



OUR
POLLINATOR
GARDEN



OUR MISSION

- Support the local ecosystem by encouraging greater biodiversity
- Educate and inspire members of the community to plant their own pollinator gardens
- Celebrate the beauty and variety of plants native to Quebec
- Commemorate the 70th anniversary of the DHES

PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

Our local ecosystem is under pressure – climate change, loss of habitat, pesticides, pollution, parasites, viruses ...



You can help!



- A healthy ecosystem supports a wide variety of wildlife
- Include plants that are beneficial for local insects and birds in your garden
- Local wildlife and plant species have co-evolved over millions of years – a perfect match!
- Food sources, host plants, shelter, soil fertility

Note: Most horticultural varieties ('nativars') are not as beneficial for the ecosystem as straight species – not sure? Just ask!



OUTLINE

❁ PREPARATION

❁ IN THE GARDEN

❁ AUTUMN

❁ LOOKING
FORWARD



PREPARATION

- Multiple meetings with City administration
- Professional-level proposal with visual descriptions of concept
- Reference to other successful DHES projects
- Assurance that the garden would be maintained and in line with city aesthetic



engagement
with the
city



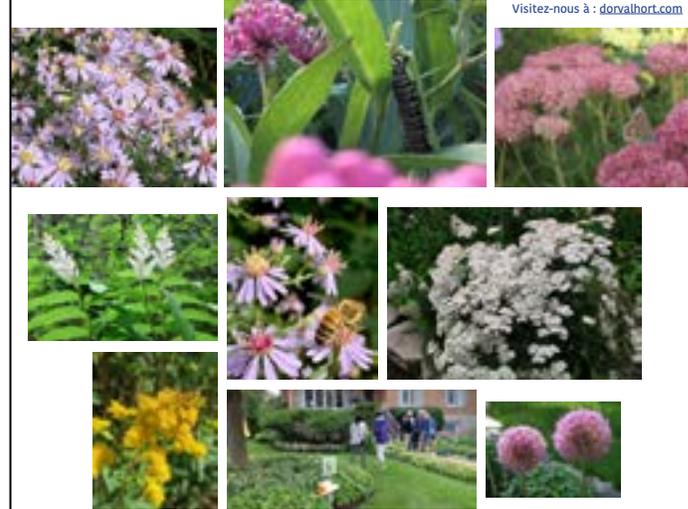
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Dorval Horticultural and Ecological Society



LA SOCIÉTÉ D'HORTICULTURE ET D'ÉCOLOGIE DE DORVAL

Nous avons comme mission la promotion de pratiques horticoles favorisant la protection de l'environnement. Nos membres partagent leurs connaissances à l'intérieur de leur club et avec la grande communauté de Dorval depuis plus de 70 ans. La SHED compte plus de 80 membres expérimentés et passionnés qui ne demandent pas mieux que de partager leur expertise au service de notre communauté.

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OBJECTIFS

Les objectifs de ce projet sont :

- de soutenir les insectes pollinisateurs locaux en leur fournissant habitats et sources de nourriture appropriés ;
- d'éduquer et d'encourager les membres de la communauté à intégrer davantage de plantes vivaces indigènes pour attirer les pollinisateurs dans leurs jardins ;
- de soutenir l'écosystème local en encourageant une plus grande biodiversité ;
- de célébrer la beauté et la variété des plantes indigènes du Québec.



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- Allocation of a large plot in a highly visible area at Lawrence Earl Park



city
support





Bruno Gougeon

Laura Calder



Martin Léger

- Public works prepared the plot
- Signage created to inform passers-by



Mayor Doret



design

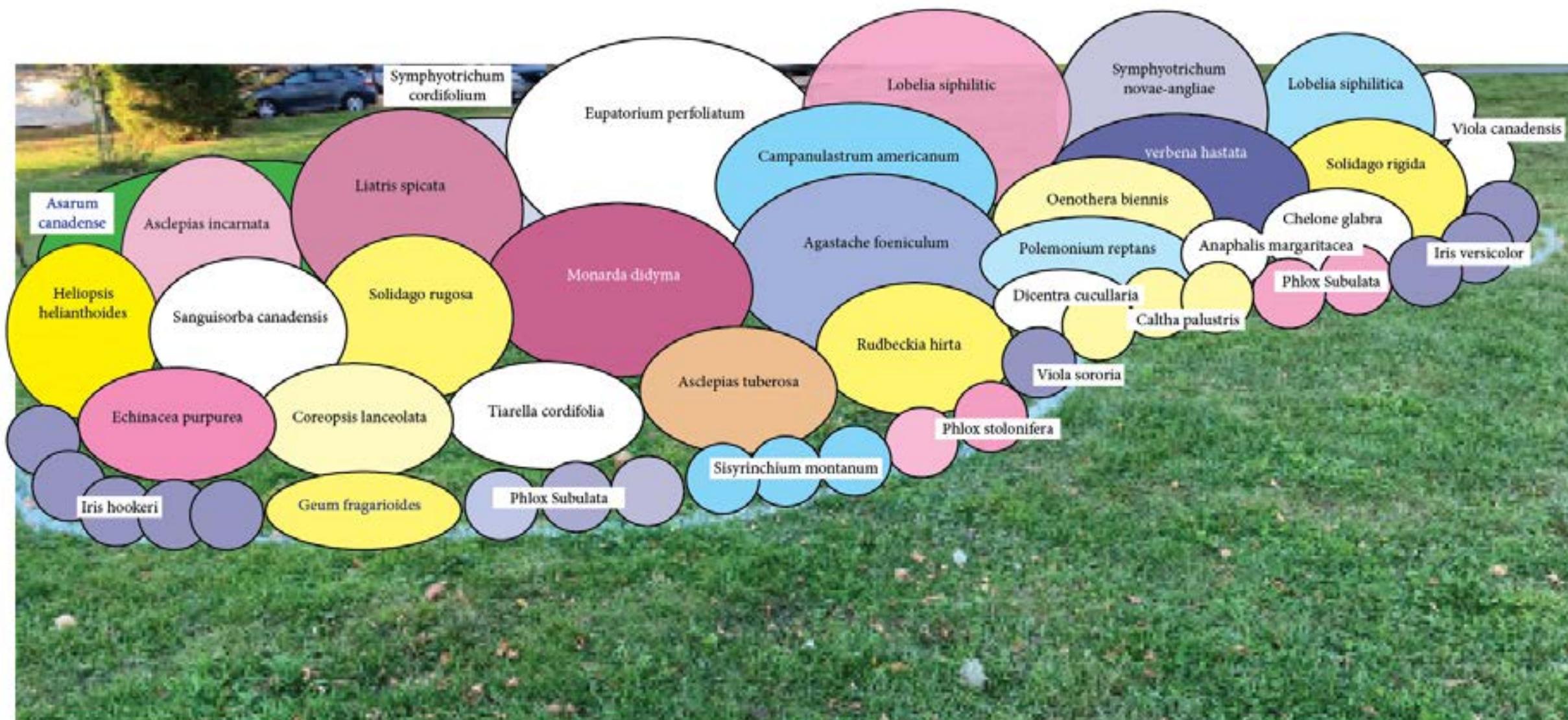
First Row													
	Color	Height cm	Spread	Spacing 18-24"	Aggressive	Shade	Part sun	Sun	Rich Soil	Average Soil	Moist Soil	Drought Tolerant	Blooming Period
Hooker's Violets/ <i>Viola hookeri</i>	White	30-35	15-25cm	50-60cm	Yes		x	x	x		Moist/ well drained	x	May-June
Canada violet/ <i>Viola canadensis</i>	White	30-40	30-50cm	31-30 cm	6-12" Yes (self seeds and runners.)				x		Moist/ well drained	x	June-July
Moss Phlox/ <i>Phlox subulata</i>	Purple	15	23-40cm	21 cm	No				x		well drained	x	May-June
Canada anemone/ <i>Anemone canadensis</i>	White	40	90-120cm	21-20 cm	Yes (in sun)		x	x	x				May-June
Moss Phlox/ <i>Phlox subulata</i>	Purple	15	23-40cm	21 cm	No			x	x		well drained	x	May-June
Mariposa Blueflag Violets/ <i>Viola sororia</i>	Purple	60	30-60 cm	50-60 cm	Moderate				x	x			June-July
Canada violet/ <i>Viola canadensis</i>	White	30-40	30-50cm	31-30 cm	6-12" Yes (self seeds and runners.)		Partial + Shade		x		Moist/ well drained	x	June-July
Second Row													
	Color	Height cm	Spread	Spacing 18-24"	Aggressive	Shade	Part sun	Sun	Rich Soil	Average Soil	Moist Soil	Drought Tolerant	Blooming Period
Purple Coneflowers/ <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Pink Purple	60-120	30-60 cm	45-60 cm	No		x	x		x		x	July-September
Lance-leaf coreopsis/ <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Yellow	30-60	30-45cm	45 cm	Self seeds					Poor	Well drained	x	June-September
Turkeweed (white)/ <i>Oenothera glabra</i>	White	60-90	60cm	45 cm	No			x	x				August-September
Asclepias tuberosa/ Butterfly weed	Orange	45-75	30-60cm	30 cm	No					x		x	June-August
Black-eyed Susan/ <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Yellow	30-90	30-60cm	45 cm	Moderate			x	x			x	July-September
Jacob's Ladder/ <i>Polemonium coelestis</i>	Blue	30	30-50cm	30 cm	Self seeds		Partial Shade			x			
Heart-leaved Froelicher/ <i>Largelia cordifolia</i>	White	30	30-60 cm	30-40 cm	Moderate		x						May-June
Soft Leaf Goldenrod/ <i>Solidago rigida</i>	Yellow	90-120	30-60 cm	60 cm	NO		x	x		x			August-September
Third Row													
	Color	Height cm	Spread	Spacing 18-24"	Aggressive	Shade	Part sun	Sun	Rich Soil	Average Soil	Moist Soil	Drought Tolerant	Blooming Period
False Sunflower/ <i>Helopsis helianthoides</i>	Yellow	90-150	60-90 cm	45-60 cm	Yes weeded conditions		x	x		x		x	July-September
Canadian Broomrape/ <i>Sagittaria canadensis</i>	White	60-120	50-90 cm	30-60 cm	No								July-September
Rough-stemmed goldenrod/ <i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Yellow	60-150	60-120 cm	30 cm	Yes		x	x		x		x	August-September
Scarlet Bergamot/ <i>Monarda didyma</i>	Red	60-90	60-90 cm	60 cm	Yes						Moist/ well drained		July-August
Heart-leaved Aster/ <i>Sparganium angustifolium</i>	Pink Blue	60-120	30-60cm	30-40 cm	Yes (self seeds)		x	x	x	x	Med-Moist		September-October
Giant Blue Hyssop/ <i>Agastache scaberrima</i>	Purple	60-90	30-45cm	30-40 cm	No			x	x		Med-Moist	x	July-September
Evening Primrose/ <i>Oenothera biennis</i>	Yellow	60-125	25-45 cm	30cm	Yes (in sun)		x	x	x			x	June-September
Blue Yarrow/ <i>Yarrow officinale</i>	Purple	90-120	60-90 cm	45-60 cm	Slow		x	x				x	July-August
Soft Leaf Goldenrod/ <i>Solidago rigida</i>	Yellow	90-120	30-60 cm	60 cm	NO		x	x		x			August-September
Back Row													
	Color	Height cm	Spread	Spacing 18-24"	Aggressive	Shade	Part sun	Sun	Rich Soil	Average Soil	Moist Soil	Drought Tolerant	Blooming Period
New England Aster/ <i>Sorbaria bicolor</i>	Purple	90-130	60-90 cm	45-60 cm	No		x	x		x	Med-Moist	x	August-October
New England Aster/ <i>Sorbaria bicolor</i>	Purple	90-130	60-90 cm	45-60 cm	No		x	x		x	Med-Moist	x	August-October
Biennial/ <i>Sporobolus perfoliatus</i>	White	60-120	90-120 cm	45-60 cm	Moderate		x	x					August-September
Biennial/ <i>Sporobolus perfoliatus</i>	White	60-120	90-120 cm	45-60 cm	Moderate		x	x					August-September
Dense Blazing Star/ <i>Amorpha spicata</i>	Purple	60-150	30-60 cm	30 cm	No		x	x	x		Med-Moist	x	June-August
Joe Pye weed/ <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Pink	90-200	60-120 cm	30 cm	No		x	x		x	Med-Moist		July-September
Joe Pye weed/ <i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Pink	90-200	60-120 cm	30 cm	No		x	x		x	Med-Moist		July-September
Great Blue Lobelia/ <i>Lobelia spicata</i>	Purple	60-90	30-45 cm	30-30 cm	Yes (self seeds)		x	x	x		Med-Moist		August-September
Other Suggestions:													
	Color	Height cm	Spread	Spacing 18-24"	Aggressive	Shade	Part sun	Sun	Rich Soil	Average Soil	Moist Soil	Drought Tolerant	Blooming Period
Creepling Phlox/ <i>Phlox subulata</i>	Purple	30	23-40cm	21 cm	No		x	x	x	x			Mid-June
Dutchman's breeches/ <i>Diandra spicata</i>	White	20-30	15-30	30 cm	No	x	x	x	x		Moist/ well drained		April-May
Blue-eyed Grass/ <i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i>	White	15-30	15-30	30 cm	No	x	x	x	x		Moist/ well drained	x	May-July
Bunchberry/ <i>Cornus canadensis</i> more for a moist woodland garden.	White	30	23 cm	30 cm	No	x	x	x					May-June
Marsh Marigold/ <i>Caltha palustris</i>	Yellow	25-30	30-60	30-40 cm	No	x	x	x					April-June
Pearly everlasting/ <i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	White	60	60 cm	45 cm	Yes					x		x	July-September
Wild Bergamot/ <i>Monarda didyma</i>	Purple	60-120	60-90cm	45-60 cm	Yes		x	x		x	Med-Moist		June-September
Canada Goldenrod/ <i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Yellow	60-150	30cm	30 cm	Yes		x	x		x		x	August-September
Tall Bellflower/ <i>Campanula medium</i>	White	40-180	30-30	45-60 cm	No		x	x			Moist/ well drained		July-August
Pale Purple Coneflower/ <i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pink purple	60-90	30-60 cm	30-40 cm	No		x	x		x			June-July
Native Solomon's Seal/ <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	White	60-90	30-60 cm	30 cm	No	x	x	x			Med-Moist	x	May-June
Culver's Root/ <i>Yucca stricta</i>	White	90-120	30-60 cm	40-50 cm	No		x	x					July-August
Swamp Milkweed/ <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Pink	90-135	60-90 cm	75 cm	No	x	x	x					July-August

Choosing the right plants for the site:

Consider colour, size, blooming period, spreading

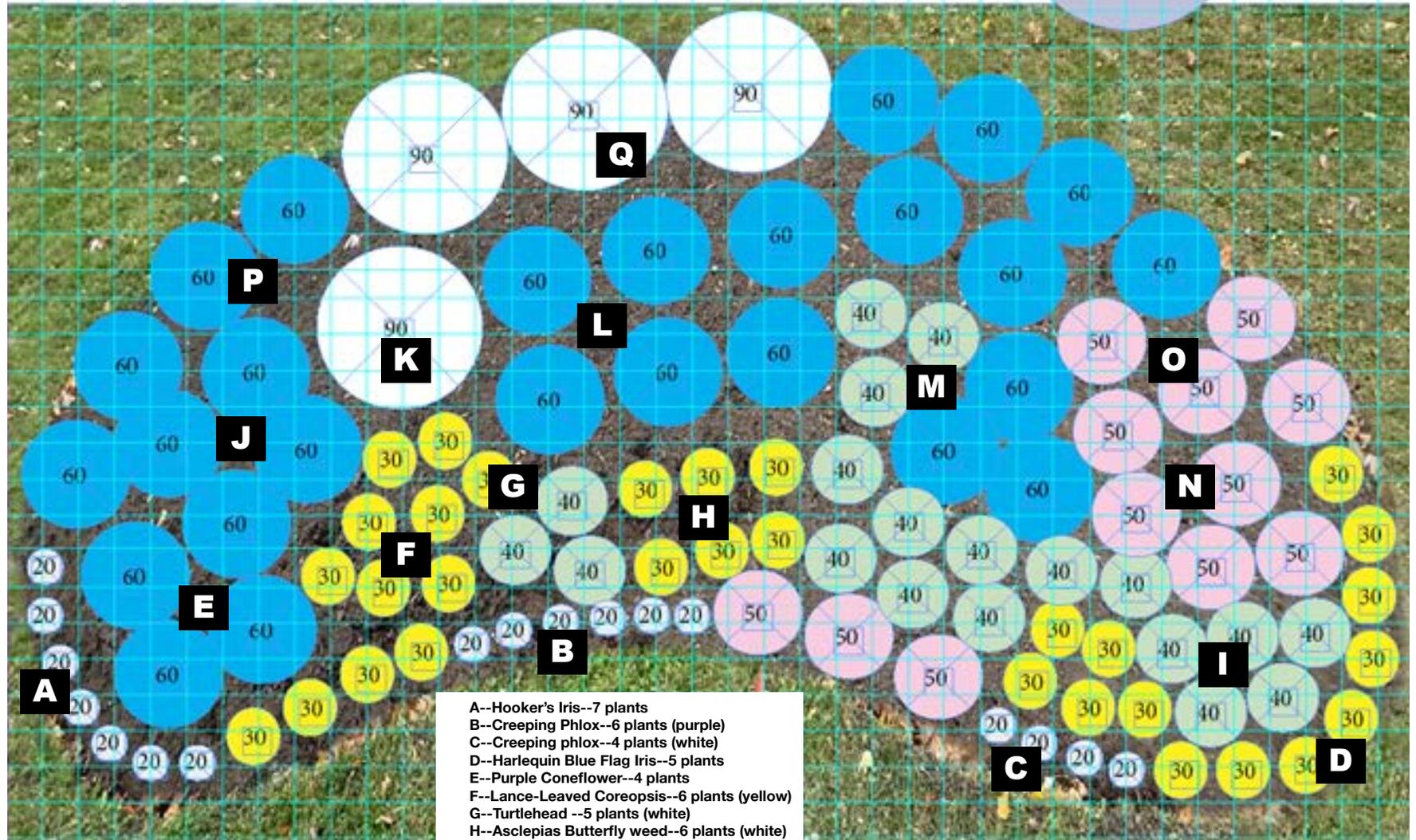
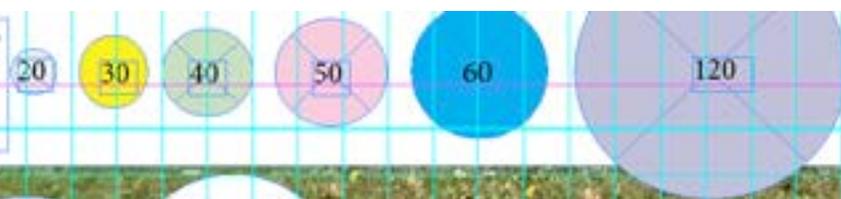


PLANTES DANS NOTRE JARDIN DE POLLINISATEURS



PLOT SIZE:
26' x 17'
792.48 x 516 cm

EACH SQUARE
IS 20 CM



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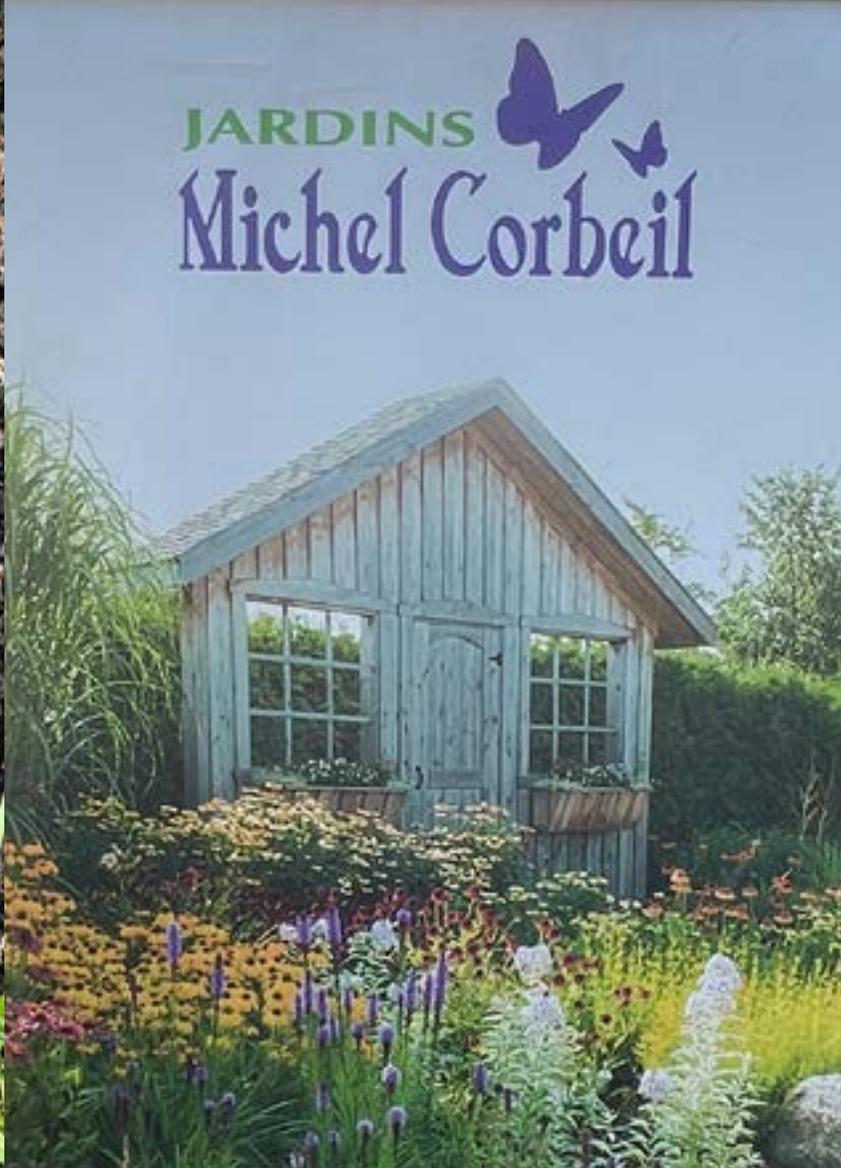
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- A--Hooker's Iris--7 plants
- B--Creeping Phlox--6 plants (purple)
- C--Creeping phlox--4 plants (white)
- D--Harlequin Blue Flag Iris--5 plants
- E--Purple Coneflower--4 plants
- F--Lance-Leaved Coreopsis--6 plants (yellow)
- G--Turtlehead --5 plants (white)
- H--Asclepias Butterfly weed--6 plants (white)
- I--Foamflower--5 plants (white)
- J--Canadian Burnet--3 plants (white)
- K--Ruff-Stemmed Goldenrod--1 plant
- L--Monarda Didyama--4 plants (red)
- M--Giant Blue Hyssop--4 plants (purple)
- N--Blue Vervain--5 plants
- O--Stiff-Leaf Goldenrod--4 plants
- P--Swamp Milkweed--3 plants
- Q--Dense Bazing Star--3 plants

DONATED PLANTS:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Canadian Violet | New England Aster |
| Wild Anemone | Boneset |
| Black-eyed Susan | Evening Primrose |
| Jacob's Ladder | Joe Pye |
| False Sunflower | |
| Heart-Leaved Aster | |



sourcing plants

CLUB DONATIONS:

- Marthe Couture
- Martina Tchipeff-Ruse
- Erika Hofmann
- Sylvija Ulmanis
- Marguerite Lane
- Linda Hink
- Nina Desnoyers





IN THE GARDEN



planting







tending the garden

Native plant gardens are fairly low maintenance but still need some help to get established:

- Regular weeding
- Protecting young plants from animals with cages and fencing
- Regular watering with help from volunteers



garden party



DORVAL

MUSEUM
Michel Corbeil



HOW TO MAKE A Pollinator Garden

WHO ARE THE POLLINATORS?

WHAT SHOULD I PLANT?

WHY ARE POLLINATORS IMPORTANT?

CAMILLE LAFORET

ARBRRES PLANTES PROPRIETES

QUEBEC

BEES

NEW NATURALISM

PRAIRIE UP

100 NATIVE PLANTS

ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS

de jardiner!
Come grow with us!

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summer visitors



AUTUMN

The garden continued to bloom into early November – bringing colour to grey days





autumn
colour

Late bloomers: Stiff goldenrod, rough-stemmed goldenrod, heart-leaved aster, New England aster





seed collecting & sharing



Bee Balm Seed Head



Black-eyed Susan
Seed Head



Blue Vervain
Seeds



Echinacea
Seed Head



Joe Pye
Seed Head

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- Seeds from the garden were collected in October
 - Mature seeds will be dry, hard, and brown
 - Seed packets were shared:
 - With the community through the Dorval library seed-share programme
 - With club members at monthly meetings
 - Further information:
 - Seed collecting and storage - [October 2025 newsletter](#)
 - Stratification and germination - [October 2024 newsletter](#)



LOOKING FORWARD

planting for pollinators

- Prioritize plants native to the St Lawrence River Valley
- Plants especially attractive to pollinators include: bee balm, black-eyed Susan, boneset, milkweed, giant hyssop, penstemon, and yarrow



Include plants that have different blooming periods, esp. early/late when other food sources are scarce

Early spring bloomers:



Dutchman's breeches

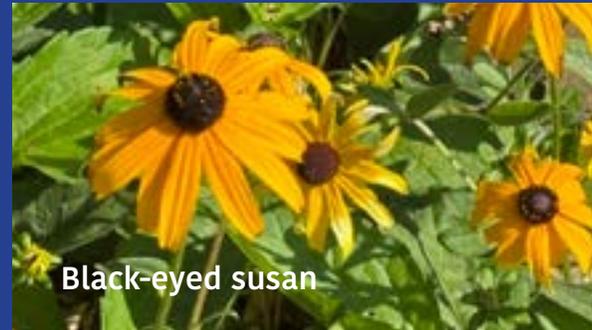


Marsh marigold



Violets

Late autumn bloomers:



Black-eyed susan



Asters



Goldenrod

Start with:

3 species

x 3 plants each

x 3 seasons

Include a rainbow of colours:



Bees are attracted to:



Butterflies are attracted to:



- Plant flowers in massed clumps so that they are easier for pollinators to find
- Include water sources, ex. shallow dish filled with water and stones
- Provide nesting and overwintering sites: fallen leaves, hollow stems, logs

Include flowers with diverse shapes



community projects - bringing your idea to life



- **Find a sponsor / support**
- **Focus on benefits to community**
- **Bring examples of successful projects in other cities**
- **Know your audience:**
 - emphasize points of common agreement
 - anticipate concerns
- **Present a complete plan:**
 - actions
 - timelines
 - responsibilities of each party
 - a clear 'ask'
 - long-term commitment



A close-up photograph of a bumblebee on a pink flower bud. The bee is positioned in the lower right quadrant, facing left. The flower buds are in various stages of development, with some showing delicate stamens. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and green, suggesting an outdoor garden setting.

summer 2026

We are looking for volunteers
to help tend the garden

come join us!

This project was made possible with the help of many supporters

City of Dorval: Mayor Doret, Manon Bérubé, Pamela Bolvin Bautista, Dave Charron, Sebastien Gauthier, Jean-François Huppé, Katherine Noel-Brisson, David Lebrasseur, Martin Léger, Bruno Gougeon, Laura Calder

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thank you!



Further resources:

- **Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library:** wildflowerseedlibrary.ca
- **Dorval library:** Xerces Society, Doug Tallamy, Lorraine Johnson
- **Pollinator Partnership Canada:** St Lawrence Lowlands
- **Suzuki Foundation:** St Lawrence Ecozone
- **McGill pamphlet,** etc. available on website

Looking for plants for your home garden?

- Friends, neighbours, Garden Club Sale
- Other local suppliers: Jardin Buzz, Aiglon Indigo, Pépinière Rustique, Akène