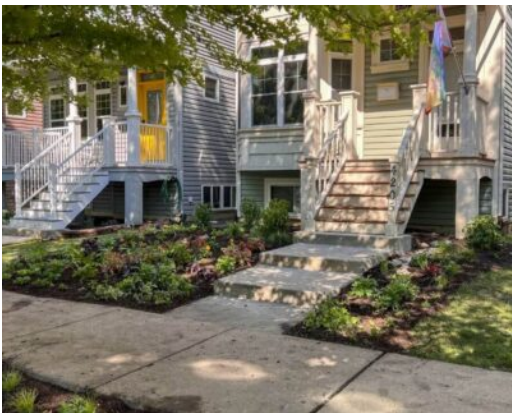




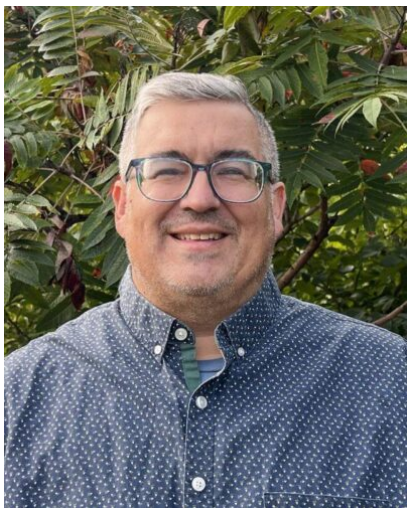
Lake County Master Gardeners Present  
July Education Program

"Creating Curb Appeal with  
Native Plants in Existing  
Gardens" with Chris Baran

Saturday, July 12th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
Purdue Extension - Lake County  
2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point



Looking to refresh your landscape without starting from scratch? Adding native plants to existing garden beds is a simple way to boost curb appeal while supporting pollinators and improving soil health. Native species like coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, and ornamental grasses bring vibrant color, texture, and year-round interest. Because they're adapted to local conditions, they require less water and maintenance - making your garden both beautiful and resilient.



Chris Baran

**Chris Baran** is the founder and principal designer of **Resilient Design, LLC**, a Chicago-based firm focused on sustainable and naturalistic landscapes. With a background in horticulture, Chris specializes in integrating native plants into existing gardens to enhance curb appeal, support biodiversity, and create resilient outdoor spaces.

He has worked on notable projects at Northwind Perennial Farm and Yerkes Observatory, and is a graduate of the New Naturalism Academy. Chris also serves on the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association's Sustainable Landscaping Committee

and the Environmental Advisory Council for Rep. Lindsey LaPointe.

Through Resilient Design, Chris aims to bring sustainable, natural gardens to a wide range of environments, promoting the long-term health of gardens and their ecosystems.

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