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Summer is finally here and so with it we find ourselves outdoors. Take this opportunity to visit your local park, preserve, or land trust. There are many places throughout New Jersey that can be inspiring and help you gather ideas for your own gardens. They also might be able to use your help and sometimes even have a "wish list" of items they may need. You could work with them to schedule a clean up day.

Get more adventurous and have your club "adopt" a small part of the land to install a small pollinator garden or new woodland garden. Do a little research and find out what native plants grow in that area and start them from seed in the fall and plant them in the spring. Or you can direct sow them in the fall.

Reach out this summer and see how you can contribute to your community by helping to keep our land green! Check with your local municipality or here are a few organizations that have preservers that are worth the visit and you may be able to help:

New Jersey Conservation Foundation - njconservation.org
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey – tlc-nj.org
Pinelands Preservation Alliance - pinelandsalliance.org
Hunterdon Land Trust – hunterdonlandtrust.org