

WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Spring 2007

Don't "P" on Your Lawn

In 2002 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a plan submitted by Vermont and New York to reduce the amount of phosphorous in Lake Champlain called the Lake Champlain Phosphorous TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load).

Essentially a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) is the maximum amount (load) of a single pollutant from all contributing sources that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. A TMDL is required for Lake Champlain because phosphorous concentrations in many segments of the lake are higher than the levels allowed.

Phosphorous is a naturally occurring nutrient essential for plant growth. It is found in all living and once living things including leaves, lawn clippings, and animal wastes. It is also common in fertilizers and automatic dishwashing detergents. Too much phosphorous in water causes algae blooms that can be a health hazard for swimmers. Algae blooms block sunlight and prevent oxygen-producing underwater plants from growing. When the algae dies and decays, it uses up oxygen leaving little for fish.

About 10% of the phosphorus in the Lake comes from wastewater treatment and industrial discharges (point sources). About 90% of the phosphorus comes from runoff from roads and developed areas, and from lawns, farmlands, and other rural areas (nonpoint sources). Of these nonpoint sources about 56% is from agricultural land, 7% is from forested land and 37% is from urban and other developed land.

That 37% of phosphorous pollution from "urban and other developed land" is generated from activities such as washing cars on roads and driveways, not cleaning up pet waste, using automatic dishwashing detergents that contain phosphorous, and *over-fertilizing lawns and gardens*.

In 2006, as required by the TMDL, the Vermont Legislature passed a bill requiring the State to develop a campaign to reduce phosphorous in the Lake by discouraging the use of phosphorous fertilizers on YOUR lawn.

**If you've never heard of this before...
We've got a lot of work to do!**

Green Lawns, Not Green Waters

It's possible to have an attractive lawn while keeping phosphorous fertilizer out of stormwater runoff. The following steps will help you keep your soil and grass healthy while still protecting our waters.

Fertilize Only as Needed: If a soil test confirms a need for extra nutrients, apply organic fertilizer at appropriate times of year. If a soil test is not taken and you want to apply fertilizer, assume that soils have enough phosphorous and apply a phosphorous-free fertilizer. (For information about soil testing, visit www.lcbp.org/garden.htm). Avoid or reduce summer applications. The best once-a-year application is in late summer or early fall. Use a drop spreader if possible and don't fertilize before a rain. Look for the Middle Number: A string of three numbers on a fertilizer bag shows its analysis—the middle number being phosphate (phosphorous) content. A "zero in the middle" means phosphorous free fertilizer.



Water: In early morning, when there is less than 1 inch a week of rain during the growing season.

Plant Grass Seed: That includes a mixture of grasses that do well in your setting (soil, light, activity). Add or rely on a legume (such as common white clover) among the grass to add nitrogen. Apply grass seed to existing lawns in fall and spring to out compete weeds.

Aerate: Heavily compacted lawns once a year in early fall to encourage infiltration rather than runoff.

Mow: To maintain a height of 3 to 4 inches. Remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade and leave clippings on lawn.

Weed: By hand when possible. Keep soils and plants healthy to out compete weeds and avoid pests. Use an integrated pest management plan (call the UVM Master Gardener Help Line 800-639-2230 for more information).

Lawn care information provided by Karen Bates, DEC; Sid Bosworth, UVM; and Metro WaterShed Partners

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We are looking for volunteers and interns!



Please contact Jessica
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STAFF PROFILES



Abbey Willard, *District Manager*

Abbey began as Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Manager four years ago. She manages watershed stewardship projects, technical staff for agricultural producers, educational opportunities for youth and the community, as well as the day to day function of the District and its employees. Though she grew up in Peacham, VT, Abbey previously lived and worked in Bozeman, Montana and graduated from Montana State University's Soils & Environmental Science Program. Abbey currently lives in Randolph Center. Currently she is attending Green Mountain College part-time to obtain a Masters of Environmental Studies degree with a concentration in Conservation Biology.



Jessica Andreoletti, *Natural Resources Conservationist/ Assistant Manager*

Jessica returned to Vermont in 2006 and joined the District after 8 years in Washington State and Virginia. Although Johnson State College alumni, Jessica graduated from the Evergreen State College in Washington State with a B.S. in Environmental Science with a focus in Freshwater Ecology. She's worked for numerous environmental organizations at the state, federal, and non profit level primarily focusing on water quality science and environmental education. While in Virginia she earned a teaching license and spent a year as a high school Earth Science teacher. Although originally from Connecticut she's happy to be back in Vermont protecting natural resources in the Lake Champlain Basin.



Marybeth Whitten, *Land Treatment Planner*

Marybeth grew up on a sustainable Angora goat farm, off the electric grid, in Maine. She received an Associates degree in Natural Resource Management from Sterling College in Craftsbury, VT where she met her husband of 17 years. She went on to get a B.S. from the University of Maine Orono, in Sustainable Agriculture. She's worked on a number of farms, made award winning hard-aged sheep cheese, and worked as a Land Treatment Planner for nearby watersheds. Her education, love for the land and for farming, and her respect for the environment brought her to the District in 2006 where her responsibilities cover all of Orleans and Lamoille counties. "The best part of my job is walking the fields and working one-on-one with the farmers."



Jason Fleury, *Land Treatment Planner*

Jason Fleury has been a Land Treatment Planner with the District since August 2006. Jason primarily services Washington, Chittenden, and half of Orange County. Prior to the Winooski District, Jason worked for the Franklin County NRCD for almost two years as a Farm Conservation Planner for the Farmland Ranch Protection Program as well as a Land Treatment Planner. He grew up on a small Jersey farm in Berkshire, VT. He graduated from the 2 + 2 Program from the University of Vermont with a degree focused in Agricultural Entrepreneurship. Jason currently lives in Barre, VT.



Susan Alexander, *Basin Planner/ Agriculture Resource Specialist*

Susan Alexander, joined the District in April 2006 and covers responsibilities in Washington County and the three Northeast Kingdom counties. Susan works 70% of the time as an Agricultural Resource Specialist working with farmers in Washington, Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. The remainder of her time is spent working on the agricultural chapters of the watershed plans for the Winooski, Stevens, Waits, Wells, and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Soil Science. Prior to working for the District she spent 15 years conducting ground and surface water studies on pesticides all across the country.



Cherie Staples, *Bookkeeper*

Cherie spent eleven years with the Vermont Land Trust, after six years at Vermont Natural Resources Council, and then moved to Colorado for six years, where she helped care for her first granddaughter and then managed the Denver office of The Wilderness Society. Along the way, a camera has been a steady companion and she has quite a raft of photos. Returning to Vermont in 2003, she's become a part-time bookkeeper for several businesses in the central Vermont area. She is a member of the Onion River Chorus and sings in the Old Meeting House Choir, and participates on three East Montpelier community committees. Cherie has two children and three grandchildren.



Peter Pettengill, *Trees for Streams Coordinator*

Peter Pettengill began working part-time for the District in the Fall of 2006. He has been working primarily for with the Trees for Streams program as well as the District's Annual Tree Sale. He was born and raised in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, although he has worked in both Grand Teton and Grand Canyon National Parks. He received a B.S. in Environmental and Resource Economics from the University of New Hampshire, and recently acquired a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE WATERSHED?

The Art and Science of Rain Barrels

The WNRCD and partners are in the process of duplicating a program initiated by Deb Perry from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission and science teacher Jeff Rouleau. The project links high school science and art classes where students paint and distribute rain barrels to community members at no cost. Science students will research the benefits and proper use of rain barrels and use the information to create an educational brochure for homeowners. Each student will be responsible for distributing two rain barrels to community members of their choice. Art students will use their own designs to paint the barrels with appropriate nature themes.

Please contact the WNRCD if you know of a high school science or art teacher who would like to participate.



Rain Barrel Art : Courtesy Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District

Rooftop to River Initiative

The WNRCD is nurturing a new program called the Rooftop to River Initiative (R&R). The key objectives of R&R are to install demonstration rain gardens in impaired watersheds; to educate the public about the cost-effectiveness of rain gardens as stormwater control mechanisms; to directly keep stormwater out of streams; and to create a comprehensive, user-friendly rain garden program template that, once established, can be duplicated throughout Vermont. R&R aims to stimulate incentive opportunities that will encourage the use of rain gardens and rain barrels as well as create and distribute educational materials such as a Vermont specific Rain Garden How-To Manual. These activities coupled with an established organization of educational work shops and plant swaps will benefit towns and private homeowners who wish to improve water quality but do not know where to begin.

Rain Garden How-To Manual for Vermont

As part of the R&R Initiative the WNRCD is partnering with UVM Sea Grant Program, the UVM Master Gardeners, and a local landscape architect to create Vermont's own Rain Garden How-To Manual for Homeowners. This manual will be specifically geared towards Vermont's characteristics and climate including a detailed description of Zone 4 and native Vermont rain garden plants, a map of existing rain gardens throughout the state, 6 garden themes, and local rain garden resource contact information. The goal is to have the manual ready for printing by the end of April. The first distribution of the manual is planned to occur at UVM Horticulture Farm Plant Swap...see below.

UVM Horticulture Farm Plant Swap

This plant swap will take place during the Bloom-Time Festival on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. The swap will be a part of the Burlington Garden Club's annual plant sale. Most of the plants at this event are those that Club members dig from their own gardens. This year, the WNRCD will be at this event to share information about rain gardens and introduce the new Vermont Rain Garden How To Manual. Please join us and other gardeners as we prepare for the growing season!

Mid-Winooski Watershed Urban Restoration & Outreach Project

This project, funded by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will act as a coordinated, collaborative effort to engage watershed citizens, volunteer groups, and city and town officials in focusing on the welfare of the Stevens Branch and the main stem of the Winooski River in the central Vermont urban centers of Barre City, Berlin, and Montpelier. Highly visible demonstration projects and watershed restoration projects will include riparian buffer plantings, rain garden construction, rain gutter disconnects, subsidized rain barrel purchases and distribution, and river trash clean-up efforts.

This project will be accomplished through a partnership between the WNRCD, UVM Sea Grant program, Friends of the Winooski River, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and DEC. Partners will meet for the first time in March to coordinate project details and timeline.

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TREE SALE 2007

The Winooski NRCDC has been offering its annual conservation plant sale for over 10 years. We are committed to offering this sale in the hopes of promoting the planting of native trees and shrubs along Vermont's landscape. Furthermore, it is a fund-raiser for the Winooski NRCDC. The money that we make on the tree sale allows us to bring workshops, educational information, and high-quality conservation programs to the people in our District. We hope that you feel as positive about our tree sale as we do.

Orders must be postmarked by Monday, April 2nd, 2007.

Limited quantities are available. Order Early! Orders will be processed on a First Come—First Serve basis.

All orders must be picked up on Saturday, May 5th, 2007 between 9am—Noon in Williston or Berlin.



Enter the Tree Sale Raffle! 16 items to choose from.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on the Tree Sale pick-up day. See details on page 5.

Tree Planting Demonstration: Join us at either pick-up location at 10:00 or 12:30 on May 5th for a discussion and tree planting workshop.

Tree Sale Volunteers Needed: This event cannot happen without your help. On pick-up day we need volunteers to manage the membership booth and raffle tables. We also need help packing trees in Berlin on Friday May 4th in preparation for the sale.

Internship & Volunteer Opportunities

Intern: Our Conservation District offers both paying and non-paying internship opportunities in a variety of broad-based disciplines. Applicants should request an application and supply a resume and references.

- GIS support: seeking experience with spatial analysis to calculate acres of prime agricultural land, acres of corn, HEL, etc. in a sub watershed.
- GIS support: Calculate miles of unbuffered streams and average distance from corn fields to stream.
- Field Work: Leading volunteers through tree planting projects in the Browns River Watershed occurring in May
- Field Work: Collect cover crop and soil and water quality data to measure the effectiveness of cover cropping in the Mad River and greater Winooski River watersheds.
- Grant Writing: Grant writing for new cover cropping activities in the White River Watershed
- Education/Outreach: Rain Barrel Brochure
- Education/Outreach: Rain Garden Lesson Plan
- Education/Outreach: Workshop Coordinator
- Project Development: Utilize existing stream geomorphic assessment data to assist in developing riparian restoration projects in the Browns River Watershed.

Volunteer: If you are interested in volunteering with the WNRCD, please request an application. If you would like to volunteer for any of the tasks indicated above, please let us know!

- Tree planters for Browns River Watershed restoration occurring in May
- Tree Sale Raffle and Membership Attendants
- Tree Sale Packing day in Berlin on Friday May 4th

Winooski NRCDC Mission Statement

- ◇ Connecting people to a sustainable landscape
- ◇ To ensure the wise use, protection and enhancement of Vermont's natural resources through the use of local initiatives, education and partnerships
- ◇ To foster public awareness and appreciation for the value and need for natural resource conservation
- ◇ To advance the understanding that we are all stewards of the living earth.

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Correction: We would like to address an error in our Winter 2007 Newsletter. In the "Polluted Waters of the Winooski River Watershed Article," Alder Brook is incorrectly listed as a polluted river. Actually it is the section of the Winooski River from Alder Brook upstream to the Bolton Falls Dam that is impaired in regards to mercury. Thanks to Jim Pease, DEC for the correction.

TREE SALE SPONSORS



16 Items to Choose From!

1 Raffle Ticket for \$5

3 Raffle Tickets for \$10 (6 for \$20)

4 Raffle Tickets for \$15, etc...

Thank You! Tree Sale Sponsors for your generous donations!

The raffle will take place on the Tree Sale pick up day **Saturday, May 5th, 2007 between 9—12** at both pick up locations (Williston and Berlin). The raffle drawing for each item will take place on Monday, May 7th and winners will be notified at that time. Funds received from the raffle will contribute to the pursuit of conservation efforts and technical assistance in your watershed.



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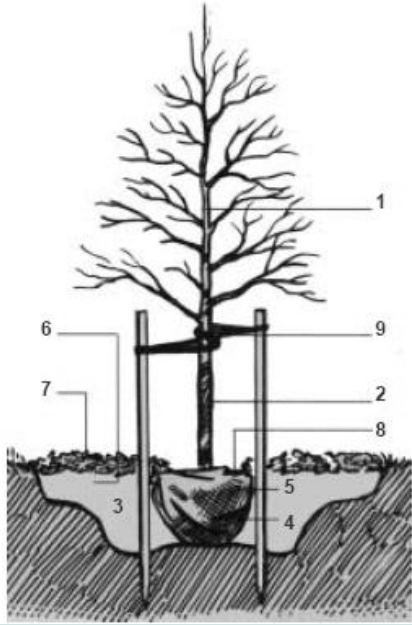
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BARE ROOT TREES



Tree Planting Diagram

1. Select trees with a single, straight trunk.
2. Plant trees 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" in caliper.
3. Make the planting hole 2 to 3 times the width of the root ball and only as deep. Be cautious not to plant too deep. Trees should be planted with their root flare even with the soil line. Soil may need to be removed from around the root collar to expose the root flare. If the soil is compacted, make the upper portion of the hole wider.
4. Leave a mound of undisturbed soil in the bottom of the hole to support the root ball and prevent settling.
5. Remove or cut and fold down burlap and/or wire basket away from root ball after tree placement at least 50%. Allow the roots to lay naturally.
6. Use good native soil or topsoil for backfilling.
7. Apply 2" to 3" of wood chip or bark mulch.
8. Keep mulch away from base of tree.
9. If staking, tie with a slack rubber hose or strap; be sure to remove ties within one year.

Tree Planting Diagram adapted from Elmendorf, Gerhold, and Kuhns (2001) courtesy of Pennsylvania State University.

At the Conservation District Tree Sale, most trees will come as bare root. Bare root trees are trees that are dug and stored without any soil around their roots.



What are the advantages of planting bare root trees?

- **More root mass.** Bare root trees can have up to 200% more roots than B&B or container trees, depending on the soil and transplanting history at the nursery.
- **Lower cost.** Without extra labor and materials, bare root trees cost seller and buyer less.
- **Easier planting.** A young tree without soil weighs little, so it is easy to move and plant.

There must be *some* disadvantages!

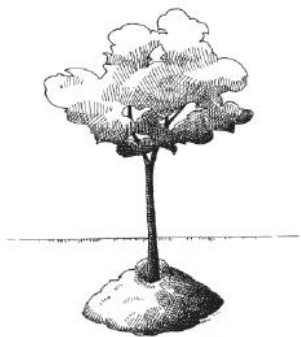
- **Less work time.** Once they leave the nursery, bare root trees need to get in the ground within a week at the longest. With no soil, the roots can dry out and die if left exposed for a long period of time.
- **Narrower planting window.** Bare root trees need good soil moisture, so mid spring (before budbreak) and mid fall (after leaf fall) are the only two possible planting times.
- **Restricted availability.** Some species may not be available bare root, and some nurseries may not have trees available for bare root retail sale at all.

What are the best techniques to follow for such tree planting?

- **Use any technique you can to reduce the time the tree roots are bare.**
- Order 1.5-2" trees to be dug within 24 hrs of your arrival, otherwise be sure they are stored in a cool place.
- Have fall trees dug mid-Oct to late Nov, spring trees late Mar to early May.
- If possible, dip tree roots in a slurry of a *hydrogel* (a synthetic water-absorbing compound, many brands available) or muddy water, then store them in large, pleated plastic bags until planting.
- If no hydrogel is used, soak the tree roots in water for 12-24 hrs before planting.
- Keep trees covered, shaded, and moist until actually put in the ground.

The Effects of Poor Mulching

Mulching provides multiple benefits toward improving tree health and longevity. However, these benefits can only be obtained by the tree if the mulch is applied properly and maintained consistently over the life of the tree. When mulch is applied inappropriately by over mulching or piling up against the trunk, it can:



A mulch "volcano" sets the stage for insect and disease problems, root rot and excessive soil moisture.

- Cause inner bark tissue to die
- Lead to insect and disease problems
- Promote excessive soil moisture and root rots
- Create habitat for rodents that chew the bark and girdle the stem
- Lead to anaerobic conditions that produce alcohols and organic acids toxic to young plants
- Cause imbalances in soil pH
- Become a matted barrier that prevents the penetration of water and air.

Info on this page provided by VT Urban & Community Forest Program Tree Care brochures.

WHO TAKES CARE OF VERMONT'S TREES?

Vermont's forests are a valuable resource. Covering more than 4.6 million acres, Vermont is 78 percent forested, making us the fourth most heavily forested state in the country. Vermont's forests are managed by the Vermont Division of Forestry. Each county in Vermont is assigned a forester to oversee regional forestry practices. The Winooski Watershed foresters are:

Mike Snyder, Chittenden County Forester
Russ Barrett, Washington County Forester
David Paganelli, Orange County Forester

County foresters provide land stewardship assistance to homeowners. This may include technical assistance in regards to logging, hunting, tree diseases, permitting, law and ordinance compliance, and general habitat education. County foresters also spend much of their time assisting developers who are seeking permits and approving Forest Management Plans.

Forests Have to "Pay for Themselves"

Land is valued based on how much it is worth if it were developed (fair market value). If land is not developed, and left forested, the tax on the land is adjusted based on how the forest is utilized, i.e. maple sugaring, logging, fire wood, etc. The landowner then pays the adjusted property tax amount to their town and the State of Vermont pays the difference. This concept, called Use Value Appraisal, therefore provides an incentive to keep land forested while still allowing towns to receive property tax dollars according to the fair market value.

Use Value Appraisal Program

This program, also called "Current Use" or "Land Use," enables landowners who practice long-term forest management to have their land appraised for property taxes based on its value for forestry, rather than its fair market value. When land is enrolled, the



State attaches a permanent lien to the deed. Productive forestland appraised under this program receives this assessment as long as it is actively managed according to its Forest Management Plan. If enrolled forestland is developed or harvested improperly, a land use change tax is levied on the developed portion and all or a portion will be discontinued from the Use Value Appraisal Program.

Forest Management Plan

To be enrolled, forestland must have an approved, Forest Management Plan updated every ten years. This document should express the landowner's long-term forest management goals, describe forest

stand conditions, silvicultural objectives, and include both a detailed map and schedule for silvicultural treatments. County foresters who are employed by the State do not write use value plans. Their role is to advise landowners and consulting foresters, review and approve management plans and Forest Management Activity Reports, and to conduct on-site monitoring.

City Trees

Trees along streets, in parks and town greens, and on municipal forest lands are our community forests. These trees are cared for by the VT Urban & Community Forest Program (U&CF). This program provides assistance to communities for the planning and care of street trees and town greenscape trees. For more information contact **Danielle Fitzko**, U&CF State Coordinator danielle.fitzko@state.vt.us or 802-241-3673.

Did You Know? There is an Old Growth Forest in the Winooski Watershed called Williams Woods located in Charlotte. This preserve may be the best remaining old-growth lowland oak/hickory stand in the Champlain Valley.

Turn Your Good Idea into a Great Accomplishment: Winooski NRC D Supervisor Vacancy

The Winooski NRC D is currently seeking nominees for a District Supervisor position. Supervisors have a direct say in how we deal with many important natural resource issues: water quality, forestry, agricultural best management practices, and soil erosion, in Washington and Chittenden Counties. Running for a District Supervisor position is an excellent way to make an impact on our natural resources. Conservation Districts are municipalities of Vermont government that set local priorities for soil, water and other related conservation programs. The WNRCD is governed by a five-member board and advised by numerous Associate Supervisors who oversee staff that work directly with landowners to put conservation practices on the land. The district board meets monthly to discuss the business of the district, including best management practice funding for land owners, district conservation priorities, personnel issues and coordination with state and federal agencies and other local units of government. In addition, supervisors are community leaders in natural resource management, providing guidance and information to their friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in becoming a supervisor or would like more information, contact Jessica Androletti at the WNRCD at 802-865-7895 x14.

Calendar of Events

- Mar 9-11 **Flower Show:** Champlain Valley Expo Center (Come see our rain garden display!)
- Mar 15 **Jail Branch/Stevens Branch watershed planning meeting:** Barre Municipal Building Conf. Rm #1.
- Mar 22 **Mad River watershed Planning Meeting:** Fayston Town Office
- Mar 24 **18th Annual Tree Warden meeting:** VT College Montpelier
- Apr 25 **Urban Forestry Technical Wkshop:** Vermont Technical College
- May 4 **VT Arbor Day**
- May 19 **Bloom-Time Festival/Plant Swap:** UVM Horticulture Farm
- May 21-23 **18th Annual Nonpoint Conference:** Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel & Spa, Rhode Island



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 this years Tree Sale event. See inside
 for details...***



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- 1 FREE raffle ticket that can go towards any of the 16 raffle items;**
- 1 FREE bare root tree; and**
- 2 FREE wildflower seed packets donated by The VT Wildflower Seed Farm**
... when they stop by the Tree Sale on Saturday, May 5th.

New Members & Membership Renewal: May is membership renewal month. We will be sending out renewal reminders shortly but renewal and new member info will be available at the Tree Sale. Remember, we are only as strong as community support allows. Thanks for your support!

SUPPORT WINOOSKI NRC D BY BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership will bring you a subscription to our newsletter, a special gift with your Conservation Plant Sale order, a discount on workshops and classes offered by the District, and the comfort of knowing that the good work the District does in your community will continue into the future. Please take a moment to fill out the membership form below and send in your tax-deductible donation today. Alternatively, check the *Membership* box on your plant sale order form at your preferred level. Thank you for your support.

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What conservation issues are most important to you?
