

CUES TO CARE

"Cues to care" are visual signals in a native garden that indicate intentional design and maintenance. These cues help convey to observers—especially in urban or suburban settings—that the garden is purposeful, not neglected. Examples include neatly edged borders, signage, paths, or decorative elements like benches or trellises. By incorporating these cues, native gardens can blend ecological benefits with aesthetic appeal, promoting acceptance in more traditional landscapes. See some examples below:



Above Left: seating, pathway. Above Right: stone edging. Middle: signage. Right: plant label. Below Left: planting in masses and drifts. Below Right: (*non-native planting*) - stone border, garden art, edging.

