



**Resources for Compliance with Sec. 28-5.23
Landscaping and Screening
Michigan Native Species Sources**

Section 28-5.23 of the Watertown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires that at least 75% of species required in landscaping buffers be species which are native to Michigan:

F. Minimum material and planting standards:

ii. All plantings shall contain a minimum of 75 percent native species, as determined by generally accepted sources and approved by the planning commission or zoning administrator. All plantings shall be properly planted so that they are in a healthy, growing condition. Required plantings shall be maintained in an attractive and presentable condition, free of weeds, refuse, and debris. All plantings shall be maintained in a sound, healthy, and vigorous growing condition.

The following list of web resources are provided to act as a guide to contractors, landscape architects and business owners to consider when designing required landscaping. This resource is not meant to serve as an exhaustive list, other sources and species will be considered by the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator.

Michigan State University Department of Entomology
Native Plants and Ecosystem Services

https://www.canr.msu.edu/nativeplants/plant_facts/local_info/south_lower_peninsula

University of Michigan – Michigan Flora
Herbarium, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

<https://michiganflora.net/home.aspx>

Audubon's Native Plant Database
(Enter zip code to access database)

[Plants for Birds \(audubon.org\)](https://plantsforbirds.audubon.org/)

National Wildlife Foundation Native Plant Finder
(Enter zip code to access database)

[Specify Your Location - Native Plants Finder \(nwf.org\)](https://www.nwf.org/locate/native-plants)

Michigan Native Plant Producers Association
(Statewide list of member nurseries)

<https://www.mnppa.org/members.html>

US EPA Archive Document
(Listing of Michigan nurseries providing native genotypes)

<https://archive.epa.gov/ecopage/web/pdf/sheet7.pdf>