

Saanich's Native Plant Salvage Program

The Municipality of Saanich is a beautiful place to live for many reasons, not the least of which is our spectacular natural environment. Preservation of our natural heritage in Saanich is an important goal shared by both the Municipality and the community.

The Native Plant Salvage Program helps to:

- 🌀 Protect genetic, species and ecosystem diversity in our region
- 🌀 Restore habitat for wildlife
- 🌀 Encourage the use of native plants in gardens and community projects
- 🌀 Promote the preservation and restoration of environmentally significant areas in Saanich

Salvaging native plants is not an alternative to habitat protection, nor is it considered mitigation. The salvage program is a stewardship initiative that compliments other environmental protection tools.



fawn lily



shootingstar



camas

satin-flower

spring gold

The Native Plant Salvage Program is coordinated by Saanich Environmental Services in the Planning Department. Salvaging takes place on sites where access has been granted by landowners/developers, and where native plants would otherwise be lost to development activities. All salvage sites have development approvals in place and assessments have been conducted for habitat and species protection.

Membership is required to salvage on sites registered in this program. Environmental Services works with members to ensure safety and appropriate salvaging practices.

- 🌀 All members sign a waiver / release of liability form
- 🌀 Only members salvage at the sites
- 🌀 Members follow program policies & site guidelines
- 🌀 Rescued plants are not for sale
- 🌀 Salvaged plants are used to restore private lands and in community restoration projects

Members Secure Website

A special secure website is available for Native Plant Salvage Program members through the Municipality's website:

www.saanich.ca/resident/environment/salvage.html

The members' site includes:

- 🌀 Current updates on salvage sites
- 🌀 A web board for members to communicate with each other
- 🌀 Program information and announcements/events
- 🌀 Restoration projects looking for volunteers and/or salvaged plants
- 🌀 Salvaging information and links
- 🌀 Information on restoration and gardening with native plants



Menzies larkspur



yarrow

Community Resources

From gardening with native plants to larger ecological restoration projects, you can help enhance biological diversity and wildlife habitat.

There are a growing number of resources and programs that support efforts to naturalize the environment including:

- 🌿 Naturescape BC
www.hctf.ca/nature.htm
- 🌿 Native Plant Society of BC
www.npsbc.org
- 🌿 Native Plant Study Group
www.npsg.ca
- 🌿 Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
www.swanlake.bc.ca
- 🌿 Restoration of Natural Systems Program
<http://web/uvic.ca/enweb/rns/html/openpage.htm>



Our vision is:

“community living in harmony with the natural environment; individuals empowered with the realization that they can make a difference; and an image of urban and rural areas covered with the dense patchwork quilt of wildlife habitat and corridors.”

- Naturescape BC

Becoming a member...

Membership in Saanich’s Native Plant Salvage Program is free:

To become a member:

- 🌿 Fill out a membership/agreement form
and
- 🌿 Attend an orientation session

Members of Saanich’s Native Plant Salvage Program receive salvage site announcements and other related information by email. Site meetings, occasional workshops and a secure website are also available for members.



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