

Greener Landscaping: Native vegetation Applications in the Urban Environment

Native Plant Solutions (NPS) is a restoration/consulting branch of Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), specializing in the installation of native vegetation in various industrial applications throughout the Northern Great Plains. Many of the restoration and naturalization techniques developed by NPS and DUC staff were developed in the field over a period of decades for wildlife habitat. The same techniques and ethic when applied in urban and industrial situations, have resulted in innovations that are measurable both environmentally and economically. Innovative approaches to urban and landscaping include: naturalized storm water retention ponds, low maintenance native turf, bio-swales, as well as green roof revegetation. NPS continues to refine its installation techniques and to develop new and innovative uses for native vegetation in the urban environment.