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Gardeners and Lawn Professionals Invited to Meet National Experts on Sustainable Landscapes

Phipps brings together national experts and local gardeners to explore healthy landscape practices.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — On Sat., Nov. 14, 2015, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will host its annual Native Plant and Sustainability Conference on the Conservatory's campus. This one-day forum brings together national experts, landscape professionals, developers and local gardeners for thoughtful consideration of plants, landscapes and our role as environmental stewards.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m., and includes presentations, lunch and a book sale. Sharing their unique knowledge, this year's line-up of expert speakers includes:

- **Ian Caton**, the owner/operator of Enchanters Garden, a nursery specializing in native plants of the Appalachian region. Caton places particular emphasis on the introduction of new and rare native plants that are little known or underappreciated in the nursery trade.
- **Nette Compton**, R.L.A., the associate director of city park development for the Trust for Public Land, where she oversees national urban park programs and initiatives for issues including creative place-making, design quality, sustainability, green infrastructure and climate change.
- **Karla Dakin** specializes in designing beautiful, environmentally resilient landscapes with an emphasis on understanding the context of place. In 2013, she co-authored *The Professional Design Guide to Green Roofs* and recently completed "Sky Trapezium," a permanent green roof installation at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver, Colo.

Registration for the Native Plant and Sustainability Conference is required; reservations may be made by calling **412/441-4442, ext. 3925**, or by visiting the event 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. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

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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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