

Extension Horticulture Program Highlights & Prospects

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Target Audiences

Commercial Nurseries



Green Industry & Landscape Professionals



Home & Community Gardeners



Extension Master Gardenersm Volunteers

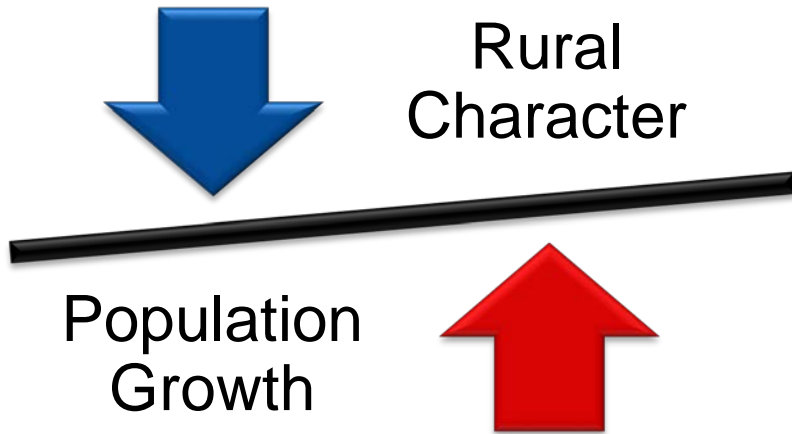


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Debbie Roos Photography

County Situation

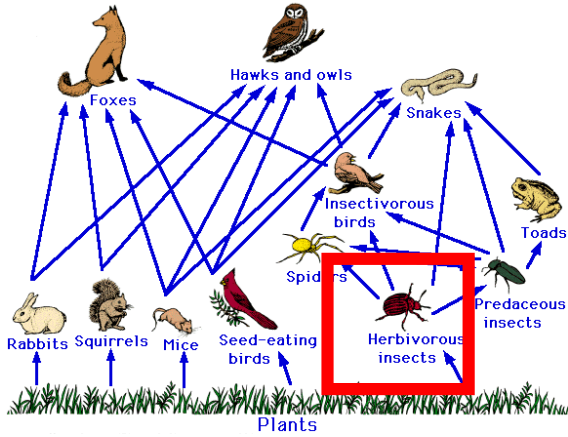


- **Environmental Impacts**
 - Habitat Loss
 - Pollution
- **Agricultural Impacts**

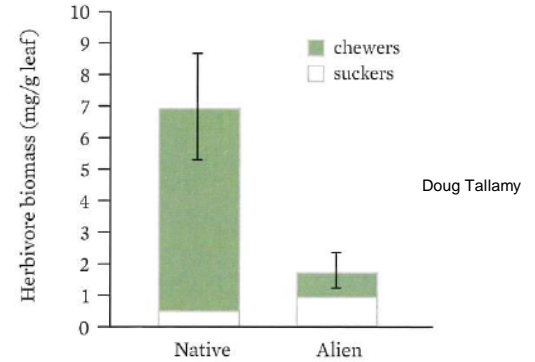
Extension Horticulture Program Goals

- 1) **Promote biodiverse & ecologically-functional landscapes**
- 2) **Promote home food production and composting**

The Food Web Depends on Native Plants



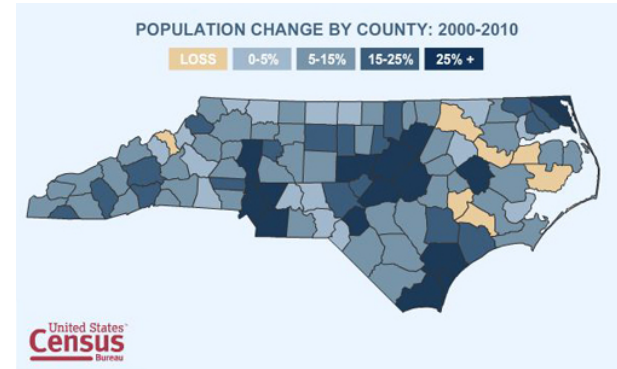
Many are host-specific



Herbivore Biomass



Doug Tallamy

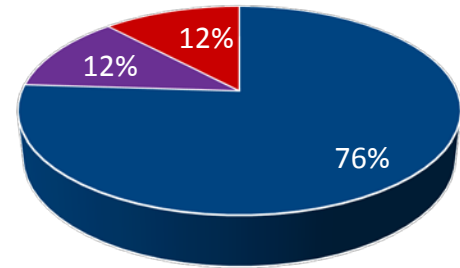


Extension Gardener Workshop Series

- Sustainable Lawns & Lawn Alternatives
- Native Perennials
- Native Trees & Shrubs

As a result of this workshop, I will...

Reduce Lawns, Add Native Plants



■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No



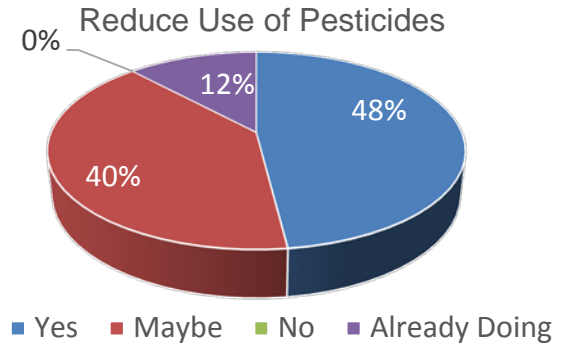
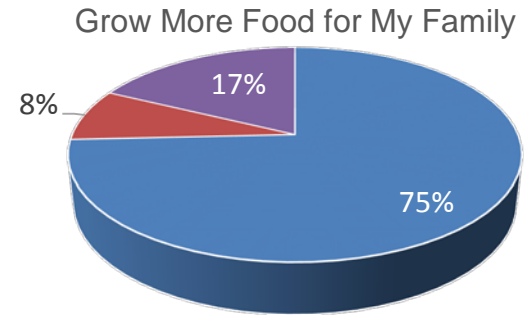
207 participants

Extension Gardener Workshop Series

- Growing Vegetables from Seed
- Easy Fruits & Berries
- Sustainable Vegetable Gardening
- Growing & Preserving Herbs



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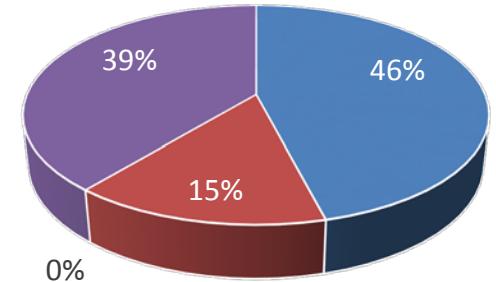
Piedmont Landscape & Green Industry Conference

- Alternatives to Glyphosate
- IPM for Lawns & Landscapes
- Boxwood Blight
- Tree Fertility
- Tree Planting Techniques



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Adopt Recommended Best Practices



■ Yes ■ Maybe ■ No ■ Already Doing

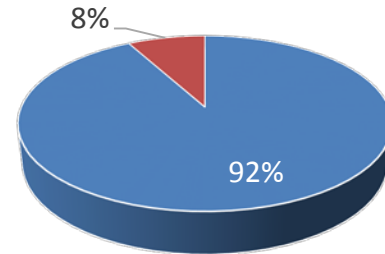
Wetland Plant Installation Workshop

- Choosing & Buying Wetland Species
- Biodiversity & Native Plants
- Planting Methods
- Stormwater Control Measures



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Implement Recommended Practices



■ Yes ■ No

Other Outreach Programs Jan.-Jul. 2019

Natives for Living Landscapes

Briar Chapel and Fearington Garden Clubs

Gardening for New Chatham Residents

Encore Garden Club

Fire Ant Management

Silk Hope Ruritan Club

Tree Cleanup and Chainsaw Safety

State and Local Partnerships

Extension Master Gardener College

Conference on Campus

Extension Gardener Newsletter

Managing Editor

Integrated Pest Management Working Group

Chatham County Department of Public Health / Leadership Chatham

Client Contacts

739

Workshop participants

258

Gardening questions answered

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Active Volunteers

1436

Hours Volunteered

473

Client Contacts

15

New Students

\$36,517

Volunteer Value

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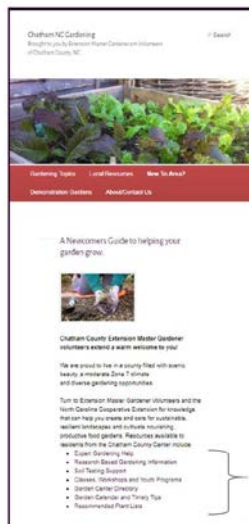
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Newcomer's Guide to Gardening



Pamphlet

chathamncgardening.com



View Page at:
www.ncsu.edu/extension/chatham

These bullets are all active links to further informational pages

Website



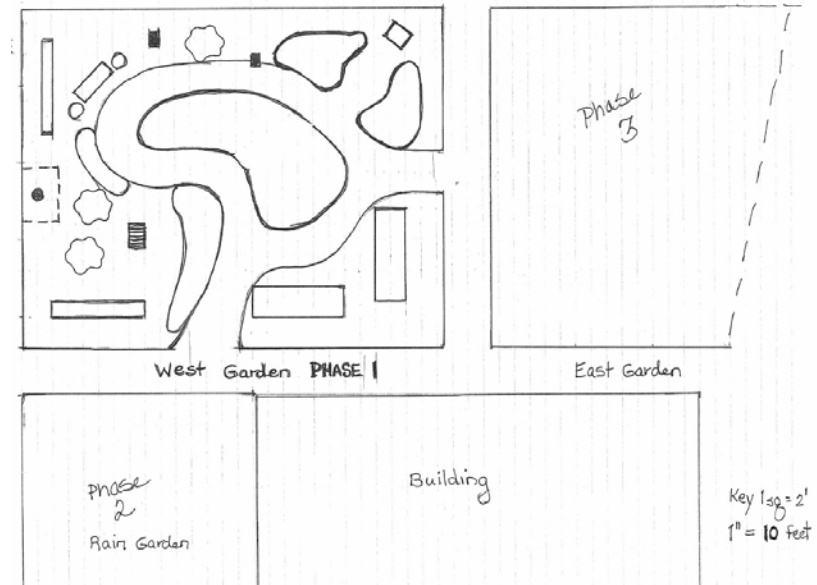
2019 NC State Search for Excellence Winner

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Jr. Master Gardener Camp





Demonstration Garden – Groundbreaking Sept. 2019

Upcoming Events



Composting Workshop
11/2/2019



EMG Volunteer Core Training
Aug-Oct. 2019

2020 Preliminary Program Plans

- Vegetable Boot Camp
- Tree Identification
- Invasive Species Symposium
- Carolina Lawns
- Rain Garden Workshop
- SCM Plant Care for
- Expanded Regional Landscape Conference
- Newcomer Committee
- Video Production
- Siler City Sites?

Questions?

Thank you!