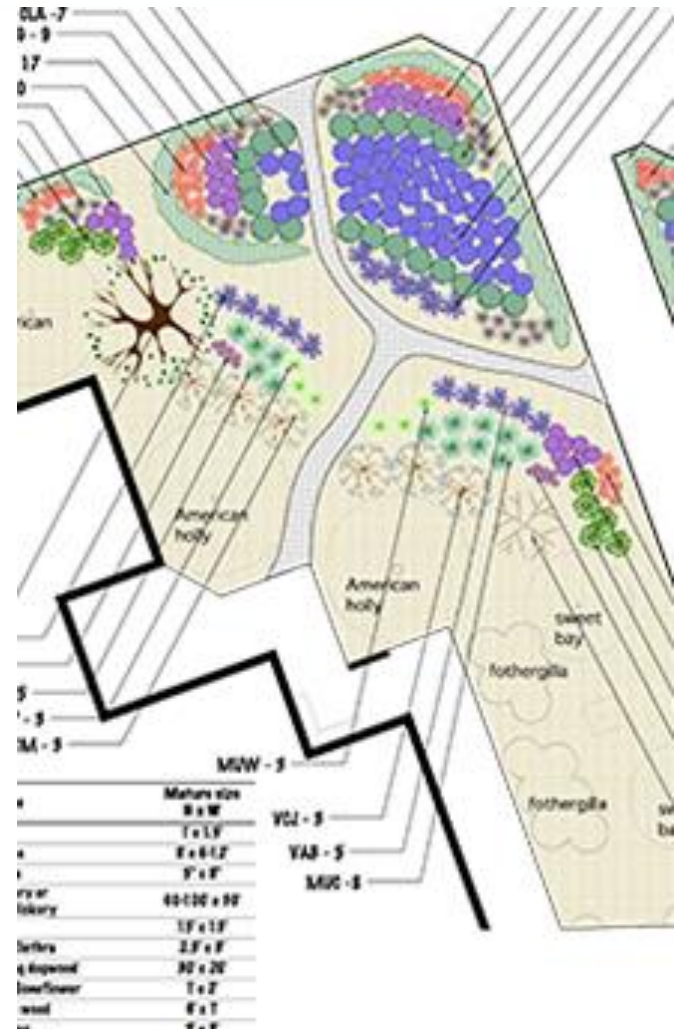
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**Ecosystem  
Benefits**

# Ecosystem benefits

- Ecosystem benefits are the goods and services provided by healthy ecosystems
- Examples:
  - Plants that promote pollination of crops by bees, bats, or birds
  - Preserving wetlands that provide flood protection
  - Filtration of air and water by vegetation and soils (The Case for Sustainable Landscapes, 2009, p. 6).



Allison Kelly  
Sustainable Landscape Demonstration  
Garden

# Ecosystem benefits-historical work

Rachel Carson, (1907-1964) marine biologist, author

*Silent Spring* (1962) published two years before she died of cancer



Believed man was assaulting the environment through excessive use of insecticides (DDT) (p. 7).

“contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with dangerous and even lethal materials” –Carson 1962 (p. 6).

Work spurred **creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**; and spurred the ban on DDT and other insecticides.

<http://www.google.com/imgres?q=Rachel+Carson&hl=en&client=firefox-a&sa=G&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&biw=1920&bih=1010&gbv=2&tbn=isch&tbnid=5YnjENqAGFTFTM:&imgrefurl=http://www.uncoverage.net/tag/rachel-carson/&docid=dBrEfvzkQRUMIM&w=600&h=460&ei=vDxVTvLXIlmDtgf8yICQAg&zoo m=1&iact=hc&vpx=1158&vpy=126&dur=11106&hovh=197&hovw=256&tx=93&ty=138 &page=1&tbnh=135&tbnw=157&start=0&ndsp=73&ved=1t:429,r:8,s:0>



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Ellis Reid, 1<sup>st</sup> grader in NC



<http://www.google.com/imgres?q=Rachel+Carson&hl=en&client=firefox-a&sa=G&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&biw=1920&bih=1010&gbv=2&tbn=isch&tbnid=5YnjENqAGFTFM:&imgrefurl=http://www.uncoverage.net/tag/rachel-carson/&docid=dBrEfzvkQRUMIM&w=600&h=460&ei=vDxVTvLXIlmDtgf8yICQAg&zoom=1&iact=hc&vpx=1158&vpy=126&dur=11106&hovh=197&hovw=256&tx=93&ty=138&page=1&tbnh=135&tbnw=157&start=0&ndsp=73&ved=1t:429,r:8,s:0>



Photo courtesy of Laurie Reid

# Ecosystem benefits

- Not currently accounted for in our economic calculations (The Case for Sustainable Landscapes, 2009, p.6).
- Usually under-considered by land use decision makers.
- May be **increased** by using healthy ecosystems as a model during project development.
  - See Biomimicry Institute 'Ask Nature' Web page at <http://www.asknature.org/>.

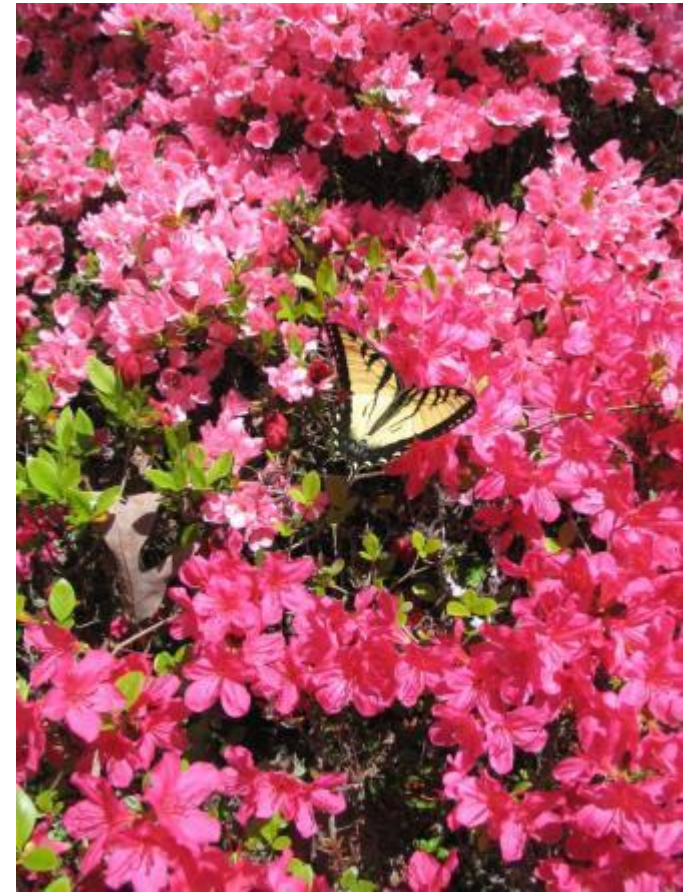


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# WEB TRAVELS: Biomimicry--Ask Nature



Biomimicry Institute 'Ask Nature' Web page at <http://www.asknature.org/>



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https://biomimicry.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Institute\_Logo\_banner.png

# Ecosystem benefits-*Cercis canadensis*

## BENEFIT

**Use Food:** Add flowers and flower buds to salads, breads and pancakes. They have a slightly sour taste, high in vitamin C. Young pods may be eaten raw, boiled or sauteed. (Tull)

**Use Other:** Boiled in water, redbud twigs produce a yellow dye. (Kershaw)

**Conspicuous Flowers:** Yes

**Fragrant Flowers:** Yes

**Attracts:** Birds

**Deer Resistant:** Moderate

## VALUE TO BENEFICIAL INSECTS

**Special Value to Native Bees**

**Special Value to Bumble Bees**

Provides Nesting Materials/Structure for Native Bees

This information was provided by the Pollinator Program at **The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.**



Photo by Ellen Vincent

***Cercis canadensis* Eastern redbud  
Gay St. Knoxville, TN**



Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Native Plant Database  
[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ECPU](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ECPU)

# Ecosystem benefits-*Magnolia virginiana*

## BENEFIT

**Use Ornamental:** Attractive, aromatic, showy, blooms are ornamental

**Use Wildlife:** Very low. Nectar-moths, Nectar-beetles

**Conspicuous Flowers:** Yes

**Fragrant Flowers:** Yes

**Attracts:** Birds

## BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS OF NORTH AMERICA (BAMONA)

Sweetbay silkmoth (*Callosamia securifera*)



Laval host



*Magnolia virginiana* Sweetbay magnolia

# Ecosystem benefits-*Nyssa sylvatica*

## BENEFIT

**Use Ornamental:** Shade tree, Fall conspicuous, Bog or pond area, Water garden

**Use Wildlife:** Substrate-insectivorous birds, Fruit-birds, Fruit-mammals, Browse, Nectar-bees

**Attracts:** Birds

## VALUE TO BENEFICIAL INSECTS

**Special Value to Honey Bees**

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*Nyssa sylvatica* Blackgum

*N. sylvatica*  
'Wildfire'



[https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id\\_image=35398](https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=35398)



Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
Native Plant Database  
[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ECPU](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ECPU)  
[www.saundersbrothers.com/\\_ccLib/image/plants/DETA-591.jpg](http://www.saundersbrothers.com/_ccLib/image/plants/DETA-591.jpg)

# Ecosystem benefits-*Taxodium distichum*

*Taxodium distichum*

Bald cypress

## Benefit

**Use Ornamental:** Fall conspicuous, Long-living, Attractive

**Use Wildlife:** Cover, Nesting site, Substrate-insectivorous birds, Seeds-granivorous birds, Seeds-Small mammals

**Interesting Foliage:** Yes

**Attracts:** Birds

**Deer Resistant:** Moderate

Tree is a larval host and/or nectar source for:

**Baldcypress sphinx** (*Isoparce cupressi*)



Photo by E. Vincent



<http://www.silkmoths.bizland.com/IsoparcecupressiJuly18Alabamaadb.jpg>

# WEB TRAVELS: Ecosystem benefits of native plants



- **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Native Plant Database:**
- <http://www.wildflower.org/plants/>
- Recommended plant species for each state

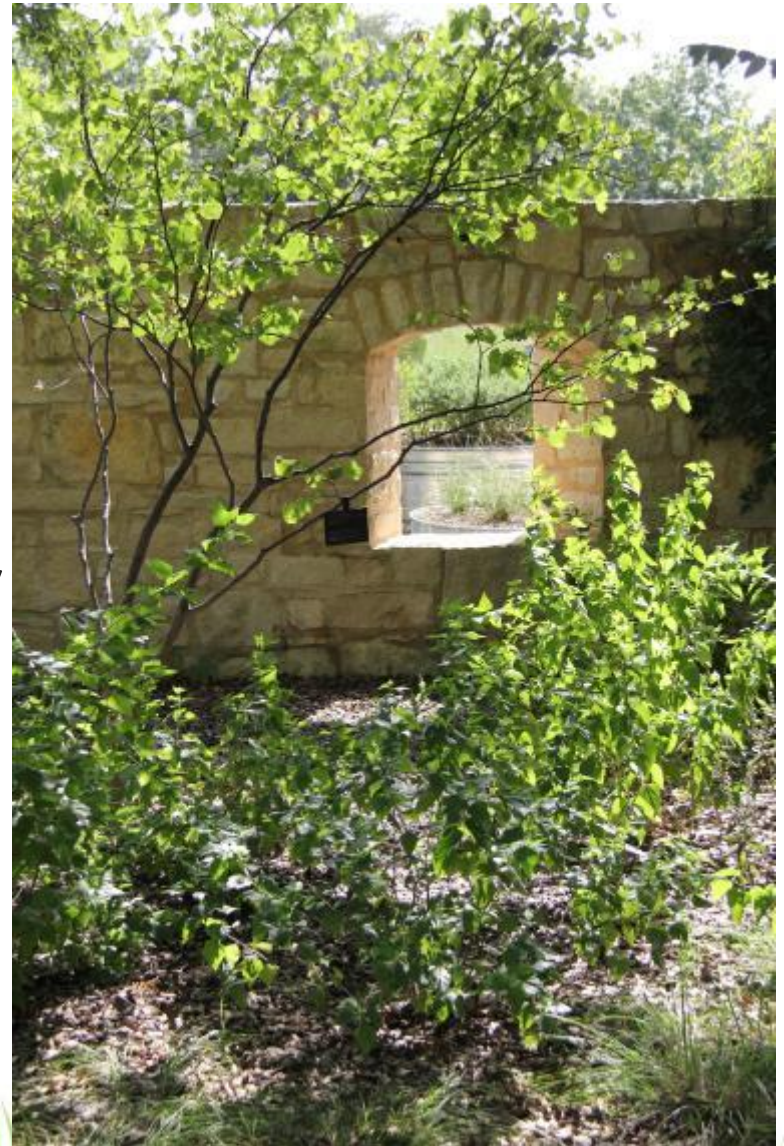


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## Carolina Yards Plant Database

### Search the Plant Database

Region

Soil type

SC Native

Soil pH

Plant type

Soil moisture

Sunlight

Salt tolerance

**Wildlife**

**Stormwater**

# Carolina Yards Plant Database

## SEARCH

- **REGION**           Statewide
- **SC NATIVE**       Yes
- **PLANT TYPE**   Tree
- **WILDLIFE**       Attracts birds

**Results yield 40 trees**

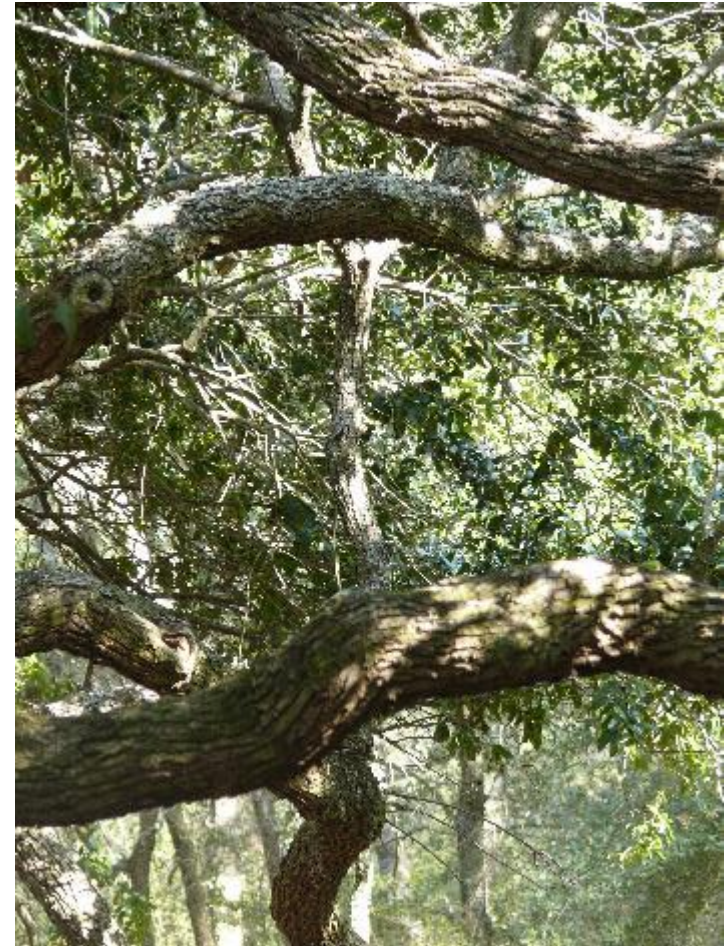


Photo by Ellen Vincent

Angel oak *Quercus virginiana*  
Attracts Birds, Deer Resistant

# Carolina Yards Plant Database

## SEARCH

- **REGION** Midlands
- **SC NATIVE** Yes
- **PLANT TYPE** Tree
- **SOIL TYPE** Alkaline
- **WILDLIFE** Attracts birds

**Results yield 29 trees**

Attracts Butterflies, Attracts Birds,  
Attracts Hummingbirds



Photo by Ellen Vincent

Southern magnolia  
*Magnolia grandiflora* & cvs

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/carolinayards/plant-database/index.html>

# Carolina Yards Plant Database

## SEARCH

- **REGION** Coast
- **SC NATIVE** Yes
- **PLANT TYPE** Tree
- **SOIL TYPE** Alkaline
- **WILDLIFE** Attracts butterflies

**Results yield 10 trees**

Attracts Butterflies, Attracts Birds,  
Attracts Hummingbirds, Deer Resistant

Redbud *Cercis canadensis*

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/carolinayards/plant-database/index.html>



Photo by Ellen Vincent

# Carolina Yards Plant Database

## SEARCH

- **REGION** Statewide
- **SC NATIVE** Yes
- **PLANT TYPE** Tree
- **WILDLIFE** Attracts birds
- **STORMWATER:** Rain garden

**Results yield 16 trees**



Sweetbay magnolia  
*Magnolia virginiana* and cvs

Wildlife: Attracts Butterflies, Attracts Birds, Attracts Hummingbirds  
Stormwater: Rain Garden, Constructed Wetland

<https://www.clemson.edu/extension/carolinayards/plant-database/index.html>

# Design linkages for health: Incorporate natives

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- **Identify and plan for/with what is already there.**  
Enrich and enhance.
- Restore existing habitats that will be damaged during construction.
- Create new habitats where possible and **provide linkages between new and existing habitats-** both on site and with surrounding areas (p. 19).

# Design linkages: The High Line, NYC

**Address:** New York, NY (Manhattan)  
**Size:** 395 acres  
**Desc:** 1.45-mile-long New York City linear park built in Manhattan on an elevated section of a disused New York Central Railroad spur. 50% native plants



Photo by Paulina Pena

# Design linkages: Atlanta Beltline, GA

## Project projections:

22 miles of pedestrian friendly rail transit

33 miles of multi-use trails

1,300 acres of parks

5,600 units of affordable housing

1,100 acres of

brownfields remediated

\$10-20 billion in economic development

30,000 permanent jobs

48,000 one-year construction jobs

Public art

Historic preservation

Sustainability



<http://www.sylvanhillsatlanta.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/beltline.jpg>

<http://beltlineorg.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/img-Master-Plan-Subarea-01-Chart.jpg>



# Certified Sustainable Site: U.S. Courthouse, Albuquerque

**Address:**

Albuquerque, NM

**Project Size:**

4.4 acres

**Project type:**

Government

**Site Context:**

Urban

**Former Land Use:**

Greyfield

**Terrestrial****Biome:**

Desert

**Budget:**

\$2,837,131



# CSS: Square 80 Plaza at the George Washington University

**Address:**

Washington, DC

**Project Size:**

0.77 acres

**Project type:**

Institutional /  
Educational

**Site Context:**

Urban

**Former Land Use:**

Greyfield

**Terrestrial****Biome:**

Temperate

Broadleaf &

Mixed Forests

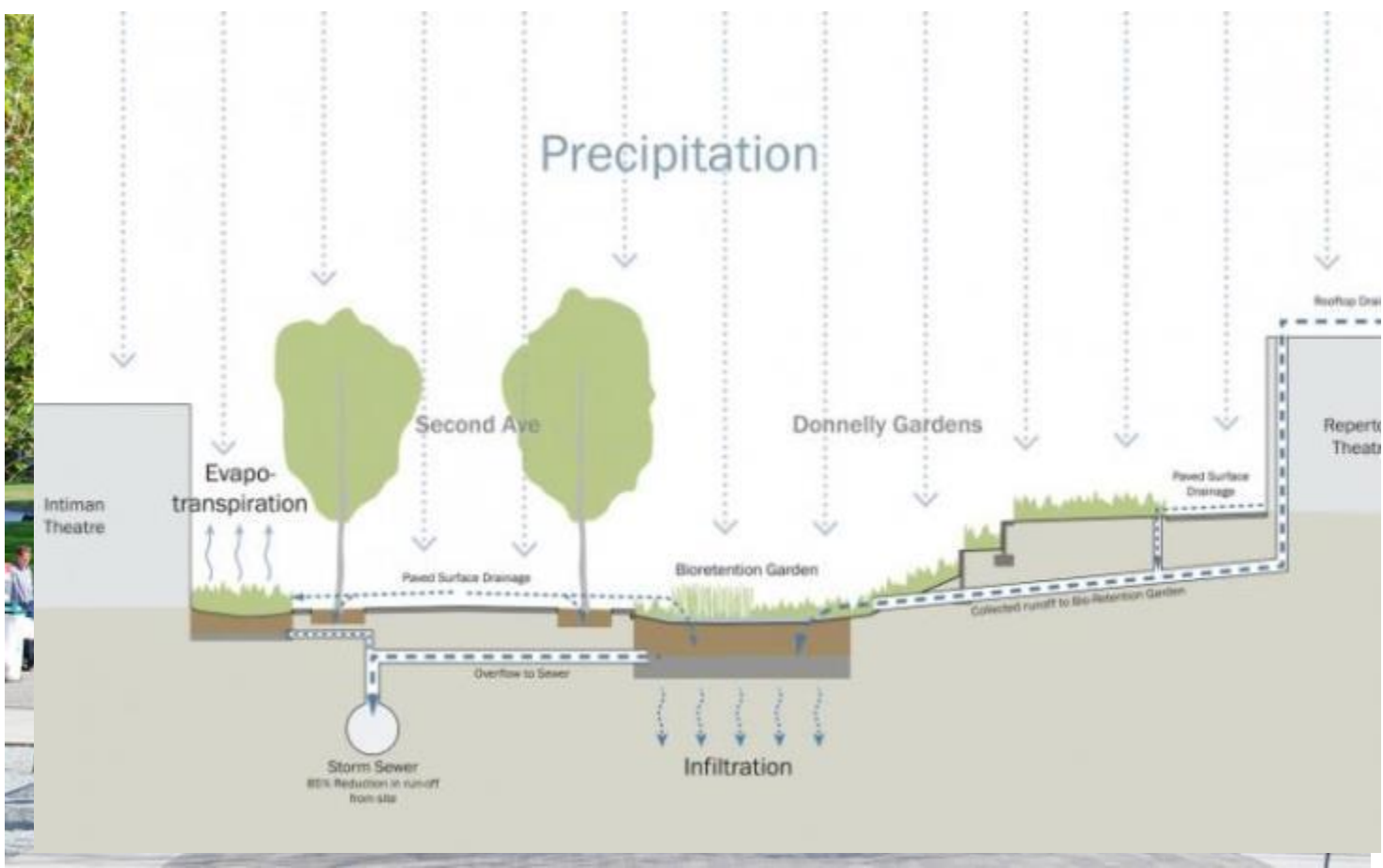
**Budget:**

\$2,066,182



# SS: Theater Commons and Donnelly Gardens at Seattle Center

**Address:**  
Seattle, WA  
**Project Size:**  
1.6 acres  
**Project type:**  
Open space - Park  
**Site Context:**  
Urban  
**Former Land Use:**  
Greyfield  
**Terrestrial Biome:**  
Temperate Broadleaf & Mixed Forests  
**Budget:**  
\$5,000,000



# Global feedback loop

- Human behavior and decisions are part of the global feedback loop.
- What people do affects the health and well-being of the planet;
- Which in turn affects human health and well-being (physical, mental, economic, and social) (The Case for Sustainable Landscapes, 2009, p. 6).



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Earth from GOES-8



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