



Outlook

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Dear President Noecker and Councilmembers Coleman and Jost,

I note item RLH SAO 26-54 on the Aug. 5 agenda regards a resident stating they plan to convert their yard to native plantings. I appreciate their desire to convert to natives. However, I reviewed the plan and history. I believe the plan is insufficient.

The majority of my small St. Paul yard has been planted, solely by me, in native forbs and grasses. This has occurred over a period of twenty plus years. The efforts this resident plans to put forth will not likely solve the weeds issue and substantially convert the yard.

I believe there are programs through the watershed districts and Lawns to Legumes that can provide grants to put in native gardens. I would suggest the resident contact a landscaper who can assist with planning, planting and obtaining grant funds. The MN DNR maintains a list https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/backyard/gardens/native_plant/suppliers-central.pdf

Sincerely,

Catherine Zimmer

"The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over Nature, but of ourselves." Rachel Carson