



**PLAN IT  
NATIVE**  
LANDSCAPES CONFERENCE



Plan It Native Landscapes Conference  
Hosted by Deep Roots  
September 22-24, 2021  
**Online**

Native landscapes are essential for a healthy planet. The 2021 Plan It Native Landscapes Conference, hosted by Deep Roots and its partners, will offer more than 20 live, interactive sessions, three inspiring keynote speakers, and opportunities to connect with peers and sponsors. Sessions will include expert advice for landscapes small to large, as well as a new track focused on effective communications, policy, and behavior change.

Plan It Native attendees include municipalities, parks departments, landscape architects, conservation agencies, landscapers, nurseries, non-profit organizations, students, educators, and home gardeners.

Deep Roots is now accepting session proposals for the 2021 Plan It Native conference, which will be held virtually. **To be considered for the 2021 conference, please submit proposals at [planitnative.org/speakers](https://planitnative.org/speakers) by 5pm May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Proposals received after that date may still be reviewed if agenda space remains.**

We welcome you to refer other professionals interested in speaking, or to put together a session with your colleagues. All sessions are 50 minutes in length, including Q&A. Example presentation topics are listed below, *with consideration given to any relevant topic outside these suggestions*. For examples of previous successful proposals, please see our [2019](#) and [2020](#) conference programs.

### **Track 1: Design & Business**

- Naturalistic, formal or specialized design
- Vacant lot conversions
- Green roof projects
- Plant & seed sourcing
- Ecoregions and provenance of native plants
- Nursery production and management
- Pros and cons of cultivar use
- Transitioning to Integrated Pest Management
- Communities of color leading native plant projects

### **Track 2: Land Stewardship & Management**

- Woodland, wetland, riparian, prairie - restoration, establishment, management
- Invasive species success stories
- Communities of color leading native plant projects
- Ethnobotany, traditional ecological knowledge
- Indigenous peoples' access to culturally significant plants/areas
- Impact of monarch conservation grants
- Successful collaboration between gov. agencies and conservation contractors
- Native plants and climate resiliency in urban settings

### **Track 3: Policy & Communication**

Changing codes & ordinances  
Legislation efforts to ban sales of invasive species  
Invasive species buy-back programs  
Successful state incentive programs  
Effective signage design  
Interpreting the science of native plants for the public  
Outreach to homeowner's associations  
Promoting public adoption of native plant aesthetic

Professional partners will review all session proposals with top-scoring proposals selected and notified by the Conference Planning Committee no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Priority will be given to proposals from members of underrepresented groups, and to those who have not previously presented at Plan It Native.

Speakers invited to present sessions will receive complimentary conference registration, and may request additional compensation for their time.

For questions about the proposal process, please contact Sarah Beier: [sarah@deeprootskc.org](mailto:sarah@deeprootskc.org) or 816-301-7545 x 701.