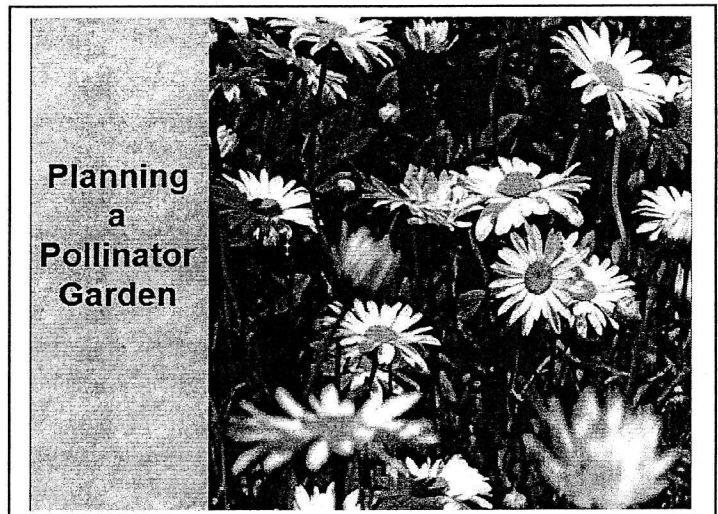


Planning a Pollinator Garden

- 1) Select and know site (Scale drawing)
 - a) Zone, soil, light, moisture, protection
 - b) Buildings, slope, drainage, buried lines
 - c) Usage, needs
- 2) Determine Shape, Habitat, Hardscape
 - a) Replicate, tie-in to existing
 - b) Habitat for pollinators
 - c) Benches, paths for people
- 3) Select plants
 - a) Variety: Size, texture, color, bloom period
 - b) Pollinator preferences
 - c) Masses (3 or more)
- 4) Arrange on plan (Add to copy of scale drawing)
 - a) By height, shape, size
 - b) Focus, complement
- 5) Prepare site
 - a) Soil test, amend as needed



Planning a Pollinator Garden, (continued)

- 6) Install
 - a) Don't stress plants, proper depth and spacing
 - b) 3" Mulch
 - c) Keep mulch 1" from stems
 - d) Water in
- 7) Maintain
 - a) Water, weed, deadhead
 - b) 1st year is critical till plants are established

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Pollinator Garden Tips

- Full sun exposure, healthy, well-watered
- Variety of plants: blooms early spring through fall
 - Deadhead to extend bloom time
 - Plant "singles" and natives – more forage
 - Plant blue, purple, or yellow flowers - spicy/sweet smelling
 - Many "weeds" are good forage (dandelion, goldenrod)
 - Remove Invasives
- Practice Integrated Pest Management
 - Don't kill your pollinators!