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Native Plant and Sustainability Conference Invites Gardeners to Learn from Industry's Best
Attendees learn how to create habitats for plagued pollinators, maintain regional biodiversity and more.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) invites landcare professionals and recreational gardeners alike to attend the annual Native Plant and Sustainability Conference on Sat., Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This one-day opportunity brings together national experts, landscape professionals and local gardeners to engage in meaningful discussion on plants, landscapes, and our roles as environmental stewards.

The event will take place in Phipps' Special Events Hall and includes presentations, lunch and a book sale. Topics of this year's conference include:

- **Design with Natives:** Incorporate native plants in your landscape design in a variety of styles, from Mt. Cuba and beyond.
- **Deer and the Invaded Woodland:** Exotic plants are invading native landscapes, and humans aren't the only culprit of this change. Learn how deer are changing forested ecosystems and backyard woodlands, and how you can help to maintain regional biodiversity.
- **Creating Pollinator Friendly Landscapes:** Create a natural haven for pollinators in peril in your own backyard.

Registration is required to attend. Reservations can be made by calling 412/441-4442 ext. 3925 or by visiting the information page at phipps.conservatory.org. Registration costs \$105 for Phipps members and \$115 for nonmembers. Price includes coffee, light breakfast items and a lunch buffet.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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