

Native Plant Gardening Opportunity

Join **MIPA (Monteith Indigenous Plant Association)**
to create a new public green space in Oak Bay

A native plant demonstration garden is taking shape along Bowker Creek at Monteith Street. MIPA volunteers work cooperatively with the District of Oak Bay and Bowker Creek Initiative to create and maintain it.

A theme of the garden is the “food forest”. Interest in local foods is increasing, and our local natural habitat produces wonderful edibles. The habitat at Monteith features native plants with good food for people.

Urban wild lands benefit urban agriculture. The native plant garden shares its space with allotment gardens. Thickets of native plants are home to pollinators and insect-eaters that support garden productivity. The native plant garden will demonstrate the synergy between wild and cultivated urban lands.

Restoring Bowker Creek’s riparian zone, creating and maintaining the zone of native vegetation beside the stream is part of stream rehabilitation. It helps implement the Bowker Creek Blueprint – a 100-year watershed management plan developed by Oak Bay and two other municipalities.

This is a volunteer opportunity for those who enjoy working outdoors and want to learn more about native plants and to be of service to the environment and community. **MIPA meets twice per month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1-3 pm) to work at the site, followed by refreshments.**

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