

August

Call to Action

Option A

Check elected officials schedules to see when town halls will be held. Attend and ask about their position on trees and native plants. Ask how they plan to support local efforts to plant more native species. Provide information about the benefits of native plant materials. Ask what barriers there are to implementing more programs and policies that support native plant material use and provide a statement of support for roadside programs and tree planting programs.

Option A Discussion Forum

Share with the class what you learned from visiting with an elected official. Were they receptive to the idea of native plants and trees? What questions did they have? What challenges did they identify? Do you have thoughts on how these challenges could be overcome?

Option B

Write an Op-Ed article about native plants in the community, the benefits they provide, how you would like to see your community and/or county support and elevate the use of native plant materials. Submit the article to your local newspaper or radio station; use your Stewards of the Beautiful Land experience as a hook, tell your story.

Option B Discussion Forum

Share with the class your Op-Ed and where it was published and if you received any comments or feedback.

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