

Plant Dane Provides Low-Cost Native Plants and Resources to Help Residents and Organizations Start a Native Garden

Dane County and the Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP) are now accepting plant orders for their 18th annual Plant Dane Native Plant Program. The Plant Dane Program provides native plants to local groups, municipalities and residents in Dane County for a fraction of the normal retail cost. Consider converting a small area of lawn into a native garden this spring. Native plants pack a punch when it comes to environmental benefits; they provide food and habitat for wildlife and protect our waters by developing deep root systems that help rainwater soak into the ground preventing polluted stormwater runoff from reaching area lakes, rivers and streams.

Choose from more than 50 native plant species and pre-selected garden kits including: pollinator, downspout, and rain garden kits. Donations to purchase native plants for specific community and school projects will also be accepted through Plant Dane this year. Program details are available at www.ripple-effects.com/plantdane . **All orders must be received by March 22nd, 2022.**

New to native plants? Sign up for the ***Native Landscaping- A Beautiful Solution to Pollution*** webinar on March 8th at 6pm. This class will provide an introduction to the benefits of native plants and an overview of how to build three different native plant gardens including: a basic native garden, a downspout garden and a rain garden. To register for this free webinar visit www.ripple-effects.com/plantdane .