

# MEADOWS MAKE MEMORIES

ENJOY UNFOLDING DRAMA AND BEAUTY  
YEAR AFTER YEAR AS BEES, BIRDS,  
AND BUTTERFLIES  
FEAST IN YOUR WILDFLOWER MEADOW!



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ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPING ~ HABITAT RESTORATION  
Our passion is creating a healthy, inspiring connection  
between people and the natural world.

## WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

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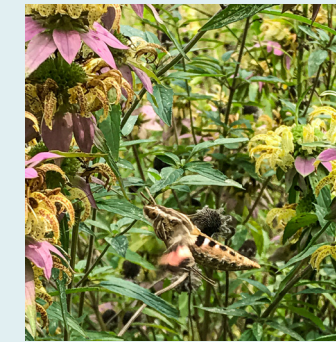




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# A meadow is a changing landscape.

- Replaces lawn with pollinator habitat
- Builds soil life and stores carbon
- Reduces erosion and absorbs rainfall
- Manages natural succession for environmental and aesthetic benefits
- May be eligible for grant funding



**The Natural Garden has a decade of experience creating ecologically diverse and enduring meadows.**

## An unfolding drama . . .

A first-year meadow consists of quickly germinating seeds like black-eyed Susans, native grasses, and an annual nurse crop. The second year meadow may look quite different as different flowers dominate. By the third year, some of the first-year species will have disappeared in order to make room for longer-lasting perennials.

Each mix we design includes species to fill different niches in space and time. We customize the mix to suit client preferences as well as ecological needs. Part of the joy of planting a meadow is seeing it evolve from season to season and from year to year.

As the meadow becomes more established, the changes will become less dramatic --

yet ever changing and dynamic.



For more information or to set up a consultation, contact:

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We select plant species native to the county and eco-type of each site we design and restore. Experience has taught us that site assessment and preparation, careful planning, and the right native species mix must be followed up with a carefully crafted maintenance plan. A meadow continues to develop for four to five years as it becomes established.

Each meadow project requires the following steps for success:

- meeting to discuss goals and expectations for your meadow and to review partnership opportunities with funding agencies
- site analysis (biological/land use survey and soil test)
- site preparation (invasive vegetation removal and erosion control planning)
- native seed mix designed for region, site conditions and client objectives
- no-till seeding with our specialized equipment (in most cases)
- a five-year maintenance plan