

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

Replacing areas of lawn with
native bouquet and edge plantings...

...ecological edge

- * minimizes energy use by reducing mowing and the use of fertilizers
- * improves water quality by slowing water runoff, retaining sediment, and increasing water infiltration more effectively than lawn
- * increases biodiversity (variation of life forms within a given ecosystem)
- * creates more habitat and nesting sites for songbirds and other wildlife
- * provides a more diverse food supply for wildlife, especially insects
- * brings beauty, visual interest, and seasonal variation to the landscape

- A Prairie Coneflower *Ratibida pinnata*
- B Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*
- C Butterfly Weed (seed pod) *Asclepias tuberosa*
- D Rough Blazingstar *Liatris aspera*
- E Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia fulgida*
- F Winged or Shining Sumac (fruit) *Rhus copallina*
- G Winged or Shining Sumac (leaf and stem) *Rhus copallina*
- H White Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida*
- I Winged or Shining Sumac (habit) *Rhus copallina*
- J Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*
- K Wild Cherry *Prunus serotina*

