

# Conservation and Sustainability at the North Carolina Botanical Garden

*Join us in support of a diverse, sustainable, and environmentally friendly world through gardening, natural area conservation, and our conservation and environmental ethic . . .*



**The North Carolina Botanical Garden pursues this important mission:**

*To inspire understanding, appreciation, and conservation of plants in gardens and natural areas and to advance a sustainable relationship between people and nature.*

We ask you—our program leaders and participants, users and visitors—to please help us to pursue this mission in the following ways:

- Reduce, recycle, reuse: Let's come as close as we can to trash-free events by using either recyclable or compostable paper products (cups, dishes, paper) or real dishes, coffee cups, glasses, and silverware, and by composting waste.
- Promote environmentally sustainable gardening by siting plants in the proper location to reduce maintenance and watering, and to eliminate use of commercial pesticides and fertilizers.
- Reduce harm to natural areas by eliminating the use of invasive plants and by using non-invasive and native plants.
- Reduce harm to wild populations by acquiring plants from propagated sources as promoted by the Garden's "conservation through propagation" program.
- Use native plant species that support native butterflies, birds, and other animal species.
- Support the Garden's efforts to protect and restore natural areas.
- Support the Garden's efforts to save rare plants.

For information on how your use of the Garden can support our conservation and environmental ethic, just ask! For more information on the Conservation Garden and for related information like lists of invasive species to avoid and nurseries that sell propagated native and non-invasive plants, ask at our front desk, give us a call (919-962-0522), or visit our web site: [www.ncbg.unc.edu](http://www.ncbg.unc.edu)