

Landscape Planting Design – The Lawn Continued...

Planting designers like Piet Oudolf (The Highline in New York, entrance border to Toronto Botanical Garden, Lurie Garden, Chicago to name a few and Professor Nigel Dunnett (Tower of London, and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park London,) Rick Darke with Doug Tallamy and many others are leading the charge towards more sustainable and biodiverse landscape planting design principles. This design direction is referred to often as naturalistic design, re-wilding, the Dutch wave, the new perennial movement, living landscapes etc.



This method of planting can be small scale, a bed or two, or as vast as replacing whole lawns, as controlled as you want or let go as a naturalized meadow in suitable areas.



Some prefer all native plants, and others use good native plant selections with some showy **none invasive** ornamentals featured as the above. Selectively choosing plants for pollinators, seed heads (birds) and overall diversity, structure in winter, seasonal colour and movement really opens up the choices. Landscape plant designs using 'communities' of plants that play nicely together, in layers with larger plants emerging out of a matrix of ground covers, achieves this look.

With the importance of carbon sequestration on the table, as well as providing for our song birds and insects, on decline by +- 30% dependent on species, this is a set of planting design principles that will be around for a long time to come. . . maybe longer than the lawn!

Want to learn more then give us a call at 519.925.3238.



Some interesting viewing:

<https://shop.fiveseasonsmovie.com/product/single-viewer/> Piet Oudolf Documentary available for 48 hrs with \$15 fee

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/the-tower-moat/#gs.4h798j>

Want to start to digging deeper into biodiversity? The Doug Tallamy webinar 'Natures Best Hope' is a good one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmQrDQ-aYDE>