

The MN SEED Project

2022 Year in Review

Seed keeping—the cycle of collecting, processing and sharing native plant seeds—is the cornerstone of this program.



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Tabling Events



- D10 Celebrate Spring
- Mighty Midway Festival
- D10 Pick Up and Party
- V-Fest at Arts Us
- Donate Good stuff Eco Fair
- Climate Carnival at Lily Pad
- Hamline Midway Coalition Annual Meeting

Participating in events opens the eyes of community members to the potential native seeds can have in their landscapes.

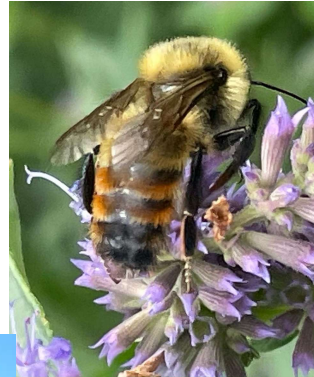


Seed Collection Events



Locations:

- Capitol Region Watershed District HQ
- Monarch City
- Gibbs Farm
- NE Middle School Rain Garden in Mpls.
- 21 Roots Farm



Collected and cleaned seeds create connections and opportunities for participants to grow even more native plants that increase biodiversity and pollinator support.



Seed Cleaning

In 2022 we collected, cleaned and distributed 100+ varieties of native plant species seeds to program participants, and we distributed 1600+ seed packets at events. In total, we collected over 1.6 million seeds worth more than \$1,300.



Events at

- Gibbs Farm Apple Festival
- Urban Roots



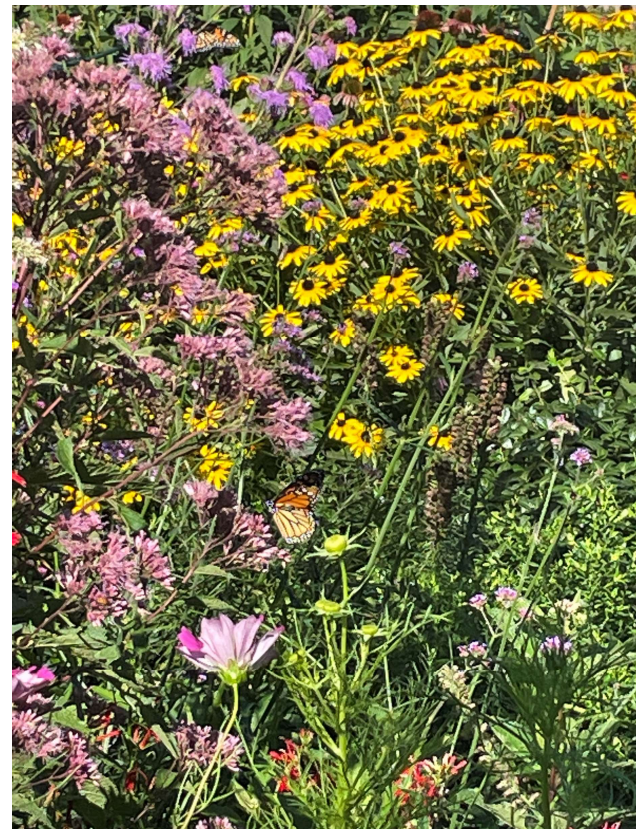
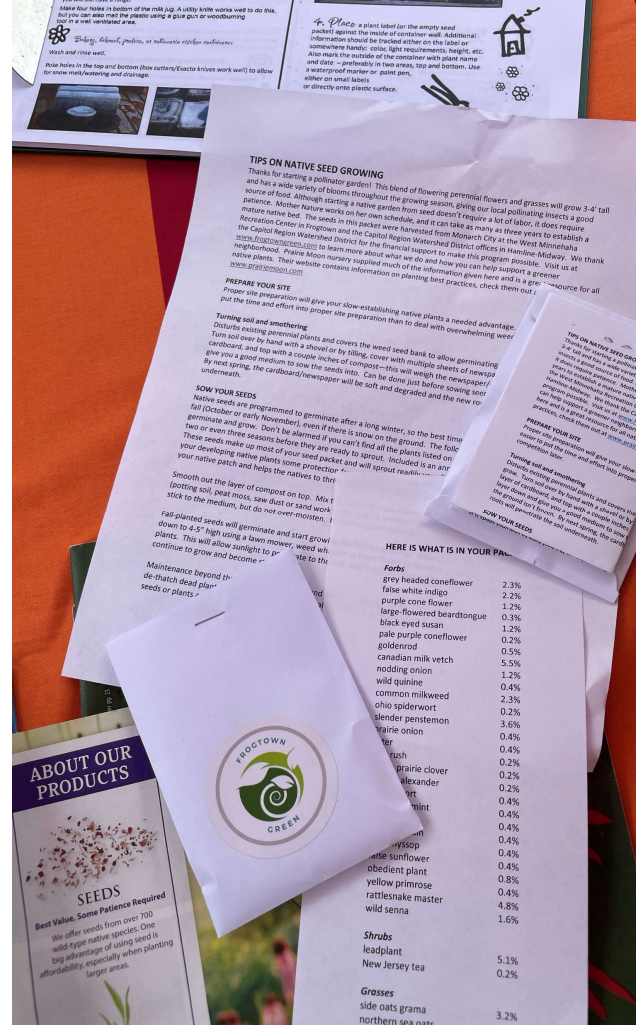
Frogtown Green Partnership

Distributed 110 packets of locally harvested native pollinator seed mixes at community events and 233 seed propagation kits both to local gardeners and to the general public through two little free libraries.

Frog Lab environmental youth workshops were held 16 times at the Our Village community garden with kids from the neighborhood. Activities surrounded a variety of topics including seeds, proper planting techniques and caring for seedlings, native plant identification, insect identification.

Four tabling events were held at Hmongtown Marketplace and with weekly garden sessions at the Our Village Community Garden adjacent to Al Ihsahn Islamic Center. Topics included a holistic approach to vegetable gardening that included the importance of having native flowering plants to attract pollinators and converting turf grass to native gardens to increase diversity and minimize reliance on turf grass maintenance.

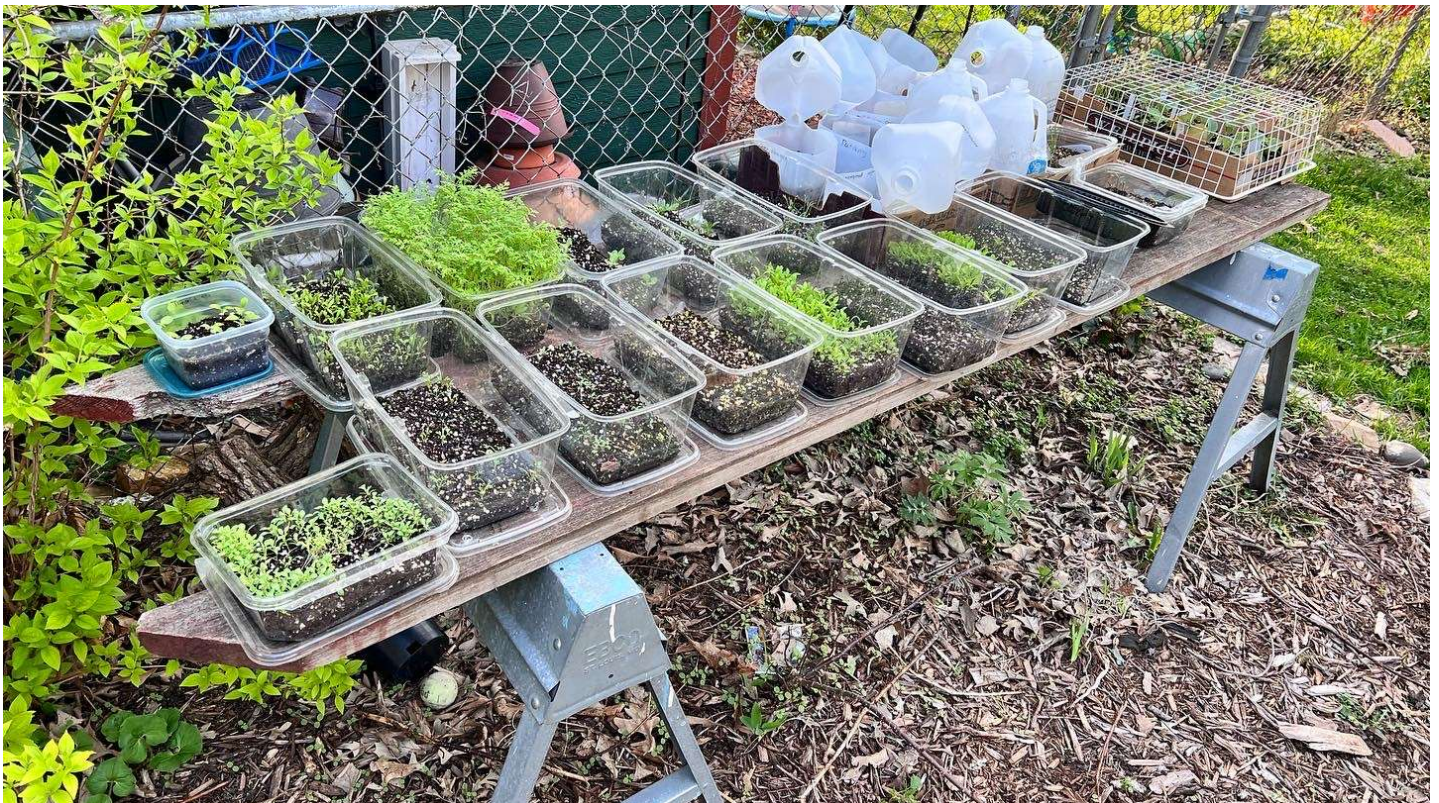
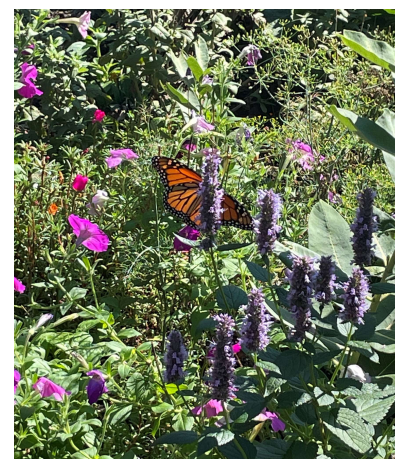
Frogtown Green staff grew native plants from collected seed for installation with volunteers to renovate a large native rain swale on the southeast side of Frogtown Park and Farm.



Rooted in Community Projects

The MN SEED Project supported two Lawns to Legumes demonstration neighborhood projects: The Bee Line and The Saint Paul-linator Project, as well as numerous other gardening efforts in private and public spaces including rain gardens, pocket prairies, boulevard plantings, meadow restorations and K-12 school gardens.

The MN SEED Project played a key role in the success achieved by the Hamline Midway/Frogtown Bee Line project. Processed and packed native pollinator plant seeds shared by the MN SEED program rounded out 233 seed starting kits that ended up propagating 90 different species. Over 2,000 plants were grown in this community propagation effort for a value of \$9,000. These plants were installed by 80 community members in public spaces, mostly along Pierce Butler Route, in support of their Lawns to Legumes neighborhood project.



Seed Sharing



The poster features a collage of seed packets and seedlings in the background. The text is centered in a white box with a green border.

MSP CYBER SEED CRAWL 2022

National Seed Swap Day Edition

Saturday January 29th, 2022

8 am - 1pm

Seed Exchange ~ Gardening Inspiration ~ More

Find This Contactless and Distanced Event on Facebook



Looking Ahead, Celebrating Success

The MN SEED Project is being awarded the 2022 Watershed Community Outreach Program of the Year from the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD).

The MN SEED Project has over 5000 packets of seeds to share with project participants, community gardens (through MN Green), community projects and more!

Thank you to the many volunteers who put in over 120 hours in 2022!

Capitol Region Watershed District continues to fund our work through 2023. Thank you!!!

Watch for more seedy adventures and opportunities to come.

Learn more:
northerngardener.org/mn-seed-project

