

GEAUX NATIVE !

Make your life easier.

- Louisiana native species are optimized for the extremes of our climate. This means less special maintenance for property owners.
- Many Louisiana native plants are inherently storm, flood and drought resistant.



Native plants sustain native ecology.

- Native plants feed the *creepy-crawlies* that feed local birds and critters.
- Our native plants provide specific habitat needed by Louisiana's birds and mammals.



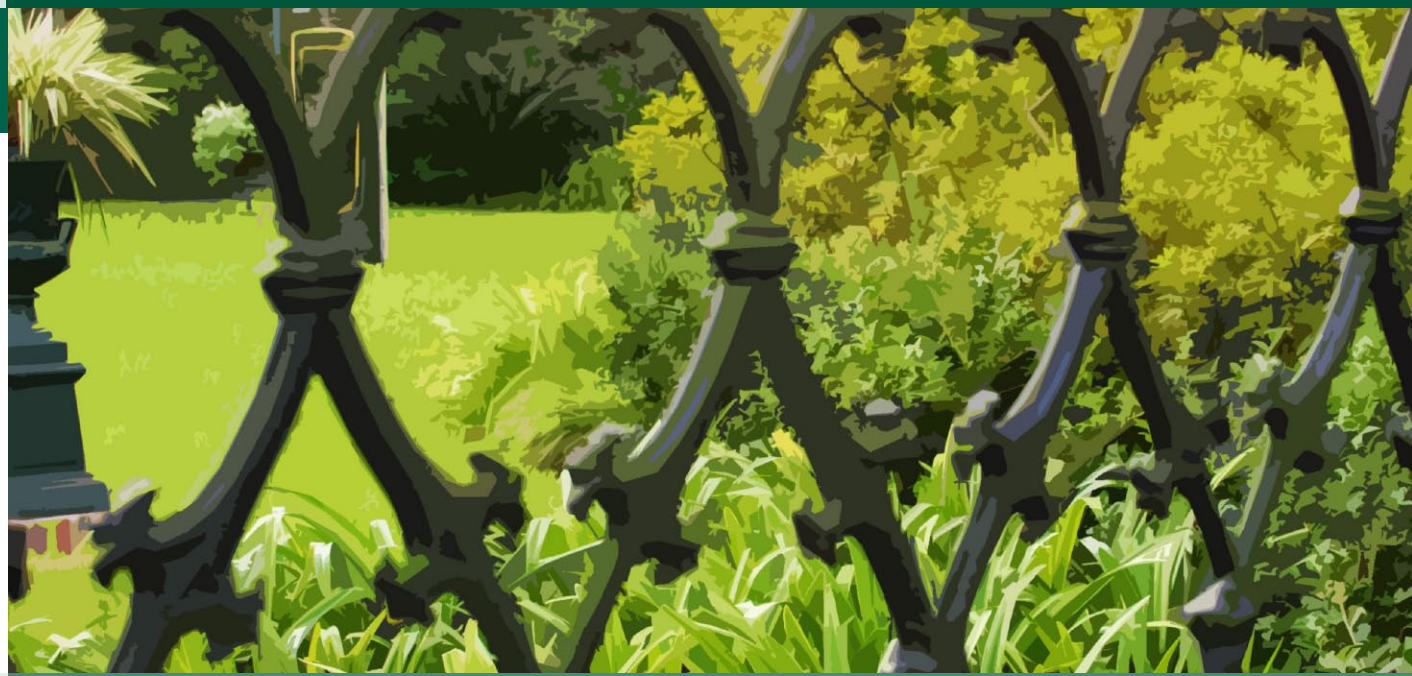
Create a sense of place.

- Allow your landscape to reflect its cultural and geographic significance!



RUSTON, LA

Native Shade Garden by Alexis Wreden



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BATON ROUGE GREEN

Baton Rouge Green Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire the residents of the greater Baton Rouge area to conserve, plant, and sustain our community's trees and greenspaces.

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TREES ARE INVESTMENTS IN YOUR PROPERTY

Large mature trees are one of the most important indicators of attractiveness in a community.

Mature trees and landscaping can increase property value anywhere from 5-15%.

Shade trees placed properly can reduce summer air conditioning bills by as much as 50%.

Properties with mature trees and landscaping have been linked to lower rates of property crimes.

In cities, the greener the neighborhood the lower the crime rates.

Tall trees, such as:

Oak, Winged Elm, Cypress, Hackberry, Pine, Sweetgum, Southern Magnolia, Tuliptree

PLANT THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines

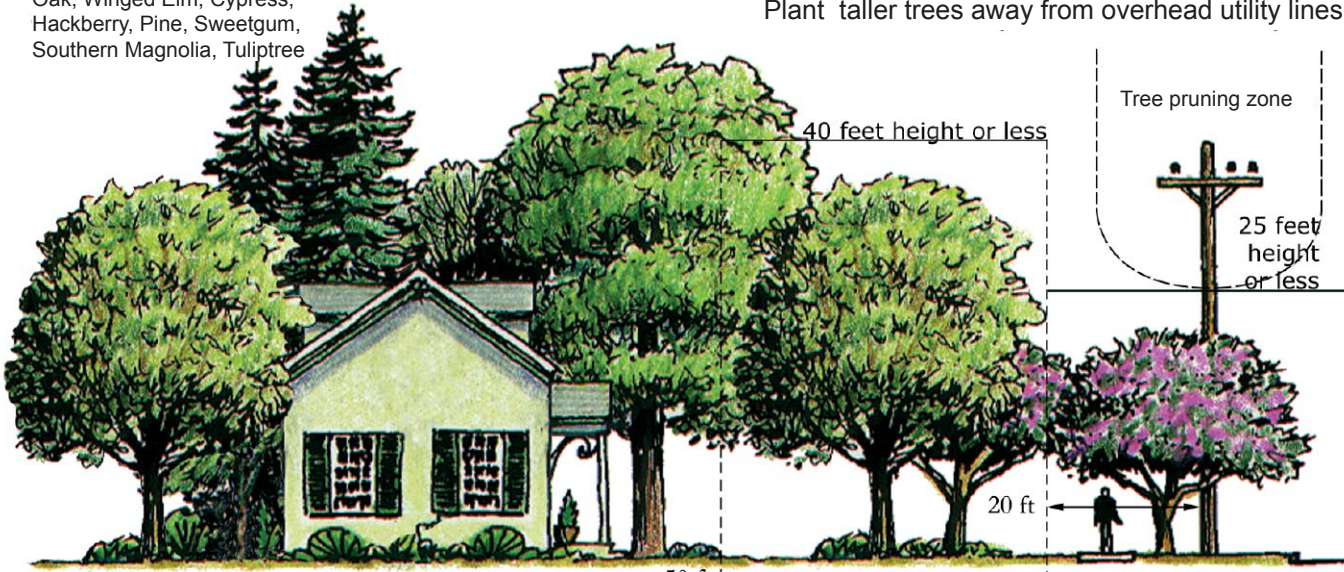


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Medium trees, such as:

Sweetbay Magnolia, American Holly, Swamp Red Maple, River Birch, Eastern Red Cedar, Ash, Dogwood, medium to large Crapemyrtle

Small trees, such as:

Crabapple, Mayhaw Hawthorne, Ironwood, Citrus, Mexican Plum, Sweet Olive, small Crapemyrtle

SIX THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN PLANTING A TREE



- 1. CALL BEFORE YOUR DIG:** Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located
- 2. HANDLE WITH CARE:** Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting
- 3. DIGGING A PROPER HOLE:** Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.
- 4. PLANTING DEPTH:** The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the topmost roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.
- 5. FILLING THE HOLE:** Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.
- 6. MULCH:** Allow 1 to 2 inches clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 4 inches deep.

For more tree-planting tips and information, visit arborday.org.

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We have compiled a lot of great information online:

- Native Species
- Tree selection and planting
- Landscaping around your home
- Butterfly gardens
- Home and community orchards

Most of these resources are free and produced with homeowners in mind.



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