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## News Release

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### **Got Milkweed? Get Yours for Free at the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, 9am - 1pm, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds!**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace is a FREE one stop shop for native plants and conservation education. It is hosted by the Washtenaw County Conservation District on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, with partners **Adapt Community Supported Ecology, Adapt Landscapes, Huron River Watershed Council, Master Rain Gardener Program, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, Natural Community Services, River Raisin Watershed Council, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, and Wright's Renovations.** The Expo features native plant sales from Michigan based nurseries; a speakers' series covering topics like native landscaping and habitat restoration; and a variety of vendors offering services in design, installation, and maintenance of native plant landscapes, pollinator resources, locally made products, and much more!

Entry is free for all and includes two free potted milkweed plants- perfect for supporting Monarch butterfly habitat, while supplies last. Hundreds of native plant varieties will be available for purchase including perennials, grasses, shrubs, trees, fruits, and seeds for landscapes of all sizes and growing conditions.

Native plants are vital to health ecosystems. They are adapted to Michigan's soils and climate, requiring less water and maintenance. They increase biodiversity by providing food and habitat for our native animals, birds, and pollinators. In addition to supporting biodiversity, native plants help protect water quality, reduce erosion and flooding, and restore degraded soil and landscapes.

This event is made possible thanks to Washtenaw County residents through millage dollars and the generous contributions of our event sponsors:

- Garden Juju Collective & Gateway Farm
- Project Grow
- PlantWise
- Michigan Wildflower Farm
- Michigan Lakes and Streams Association
- Huron River Chain of Lakes Association
- Bendy Stem Farm
- Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission
- Wild Ginger Woodlands
- Ann Arbor Farm & Garden
- Legacy Land Conservancy

Find out more about the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace and this year's vendors, exhibitors, and sponsors at [nativeplantexpo.com](http://nativeplantexpo.com). For further inquiries, please contact Doug Reith, Resource Specialist with the Washtenaw County Conservation District, at [doug@washtenawcd.org](mailto:doug@washtenawcd.org) or (734) 302-8715.

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