



RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO PROMOTE THE USE OF  
NATIVE PLANTS AND THE ELIMINATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS  
AT CITY-OWNED AND MAINTAINED SITES AND FACILITIES



**Black-eyed Susan**



**Aromatic Aster**



**Common Boneset**

# Why are Native Plants Important?

- Native plants provide habitat, shelter, and food for wildlife – birds, mammals, insects, and aquatic life
- Native plants are important for the purposes of land reclamation, soil health, and water protection
- Native plants require much less watering, fertilizer, and pesticides. In fact, they can prevent water run-off and improve air quality.



# Proposed City Native Plant Policy

- Applies to:
  - all City-owned or maintained site and facilities;
  - all new or replacement plantings in outdoor landscaped areas;
  - all City departments, contractors, and subcontractors.
- Requires use of native plants & seeds (USDA southeast states, & other resources) to maximum extent practicable, with a minimum of 50% by 2025.
- Exceptions for edible plantings, turf grass, state/federal regulations, remediation plantings, zoological exhibits, and botanical displays.
- Prohibits use of invasive plant species (NC Native Plant Society & NC Invasive Plant Council).
- Requires use of “right plant – right place” principles to avoid potential conflicts.
- Includes public education and outreach regarding native and invasive plants.

# Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex

## North Plaza



## South Plaza

Sustainable landscaping throughout the site will feature drought resistant/native plants and canopy trees. The complex will be an epicenter in Greensboro and a cornerstone for sustainability and resilience!

# Resources



NORTH CAROLINA  
**NATIVE PLANT**  
SOCIETY



**Native Plant Society** <https://ncwildflower.org/recommended-native-species/>

[ncnps-invasive-plant-list-20231120-1.pdf](https://ncwildflower.org/ncnps-invasive-plant-list-20231120-1.pdf) (ncwildflower.org)



**Native Plants — T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society** ([tgpearsonaudubon.org](https://tgpearsonaudubon.org))



**North Carolina Wildlife Federation** <https://ncwf.org/>



**Natural Resources Conservation Service: [USDA Plants Database](#)**