



## Habitat Gardening in Central New York

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## Designing an Earth-friendly Landscape

### Stewardship Garden, a habitat garden in CNY

Includes many links to more  
information on these topics  
throughout the website:  
[www.ourhabitatgarden.org](http://www.ourhabitatgarden.org)

## BOOKS

Tallamy, Douglas *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants* – Why our landscaping practices matter

Darke, Rick and Douglas Tallamy *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* – How to create a landscape that is full of life – and beautiful, too!

Bormann, L. Herbert et. al. *Redesigning the American Lawn: A Search for Environmental Harmony* – creating Freedom Lawns

Reed, Sue *Energy-wise Landscape Design* – discusses the energy life cycle of our landscaping choices

Stein, Sara *Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Backyards* – A timeless classic, beautifully written

Stein, Sara *Planting Noah's Garden: Further Adventures in Backyard Ecology* – The how-to companion of Noah's Garden

Summers, Carolyn *Designing Gardens with Flora of the American East*: Practical advice on using natives; appendices have useful plant lists

Wasowski, Andy & Sally *The Landscaping Revolution: Garden With Mother Nature, Not Against Her*

Wasowski, Sally and Andy *Requiem for a Lawnmower: Gardening in a Warmer, Drier World*

Zimmerman, Catherine *Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces* (also available as a DVD)

Haeg, Fritz *Edible Estates: Attack on the Front Lawn*

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## WEBSITES

### Bayscapes from the Alliance for Chesapeake Bay:

<https://allianceforthebay.org/outreach-training/toolkits-guidebooks/>  
Especially “*A Homeowner’s Guide to Designing Your Property.*” Nice templates for habitat landscaping. Many plants mentioned are also native to CNY since we’re close to the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Audubon at Home** – Many useful pages from the menu at the left of:  
[web4.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/Backyard.html](http://web4.audubon.org/bird/at_home/Backyard.html) including

What is a Healthy Yard (click on items in the graphic for more info)  
[http://web4.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/Healthy\\_Yard.html](http://web4.audubon.org/bird/at_home/Healthy_Yard.html)

The Audubon At Home Guide to Gardening for Life in SE Pennsylvania -  
[http://web4.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/GuidetoGardeningForLife\\_PA.html](http://web4.audubon.org/bird/at_home/GuidetoGardeningForLife_PA.html)

**LBJ Wildflower Center** - Creating a Meadow – Great how-to!

<http://www.wildflower.org/howto/show.php?id=5>

(OR just search on Meadow gardening at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org))

**Cornell’s Lab of Ornithology’s YardMap** - [www.yardmap.org](http://www.yardmap.org) -

**Learn** section: <http://content.yardmap.org/learn> - a wealth of articles about creating habitat in your yard such as “Making messy look good”

**Explore** section <http://content.yardmap.org/explore> - info about this ecoregion

**Featured Sites** <http://content.yardmap.org/explore/featured-sites> - examples of earth-friendly landscapes (inc. Stewardship Garden!)

**Create your own YardMap** to share by logging in on the Map section

**Safe Lawns.org** – [www.safelawns.org](http://www.safelawns.org) - an advocacy and information source about pesticide-free lawns;

**Less Lawn.com** – <http://www.lesslawn.com> – Lots of practical ideas for getting started. NOTE: Though many of the plant suggestions aren’t native, the web creator emphasizes natives.

Start shrinking your lawn – [www.lesslawn.com/start.html](http://www.lesslawn.com/start.html)

Smother your lawn - [www.lesslawn.com/articles/article1003.html](http://www.lesslawn.com/articles/article1003.html)

**Beyond Pesticides:** [www.beyondpesticides.org](http://www.beyondpesticides.org) - lawns and more

**The Climate-Friendly Gardener** – (downloadable pdf file)

[www.ucsusa.org/food\\_and\\_agriculture/what\\_you\\_can\\_do/the-climate-friendly-gardener.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/what_you_can_do/the-climate-friendly-gardener.html)

**Save the Rain** – <http://savetherain.us/green-infrastructure/rain-gardens/>  
How to create your own rain garden

# Make sure your landscape is well-grounded

## SOIL BOOKS

Lowenfels, Jeff *Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web*

Nardi, James *Life in the Soil: A Guide for Naturalists and Gardeners*

Ohlson, Kristin *The Soil Will Save Us: How scientists, farmers, and foodies are healing the soil to save the planet*

## SOIL WEBSITES

Westchester County: *Love 'Em and Leave 'Em* – templates for any municipality to use - <http://www.leleny.org/>

Nat'l Wildlife Federation *The Dirt on Dirt*  
<http://www.nwf.org/be-out-there/why-be-out-there/dirt-is-great.aspx>

The Atlantic – *Healthy Soil Microbes, Healthy People*  
[www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/06/healthy-soil-microbes-healthy-people/276710/](http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/06/healthy-soil-microbes-healthy-people/276710/)

*Great Lakes Worm Watch* - [www.nrri.umn.edu/worms/forest/index.html](http://www.nrri.umn.edu/worms/forest/index.html)  
Lots of good info about the impact of worms on forests and how we can help

Organic Gardening – *Questioning Peat Moss*  
<http://www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/questioning-peat-moss>

## SOIL VIDEOS

*Dirt! The Movie: A story with heart and soil* (available at OCPL)  
<http://www.dirtthemovie.org/>

*Symphony of the Soil* (available at OCPL)  
<http://www.symphonyofthesoil.com/>

## Upcoming presentations open to the public :

Mon 4/18 – 7pm Liverpool Library – Creating a Bird-friendly Landscape

Sat. 4/23 – 2 pm – Stone Quarry Hill Art Park Cazenovia – Habitat Gardening for Life

Sun 4/24 – 2 pm Liverpool Library – Live video with Richard Louv  
HGCNY meeting

Sun 4/25 7 pm Liverpool Public Library – Creating a Monarch Waystation and a Butterfly-friendly Landscape

Sat 5/14 1pm Cicero Library – Creating a Bird-Friendly Landscape

Mon. 5/16 Liverpool Public Library – Designing an Earth-friendly Landscape

Mon 5/23 7 pm Liverpool Public Library – On Future Flies on the Wings of Pollinators

Sat 6/04 2pm Great Swamp Conservancy - Creating a Monarch Waystation; part of their weekend celebrating monarchs

6/22 6:30 Manlius Public Library Habitat Gardening for Life