

The background of the slide is a photograph of a garden. In the foreground, there are tall, feathery pinkish-purple ornamental grasses. To the left, there are green plants with bright yellow daisy-like flowers. In the background, a wooden fence and more greenery are visible.

# Proposed Native Gardens for Chatham Borough Community Services

Caitlin Boyle  
Dirt Diva Gardens  
March 2023

# Memorial Park Rock Approach

## ***The Brief***

- Create appealing garden around Memorial Park's dedication to 100 years of military veterans.
- The garden must not only withstand heavy child traffic, but deter it

## ***Considerations***

- New focus on natives
- A planting that will message kids not to climb
- Highest traffic times are spring and fall.

## ***The Design***

- Beautifully rugged. Plants woven together, like a rug.
- Mostly low plants to make rock with plaque the focal point
- Honors our veterans' patriotism with plants native to our soil.



# Memorial Park Native Plants

*Schizachyrium scoparium* 'The Blues'



*Aster novae-angliae* 'Purple Dome'



*Amsonia tabernaemontana* 'Blue Ice'



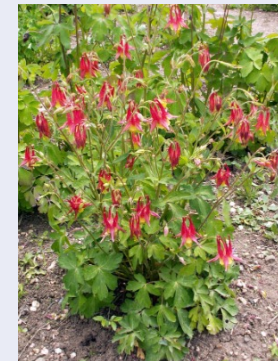
*Echinacea pallida*



*Penstemon* 'Dark Towers'



*Aquilegia canadensis*



# Garden Park Pollinator Garden

## *The Brief*

- Create a garden for pollinators next to a new stone landing near the Middle School playing fields
- The planting should also help define the space of the new landing to encourage use

## *Considerations*

- Landing in middle of playing fields
- Most pollinators are late-bloomers
- Need structure to carry through the winter

## *The Design*

- Creates a space with plants, adding height at the back to orient people.
- Four season: Plants with winter interest chosen for their structure
- Double duty: Plants chosen for long bloom times.



# Garden Park Pollinator Plants

*Muhlenbergia capillaris*



*Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird'



*Hamamelis* 'Virginiana'



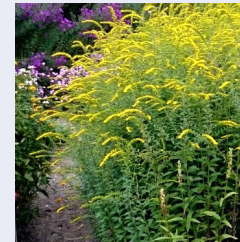
*Echinacea purpurea*



*Asclepias tuberosa*



*Solidago* 'Fireworks'



*Physocarpus* 'Tiny Wine'



*Physocarpus* 'Little Devil'



*Ansomia hubrichtii*



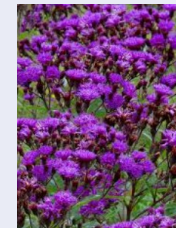
*Phlox paniculata*



*Phlox* 'Violet Pinwheels'



*Vernonia novaboracensis*



Thank you!