

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Design Your Own Native Landscape at Adkins Arboretum's New Native Landscape Design Center**

Adkins Arboretum announces the launch of its Native Landscape Design Center. The Center offers classes and demonstration gardens as a resource for homeowners seeking ways to incorporate native plants into their landscaping. The centerpiece of the new Center is an innovative co-design service that helps homeowners achieve an affordable, professionally designed native landscape.

Planting native plants contributes to the region's ecological health and its resilience to the challenges of climate change. This simple act of stewardship reduces erosion, supports pollinators, and improves the quality of air, water and soil. Known as conservation landscaping, this approach to landscaping enhances natural systems and strives to create a healthy balance that allows people, animals and plants to thrive while protecting the quality of water, soils and air. But often homeowners are unsure of how to incorporate natives into their landscape so that the overall result is beautiful, appropriate to the surroundings, and meets their needs, as well as legal requirements such as local permitting and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations.

The Center's lead designer, Chris Pax, is a professional landscape designer with 10 years' experience designing conservation landscapes. Over the course of four intensive meetings, Pax will work with homeowners to achieve their dream landscape. With close assistance and support, the homeowners actually complete much of the work themselves. The sessions are fun and informative, and homeowners have the benefit of the designer's full and undivided attention. The final product is a landscape plan, including a list of plants and materials that will guide future landscape investments.



*Native Landscape Design Center lead designer Chris Pax*

For more information about the Native Landscape Design Center, call 410.634.2847, ext. 0 or send e-mail to [info@adkinsarboretum.org](mailto:info@adkinsarboretum.org).

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*Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a “green” entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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