



CHUCC Naturescaping Committee

Initial Actions

- Initiate and contract for a “master” plan that provides short term and longer-term actions and/or strategies that enable CHUCC to reach its stated goals.
- Involve and communicate with CHUCC members and others on goals and actions.
- Through the plan, identify and prioritize specific naturescaping areas and habitats.
- Remove invasive species, prepare soil and replace with appropriate native plants; maintain newly installed plants through mulching and watering.
- Evaluate current existing irrigation methods and identify areas where drip irrigation systems would be beneficial and could be installed.
- Evaluate current stormwater management; explore ways to treat and contain stormwater onsite; decide on a methodology, i.e., bioswale, rain garden, and implement.
- Through the master plan process, evaluate currently existing and mature trees and shrubs. Identify potential replacement plant/tree species and habitats in those areas when existing trees need to be removed.
- Maintain and increase soil productivity through increasing use of fallen autumn leaves and mulch in planting beds and other areas.
- Identify, if any, current use of pesticides and herbicides. Evaluate use or substitution of other environmentally friendly and sustainable practices to replace pesticides.
- Evaluate short-term and long-term maintenance needs, including volunteer capacity and resources for maintenance in developing plans.