

PART IV: HOW TO BEGIN . . .

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- 1. Add native plants to existing beds.**
- 2. Plant native plants around trees.**
- 3. Make a berm for native plants**
- 4. Lawn reimagined**

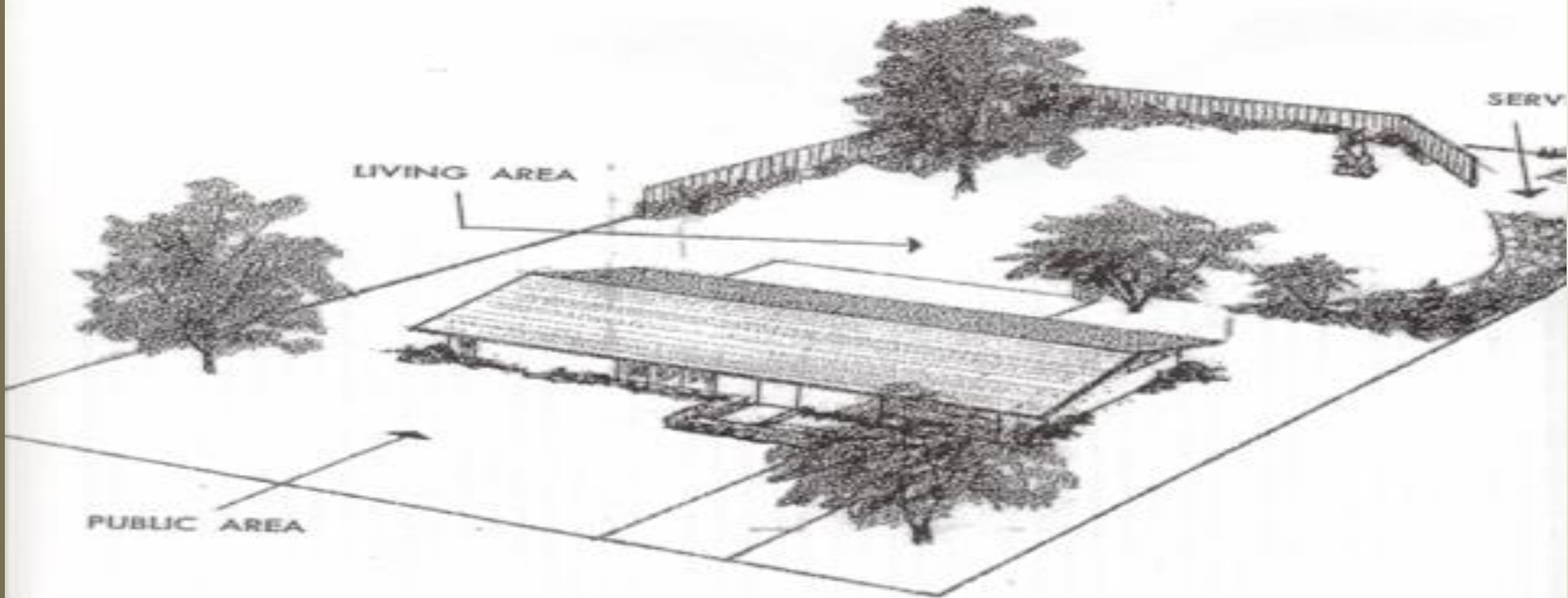


Arkansas
Master
Naturalists



1.55 **Add native plants to existing flower bed.**

DEVELOP THREE MAIN LANDSCAPE AREAS (Public, Living, Service)







COMPANION PLANTING



PLANT A VICTORY GARDEN



A GARDEN WILL MAKE YOUR RATIONS GO FURTHER

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LAYERS IN GARDEN BED



2. *Design plants around trees or shrubs.*

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BULBS

**GROUND
COVER**

ANNUALS

Cutting the sod with a manual sod cutter was the hardest part!



**3. MAKE A BERM
IN YOUR YARD.**

**USE A HOSE TO
OUTLINE BED**

CUT OUT SOD

**ADD ORGANIC
SOIL**

**ADD SHRUBS AND
PERENIALS**



GRASSES

NATIVE BAMBOO

SOFT RUSH

PALM SEDGE

CEDAR SEDGE

BIG BLUESTEM

LITTLE BLUESTEM

PRAIRIE DROPSEED





MULCH



PLANT



WELCOME POLLINATORS!





65 4. LAWN IMAGINED

Keep the
lawn areas
you actually
use (for
children's
play)



66 WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS IN NATURE WITH LAWNS IN OUR HOME LANDSCAPE?



I've long maintained that the American lawn is one of the greatest mass brainwashings of all time. How we all voluntarily signed up to spend untold hours growing and cutting a nonnative monoculture of green which we lace with poisons to kill plants and insects never ceases to amaze.

~ Bill Heavey



SUGGESTIONS

1. Create a mowable meadow.
2. Redefine the perfect lawn, not as a weed free sea of green, but a beautiful and thriving place that's welcoming to people and pollinators.
3. 75% RULE – NATIVE, 25%-NONE

NATIVE AND CULTIVARS



Invite the American prairie: Save gasoline,
reduce emissions, limit noise, store carbon,
promote biodiversity and enjoy the beauty!

HEALTHY  YARDS



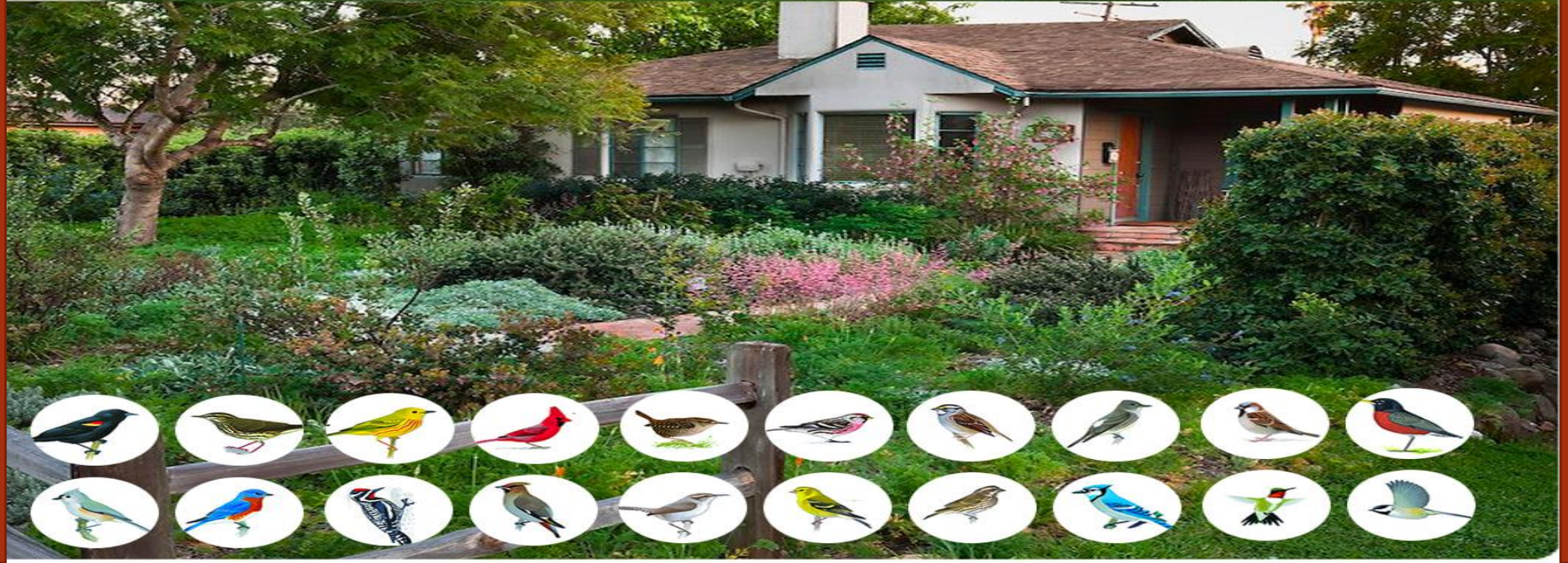
Not lawns but the native landscape is our heritage



Remind us again...
What was it, we loved so much about lawns?



Yards With Diverse Native Plantings Support Biodiversity







PLANTS IN MY FORMER HOME GARDEN

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea*)

Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*)

Catmint (*Nepeta*)

Columbine (*Aquilegia*)

Boxwood for edging

Non native annuals -geraniums



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