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Have you noticed a decrease in the number of butterflies, dragonflies, or other wildlife in your neighborhood? When we develop land we often destroy or break up important wildlife habitat. Fortunately, property owners can provide wildlife habitat by landscaping with native plants and trees, which can also enhance water quality.

- ✓ Provide sources of water such as bird baths, ponds, or rain gardens to supplement habitat lost due to development.
- ✓ Design your landscape using native flowers, shrubs, and trees to provide the foliage, nectar, pollen, berries, seeds, and nuts that many species of wildlife require to survive.
- ✓ Provide cover and nesting areas for wildlife such as shrubs, thickets, or even temporary brush piles.

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