



Gateway Native Garden

Lexington Manor Passive Park **Community** Garden





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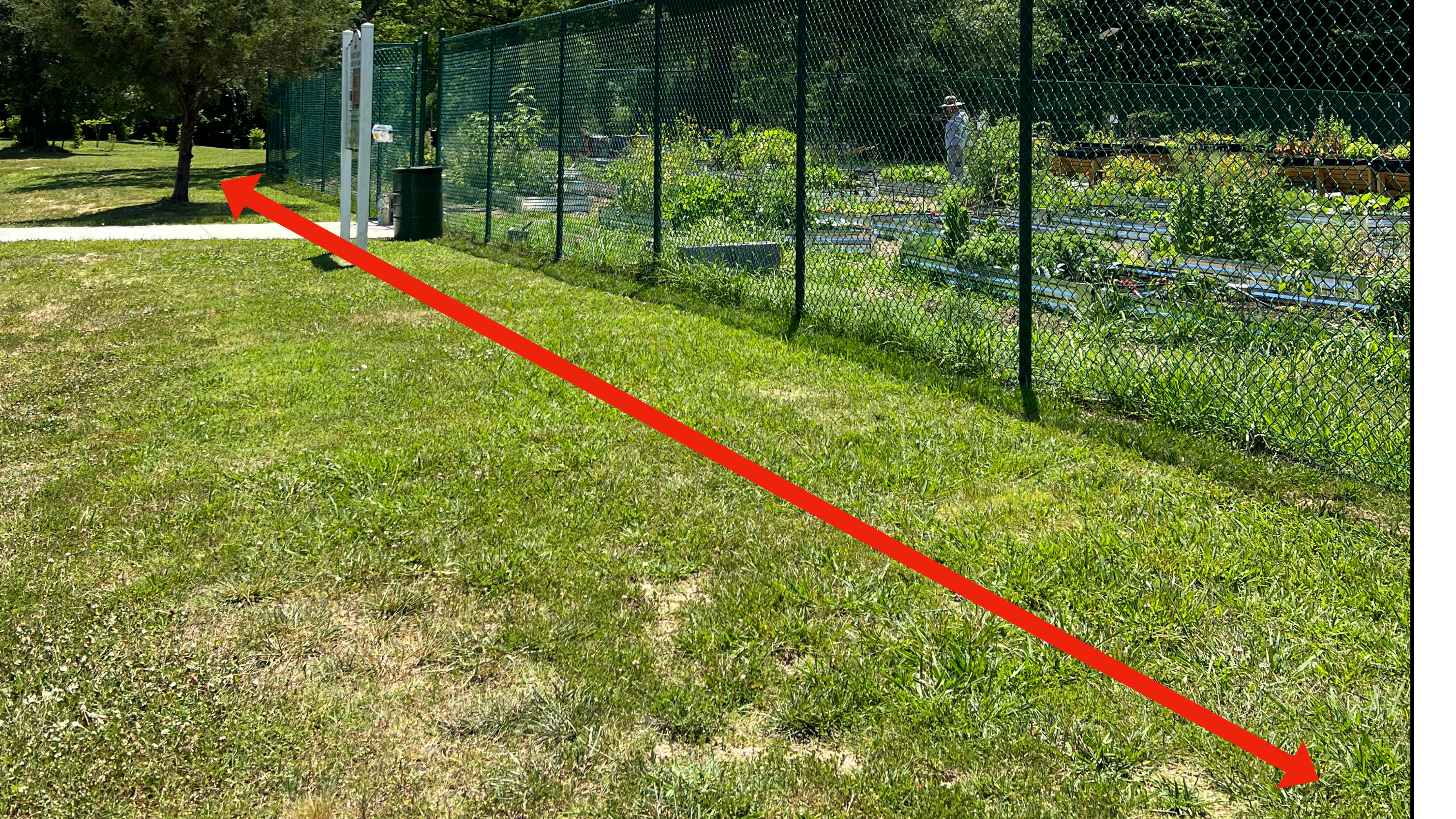
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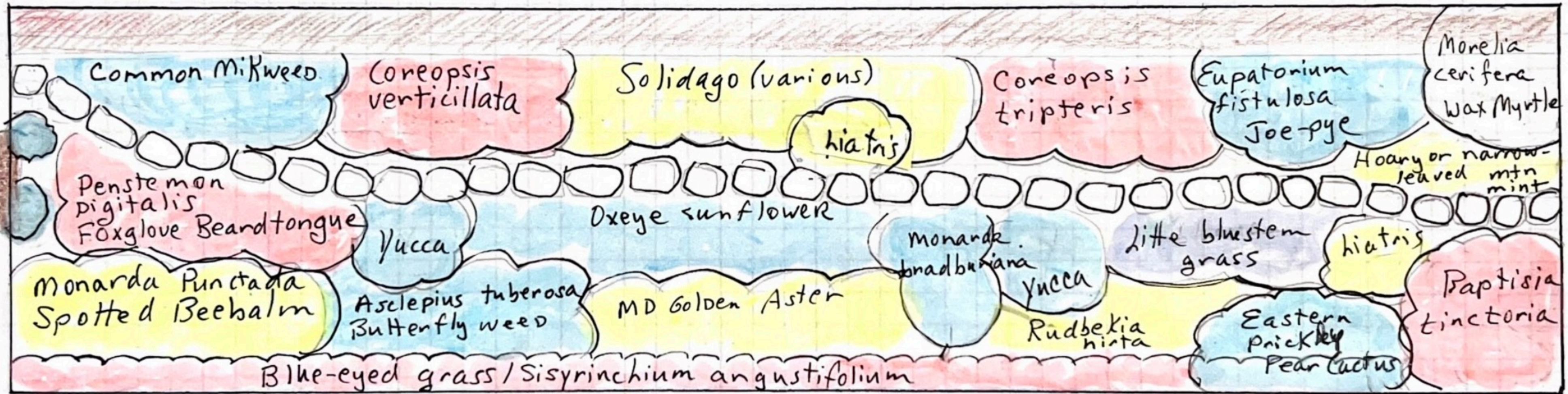
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Landscape plan for sunny native garden

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May-June
 June-Aug
 July-Oct

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Elms Environmental Education Center donates hundreds of native plants



Our Team: Natural Resources Management Program Forrest Career & Technology Center









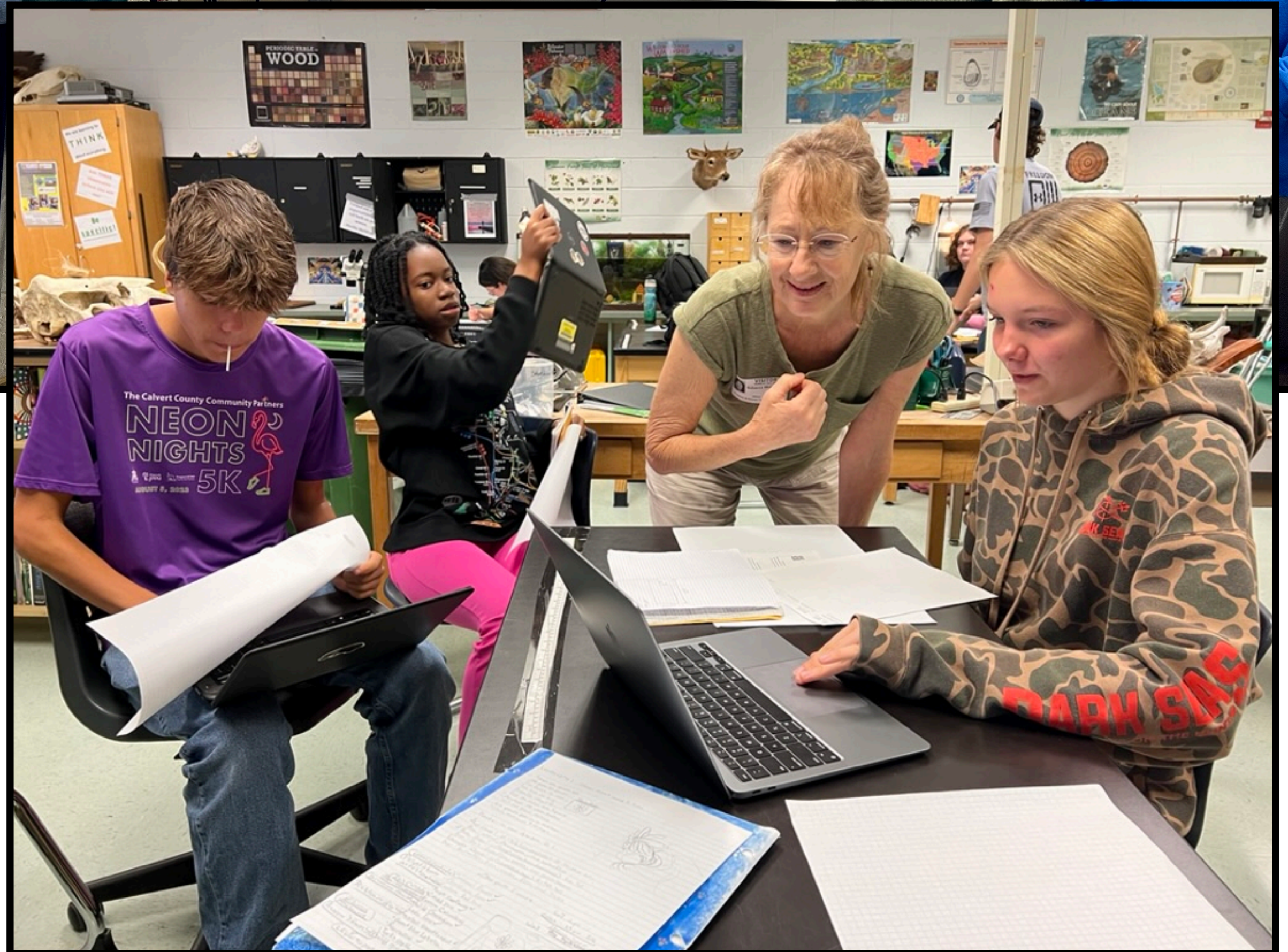
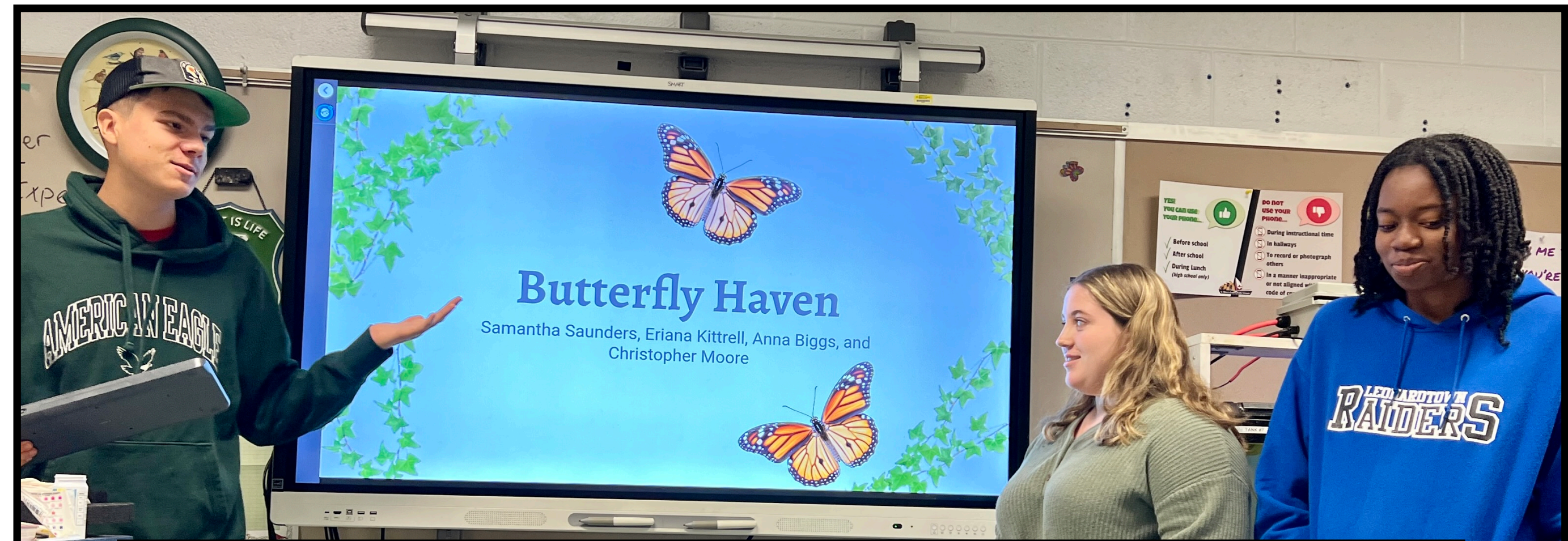


Students moved more than 120 wheelbarrow loads of crushed bluestone, compost & mulch

Planting days! More than 500 plants!



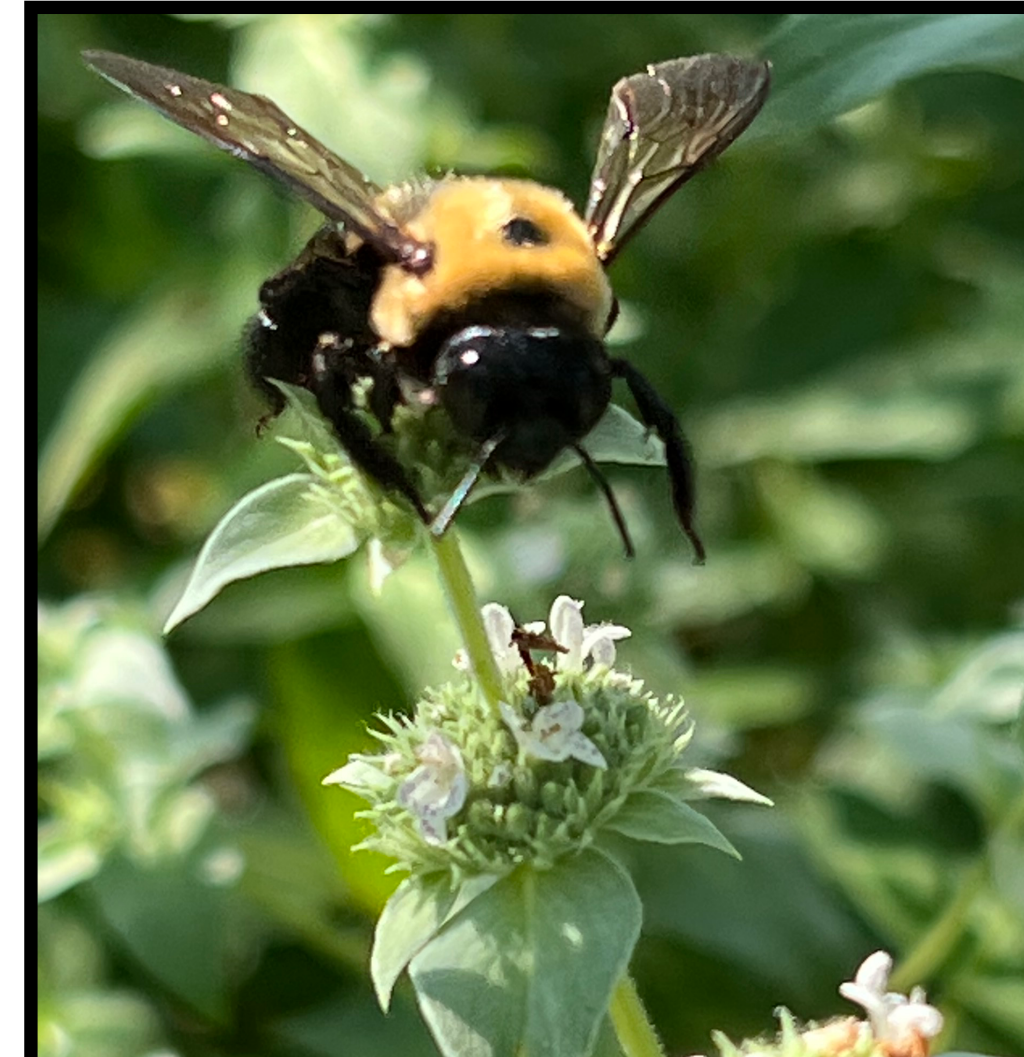
We are mentoring our student volunteers in designing & building their own native gardens in their school courtyard



What are native plants?



**Indigenous
terrestrial & aquatic
species that have
evolved & occur
naturally in a
particular region,
ecosystem &
habitat.**



Why grow natives

- Better suited for our climate
- Require less water once established
- Do not need fertilizer
- Tolerate a variety of soil & light conditions
- Add year-round beauty & interest to the garden
- Provide essential food & shelter for local birds, pollinators, beneficial insects & other wildlife
- **Healthier for you & the environment**





How can natives help a veggie garden?

- Bring more pollinators into the veggie garden for better quality vegetables
- Alleviate drainage problems for the garden



Gateway Native Garden Outreach



Pride, Juneteenth & Sustainability celebrations



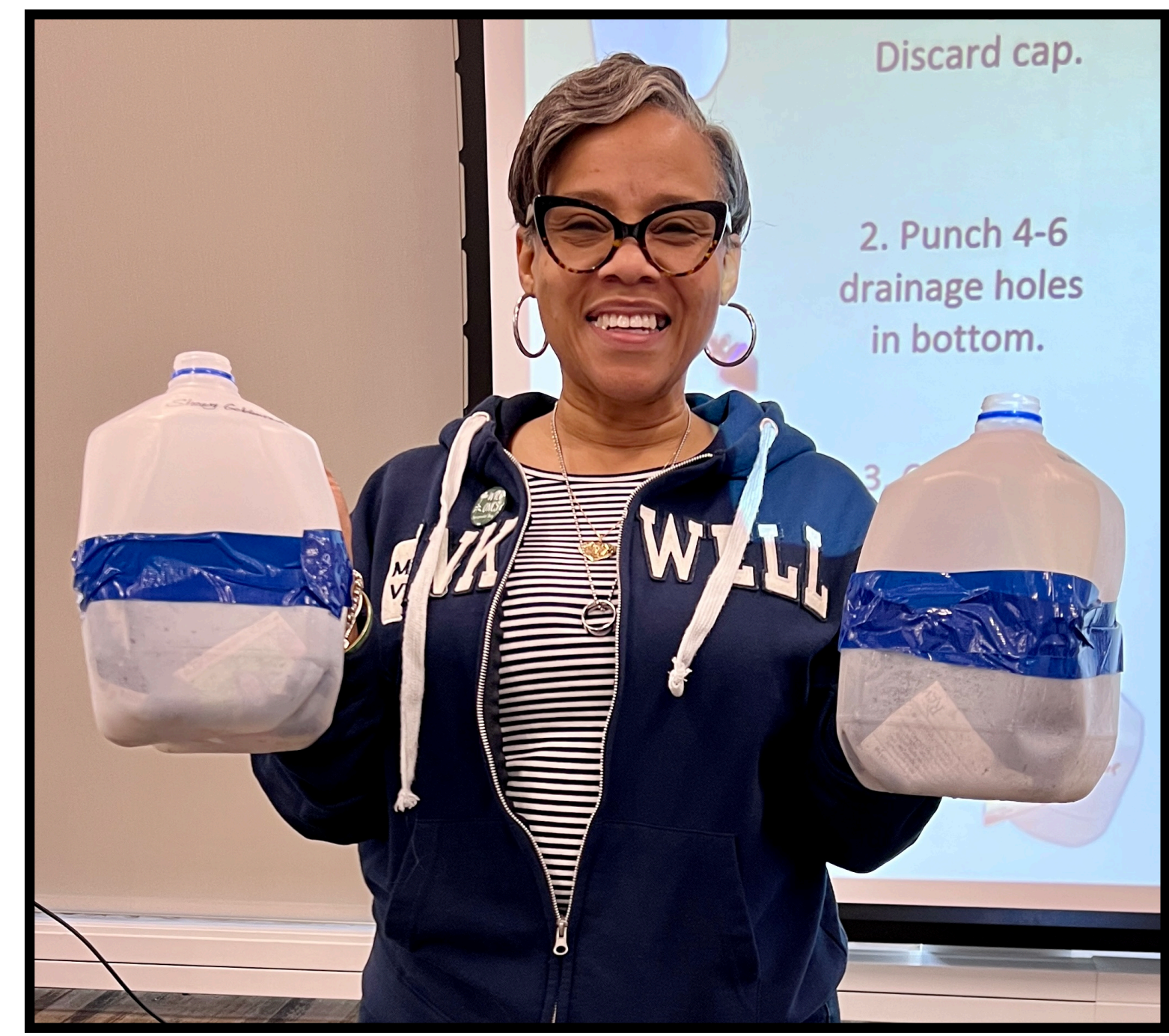
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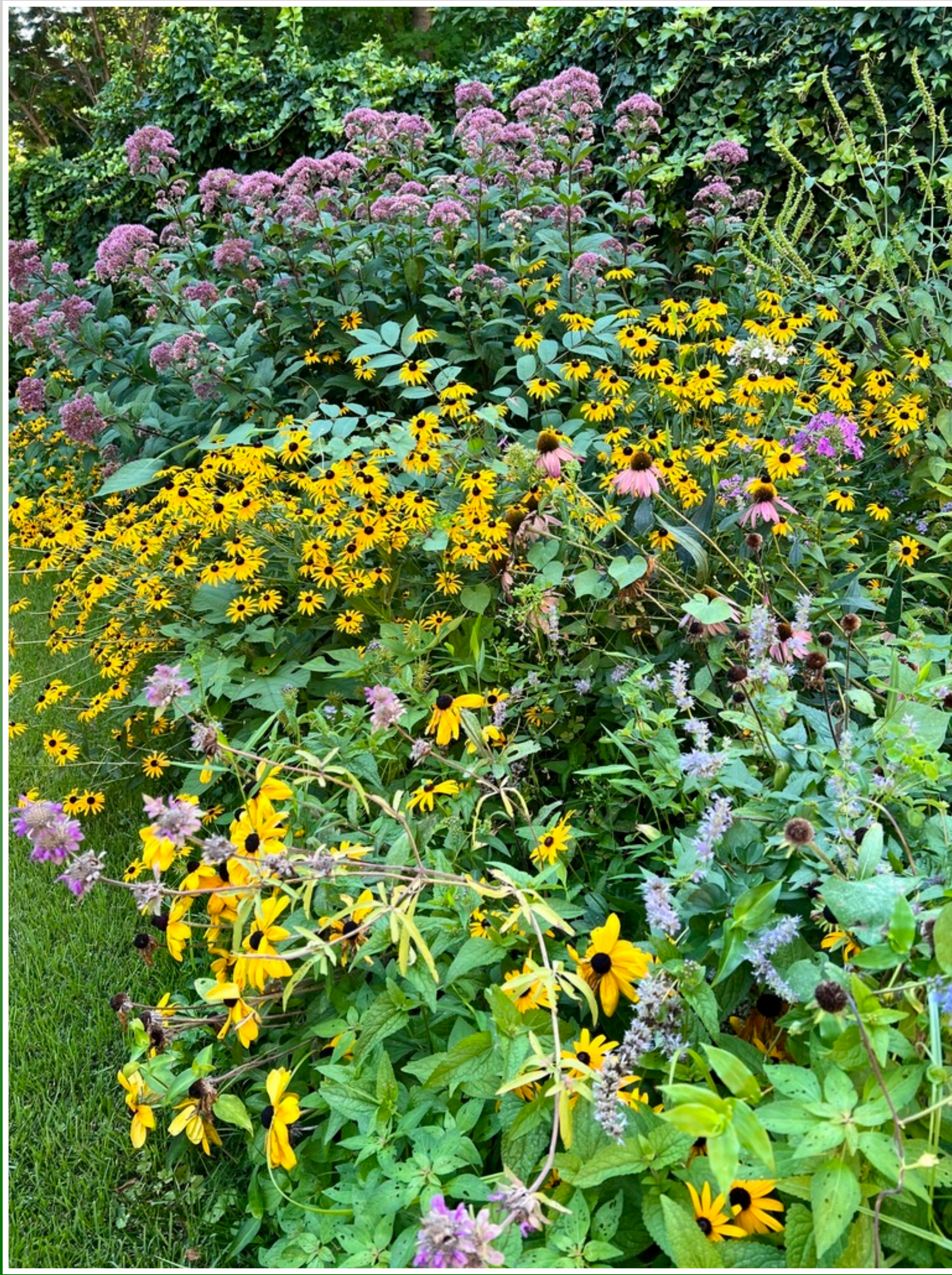


9 workshops & field trips



3 bluebird boxes





Questions?

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