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Making Conservation Work for You!

Penobscot County Soil & Water Conservation District

# District News

Spring 2024

## District Sponsored MOHF Grant is Funded!

In the middle of the year 2023 the district was approached to sponsor a Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application form. Organizations that wish to apply must have a approved sponsoring agency. A group of graduate students from University of Maine and employees from the Penobscot Indian Nation Water Quality Department contacted the district to sponsor their project titled: Strengthening Wabanaki Studies through Water Quality Monitoring and Education.

The purpose of the project is to provide resources to acquire environmental data that is vital to the health of the water resources of the Penobscot Nation, and to help fulfill the Wabanaki studies mandate L.D. 291. Funds used from the grant will be for area schools to participate in the USGS/NPS Dragonfly Mercury Project. The USGS/NPS Dragonfly Mercury Project is a network of people all over the country that have been monitoring mercury in dragonflies which is a study led by the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Mercury is a toxic pollutant, and it poses a health risk to humans and wildlife. With atmospheric emissions of mercury, it can easily enter our food chains in even more pristine settings. With using the monitoring system and collecting information from 10 sites on Penobscot Nation land it will be able to provide data to the Water Resources Program and will help to educate school children on persistent bioaccumulative toxic substances (PBTs) within the freshwater ecosystem. It will also give insight on their effects on public health and the Wabanaki sustenance fishing practices. The second piece to this grant is to further develop and refine lesson plans alongside K-12 teachers in alignment with L.D. 291. Penobscot Nation Water Resources maintains existing relationships with K-12 teachers across the state and has developed and conducted on-site and virtual exercises. With this funding the hope to expand their program partnering with even more educators and continue to work on building cross-cultural relationships with the Wabanaki Nation.

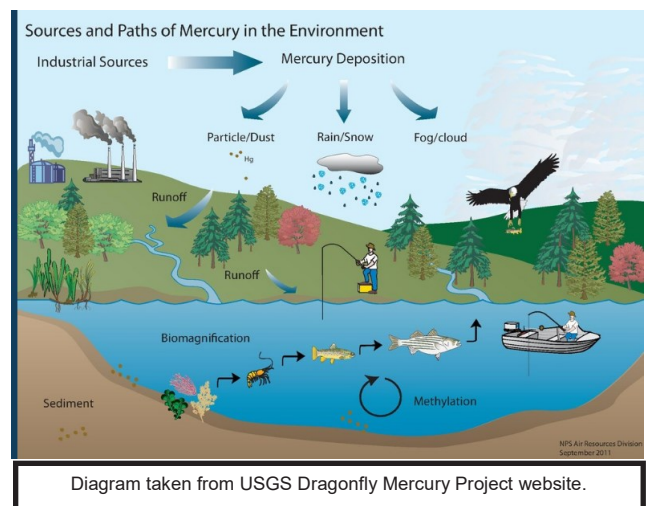


Diagram taken from USGS Dragonfly Mercury Project website.

After sending in the application, on Thursday, November 11, 2023 the district, representatives from the PIN Water Quality department, and several of the graduate students attended the review of applications in Augusta at the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund board meeting. That day the MOHF board voted to fully support the grant proposal. The project started to move forward in January of 2024.

This was such a wonderful application to grant funding to because it is desperately needed. Currently water bodies that are utilized by the Penobscot Nation's citizens are above contamination thresholds that are deemed safe for consumption. The data collected from this project will be instrumental in monitoring and helping to develop steps towards returning these waterbodies back to safe consumption levels.

The district was so pleased to be approached to sponsor the project and can't wait to see it all come together. District employees plan to assist in the field trip collection days with area students. What a wonderful way to engage students and educate them on this serious issue that ultimately affects all of us.

# How to Build a Rain Garden



## Supervisors & Staff

### District Supervisors

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- Mary Wilson, Vice Chair

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- Carol Weymouth
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District Manager

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- Sam Farrar  
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District Conservationist
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Soil Conservationist
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Program Assistant
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Ag Engineer
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Rain gardens are attractive and functional landscaped areas that are designed to capture and filter stormwater from roofs, driveways, and other hard surfaces. They collect water in bowl-shaped, vegetated areas, and allow it to slowly soak into the ground. This reduces the potential for erosion and minimizes the amount of pollutants flowing from your lawn into a storm drain, and eventually into our streams and lakes.

**Installation:** Rain gardens can vary in size, but are most effective when built to 20-30% of the drainage area. Rain gardens for single-family homes will typically range from 150 to 300 square feet, but even a smaller one will help reduce water pollution problems.

\* The garden should be bowl-shaped, with the lowest point of the garden no more than 6" below the surrounding land.

\*The sides should be gently sloping towards the center to prevent sudden drop-offs that could lead to erosion problems or walking hazards.

\*Rain gardens are often placed in a preexisting or created depression within a lawn, or in a location that receives roof runoff from a downspout.

\*To avoid flooding improperly sealed foundations, build your rain garden 10' away from existing structures, and direct water into the garden with a grassy swale, French drain, gutter extension or other device.

Rain gardens can be placed in sunny or shady regions of your lawn, but plants should be chosen accordingly, with the lowest point planted with wet tolerant species, the sides closest to the center planted with moist tolerant species, and the edges of the rain garden should be planted with sub-xeric (moist to dry) or xeric (dry) tolerant plants. It is also important to check the permeability of your soil. Sandy soils only need compost added, but clay soils should be replaced with a mix (50-60% sand, 20-30% topsoil, 20-30% compost). After construction of the garden is complete, the entire area should be covered with a thick layer of mulch, preferably Erosion Control Mix.

**Materials:** Replacement Soil mixes and Erosion Control Mix are available from local garden centers. Native plants can be purchased from your local nursery. Please see *Native Plant Lists* from this series for plant descriptions based on specific sun and soil conditions.

**Maintenance:** Overall, once plants mature, the maintenance of a rain garden is very low. Watering is important during the first growing season, and some weeding is necessary after planting. As the garden matures, some of the perennials may need to be divided if plantings become too crowded.



# Maine Association of Conservation Districts hosts the Northeast National Association of Conservation Districts Conference

In the fall of 2023 Maine Association of Conservation Districts hosted the NACD Northeast Regional meeting at Sable Oaks in Portland, Maine. The NACD regional meeting give conservation district leaders, members, and partners a time and place to discuss their most pressing concerns and share their valuable insights. Every year a new state in the Northeast region hosts this event. Different districts were asked to help assist in the planning of this event and Penobscot County lent a hand.

The conference was titled: It's All Connected: Resilience for a Changing Climate. The keynote speakers for the conference were Ivan Fernandez, Distinguished UMaine Professor at the Climate Change Institute & School of Forest Resources, Curtis Bohlen, Director of the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, and John Piotti, President and Chief Executive Officer at the American Farmland Trust.



Congresswoman, Chellie Pingree addressing attendees.

## Keep up with the District Year Round

Do you want to hear about what's going on at the District in real time and not wait for the Newsletter? Then you are in luck! There are several ways to keep up! You can subscribe to our BLOG on our website at

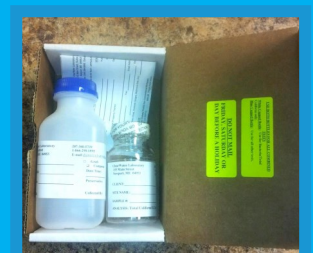


[www.penobscotswcd.org](http://www.penobscotswcd.org)

Find us on facebook at [facebook.com/penobscotswcd](https://facebook.com/penobscotswcd)

**We have water testing kits from Clear Water Labs in Newport. You can pick up water testing kits here at the District. Prices will vary depending on tests.**

**So come pick up yours today!**



Urban Tour

The first day of the conference started with introductions and presentations done by Maine Association of Conservation District President Andrew Reed, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, NACD President Kim LaFleur, Northeast Regional Chair Denise Savageau, and more. In the afternoon the over 150 attendees choose to go on one of two conservation field trips. One trip was a ag tour that went to the Flaherty Farm in Scarborough,

Maine, a stop at the iconic L.L.Bean, and then to Wolf's Neck Farm in Freeport, Maine. The second tour was an urban tour which attendees visited different project sites in the Long Creek watershed.



Ag Tour

The second day of the conference was broken up into two tandem sections. Participant could choose up to 4 sections to attend and the topic ranged from the American Chestnut Research Project, Terrestrial Invasive Plant Management, Addressing DEI through Conservation Programs-focusing on tribal projects, Managing PFAS Contamination on Dairy Farms, to Maine's Healthy Soils Program, and more.



Knox Lincoln SWCD, Executive Director, Rebecca Jacobs presenting on invasive plants.

The third day was the last and final day and that is when we held a Conservation Career Expo. Over 100 area students met conservation professionals and partners from Maine to West Virginia. They were able to engage with local community partners that were showcasing their organizations and career opportunities they offer. A conservation career panel was also part of the days events. The panelists shared their experiences, expertise, and insights into the various career paths within the conservation sector.

It was an amazing conference and a wonderful opportunity for Penobscot County District to help plan and organize an event of this size. Luckily for Maine MACD, the stress will be off for a while because Northeast states take their turns every ten years.

# New Faces in Town!



I am Josh Pratt and I've come to the District Conservationist (DC) job in Bangor from a short stint as the DC in Hancock County where I started in August of 2023. I moved to Maine (Hampden) with my family of five (myself, wife, two teenagers, and one in-law) after working for NRCS in North Carolina for five years. Before going back to school later in life to start a career with NRCS I owned a landscape construction company for about 15 years and a small mixed vegetable / small scale livestock farm where I sold our farm's products at farmer's markets, local restaurants, and community supported agriculture (CSA) collectives. ]



My name is Sarah Cyr and I am the Program Assistant for USDA-NRCS. I moved to Maine from Oklahoma in June 2022 with my husband for his career with the Federal Aviation Administration and feel lucky to call Maine my new home. I spend most of my spare time with my husband outdoors or at home with our three dogs and two cats. I have been enjoying the winter months here in Maine and have dabbled in ice fishing and snowshoeing – both of which are not common hobbies in Oklahoma since we do not have snow on the ground for more than two days at a time. Maine is a great place to spend with nature and I've been enjoying every minute of it - snow or shine. I am privileged to work alongside dedicated and passionate people who share a common vision of conserving our natural resources for future generations. I am relatively new to the Conservation Community, but I am excited to dedicate my career to fostering partnerships and promoting practices that ensure the health and vitality of our soil and water resources as well as the wildlife in Maine!



My name is Sam Farrar and I am from Freeport Maine and have a background in soil science and forest ecology. I attended the University of Maine in Orono and am excited to be back in Penobscot county after several years working in environmental research in Puerto Rico. My wife and I are now living in Bangor and in my time outside of work I enjoy hiking and gardening. I am looking forward to getting to know the local agricultural producers and helping them implement new projects to conserve or improve their lands and operations.



Hello everyone!

My name is Landon Lewis, and I just started recently as a Natural Resource Specialist at the Bangor Field Office. After graduating from Widener University with a B.S. in Biology in 2018, I worked for the last 5 years with the Department of the Interior in my home state of Pennsylvania. I spent a year with the National Park Service, and then the last almost 4 years with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. I enjoyed my time with Interior, but I thought I'd try something different, so here I am! My wife and our two dogs now live in Bangor, where we enjoy hiking and exploring the area. If you see me and want to chat, I'm always excited to talk about new hiking trails to try out, movies, and sports (specifically football and basketball). I look forward to working for NRCS and meeting everyone!



**Healthy soil is essential for a healthy garden, but it is impossible to know what your soil needs without doing a soil test. Levels of pH, nutrients and organic matter all impact plant growth. A soil test will save you time and money by telling you to add only what your soil needs.**

**A soil test should be done every three years. The ideal time of year to test your soil is mid to late spring or early fall. Soil Testing kits are available at the Penobscot County SWCD office.**

# 2024 Trout Sale Order Form.

## Spring Trout Sale

### Ordering Information

The spring trout sale will have brook trout available.

**A copy of your valid Stocking Permit from the Department of Inland Fisheries must be submitted with your order by May 10, 2024.**

To obtain a stocking permit application please contact our office, or visit our website. Any permitting questions must be directed to the IF&W at (207) 287-5261. Please allow IF&W two weeks to process your application. Please note that the IF&W will now be charging \$10 for a five year permit. There is also a \$5 fee for replacement copies.



**It is extremely important that your fish are picked up at noon on May 13, 2024.** The oxygen bags can only support the fish for a limited amount of time . Later in the afternoon the fish may begin to suffocate. We want your fish to make it to their new home safely.

**Orders due to the District office by May 10,2024**

**Pick-up trout on May 13, 2024 at the Bangor USDA Service Center: Pickup will run from 11AM-12:30PM**

**It will be first come first serve.**

*Penobscot County Soil & Water Conservation District*

1423 Broadway, Suite #2

Bangor, ME 04401

(207) 941-1043

The transporter of the trout on pick – up day must be the name on the permit!

So if someone else usually picks up your trout, please call IF&W to add the persons name to your permit.

Any questions, please call IF&W. 207-287-5261

## Order Form

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Daytime Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

Trout Size & Species	Sale Price	Quantity	Total Cost
6-8 Inch Brook Trout	\$3.50 each		
Oxygen Bags			
Oxygen Bags for Fish—each bag can hold 25 fish.	\$6.00 each		
Fish food 10lbs	\$20.00 each		
Minimum order is \$50 of trout.		<b>Total</b>	



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# Plant Sale Order Form

## Edibles

Welcome to the Penobscot County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Plant Sale! We thank you for your continued support.

Your prepaid order must be received at the District office by April 26, 2024. Pickup day is May 18, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in our parking lot. Please make a note of this on your calendar. **The District is not responsible for the condition of any orders that are not picked up on the scheduled pickup date.** All plants are sold as bare-root stock unless otherwise noted. Orders are on a first come/first serve basis. **The district is not responsible for plants after they have left the sale.**

**(Item # 1) Millennium Asparagus** —is productive, with high quality spears, tender, and has good flavor. **25 roots/\$38.50**



**(Item # 2) Mary Washington Asparagus-** very winter hardy and is heat tolerant. It is a heirloom variety. Will produce a light harvest in the 2nd year and a larger one in 3rd year. **25 roots/\$32.50**

**Raspberries:** Well-rooted, bare-root canes. Second variety not needed for pollination.

**(Item # 3) Heritage—**

This Fall Bearing Raspberry Plant bears some fruit the first fall of planting year, and either summers or falls after that depending on how it is managed. **5 plants/\$37.50**



**(Item # 4) Boyne—** is an early-season variety that is extremely winter hardy. It consistently produces deep-red, medium-sized berries. The medium sweet, aromatic flavor makes it great for freezing and jam. **5 plants/\$37.50**

**(Item # 5) Encore—** Mid-Late Season. Offers high yields and an extended summer picking season. **5 plants/\$37.50**

**(Item # 6) Caroline—** Is fall-bearing. It has a larger berry than Heritage and is more productive, with a rich, full, and intense raspberry flavor. **5 plants/\$37.50**

**(Item # 7) Nova—**

This Summer Bearing Raspberry Plant bears fruit 1 year after planting. Easy to grow! **5 plants/\$37.50**

**Blueberry Plants:** At least two varieties recommended for pollination.



**(Item # 8) Patriot—**Early Midseason. Extremely winter hardy and has great flavor. **\$16.50 Each**

**(Item # 9) Blueray—**Midseason Considered the best tasting by growers. Vigorous and consistent producer. **\$16.50 Each**

**(Item # 10) BlueCrop—**Midseason. Produces high yields, firm berries, flavor is superb, fresh or frozen. **\$16.50 Each**

**(Item # 11) Jersey—**Jersey blueberry is a late-season variety that is easy to grow, high-yielding, and one of the oldest and most widely grown blueberry varieties. The berries are dark blue, medium in size, and very sweet. A tall and well-shaped bush, it has excellent ornamental value. **\$16.50 Each**

**(Item # 12) Top Hat—**A dwarf cultivar growing 1'-2' high and wide; a cross between a short-stature Highbush and a compact Lowbush blueberry. Abundant white blooms in spring lead to light blueberries that are pea-sized and larger. Perfect for defined border plantings, patio containers, or even a bonsai project, Top hat offers versatile gardening possibilities. **\$16.50 Each**

**(Item # 13) Canadian Red Rhubarb—** is a classic spring vegetable, but one that is treated more like a fruit in the kitchen. The leaves are not edible and are, in fact, toxic, but the stalks can be used in sauces, jams, pies, cakes, and other baked goods. Comes in 1 liter container. **\$9.50 Each**



**Strawberry Plants:**



**(Item # 14) Seascape —** This day-neutral has been highly successful for north eastern growers for summer and fall production. The plants have the potential to be the most productive of any day-neutral. The berries are large, firm and have good flavor when picked ripe from the plant. **25 plants/\$25.50**

**(Item # 15) Sparkle—**Mid-Late season. The berries are delicious for fresh eating and are also excellent for jams and freezing. **25 plants/\$25.50**

**(Item # 16) Galletta—**ripens early season and produces large sized berries. Attractive, glossy fruit have excellent flavor. Customers are reporting that Galletta is highly productive and holds fruit size well through the season. It is rapidly growing in popularity. The plant is vigorous and shows tolerance to foliage diseases. **25 plants/\$25.50**

**(Item # 17) Jewel—**Midseason. Considered the #1 midseason variety. Bears fruit after 1 year and it is easy to grow! **25 plants/\$25.50**

**(Item # 18) Honeoye—**Early-Midseason. Produces large berries with a long fruiting season. Has great winter hardiness. **25 plants/\$25.50**

**Elderberries—** Elderberries bear 1 year after planting. You must have 2 plants of a different variety for cross pollination. The berries are great for making wines and jellies.



**(Item # 19) Samdal—** Produce large fruit clusters with great flavor that ripen in August. **\$16.50 Each.**

**(Item # 20) Samyl-** It will provide good cross pollination when paired with the samdal variety. This elderberry is more productive than the Samdal. **\$16.50 Each.**

**(Item # 21) York-** This is a locally grown elderberry. This elderberry will come 18-24 inches high and will cross pollinate well with Adams. **\$16.50 Each.**

**(Item # 22) Nova-** This is a locally grown elderberry. This elderberry will come 18-24 inches high and will cross pollinate well with York. **\$16.50 Each.**

**New Kiwiberries!** Must have a female and male to produce fruit. Come in 1 liter container.

**(Item # 23) Anna-** This female variety bears dense clusters of medium to large sized oblong fruits, with a bright green background and striking red blush under good sun exposure. The flavors are tropical and citrusy, sweet and slightly tarte. Will produce in 3rd season. **\$12.50 Each.**



**(Item # 24) Issai-** Female sweet round light green fruits with green-to-yellow flesh. Despite claims of self-fertility, a nearby male kiwiberries vine is required for fruit set. **\$12.50 Each.**

**(Item # 25) Meader Male** A productive male variety which produces large volumes of flowers. **\$12.50 Each.**

**(Item # 26) Opitz-** A prolific flowering male vine. **\$12.50 Each.**

# Ornamental Bushes & Apple Trees

## Ornamental Bushes— All Come Bare root

**(Item # 27) Black Elderberry**— Berries ripen in late July-September. Fruit is eaten by turkey, woodpeckers, and many others. Juice is often used to make wines and jellies. Will come 3-4' **\$17.50 Each**



**(Item # 28) Winterberry**- This shrub adds plenty of seasonal interest to any landscape. Provides food, cover, and nesting sites for birds. 118-24ft. High and 10-12ft spread. Will come 2-3' **\$17.50 Each**



**(Item # 29) High Bush Cranberry**- A beautiful 10' tall, shade tolerant ornamental with showy white spring blossoms. The red fruit is attractive to birds and can be used to make preserves, syrup or wine. Comes 2-3' **\$15.50 Each**



**(Item # 30) Common Lilac**—Lilacs will grow in a wide variety of soil types and prefer neutral to slightly acidic soil. Lilacs need very little maintenance. They transplant very easily. They prefer full sun but partial shade is fine as well. Produce aromatic purple flowers in the spring. Comes 2-3' **\$14.50 Each**



**(Item # 31) American Hazelnut** - The American hazelnut is a native shrub of the eastern United States. The tasty nuts are highly prized by cooks for their easy-to-crack shells and small, sweet kernel. Squirrels love them as well. Hazelnut hedges can be used as windbreaks, visual screens, and to attract wildlife. Will come 3-4' **\$16.50 Each**



**(Item # 32) Forsythia Lynwood Gold**— Grows 6-10 ft tall and 6 to 8 ft wide. Likes partial to full sun. Easily established in a variety of soils and climates. This is a low maintenance shrub that is often used to create a dense hedge. (plants maybe planted 3 to 4 ft apart) Will come 3-4ft tall **\$13.50 Each**



**(Item # 33) PeeGee Hydrangea**— These hydrangeas will come bare root and be 2-3'. It is a particularly cold-hardy hydrangea variety. This shrub's blooms form large cone-shaped clusters (panicles) of white flowers that develop a pink or purple tint over time. **\$13.50 Each**



**(Item # 34) Red Elderberry**— NATIVE shrub to 8' produces lots of early tiny cream-colored flowers frequented by pollinators and followed by bunches of bright red berries much loved by birds. SUN: shade-part MOISTURE: med BLOOM: May-June **\$9.50 Each**



## Locally Grown Apple Trees

**(Item # 34) Honeycrisp**—This is an outstanding fresh eating apple. They are juicy and crisp. Improves steadily in storage and ripens in early fall. It will keep over seven months in a root cellar. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 36) Liberty**—This apple has a crisp white flesh, and a harmonious sweet-tart taste. It is perfect for fresh eating, cooking, canning, or keeping. It is cold hardy and ripens in early September. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 37) Cortland**—Medium-large slightly ribbed dull red fruit with a purple blush. Excellent eating and cooking. Slow-oxidizing white fine-grained crisp tender juicy flesh: very good in salads. Produces a surprisingly delightful cider, fresh or fermented, in a mix or even on its own. Stores for a month or so. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 38) Baldwin**—Large round-conic thick-skinned fruit, almost entirely blushed, mottled and striped with red and deep carmine. Hard crisp juicy yellowish flesh makes excellent eating and cooking. Keeps till spring. Makes top-quality hard cider, blended or alone. Blooms early to midseason. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 39) Black Oxford**—Medium-sized round fruit, deep purple with a blackish bloom. From a distance you might think you'd discovered a huge plum tree. Excellent pies, superb late cider. Leave the skins on for a delightful pink sauce. Best eating late December to March, but we've eaten them in July and they were still quite firm and tasty. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 40) Ashmeads Kernal** —An after-dinner apple of unparalleled quality. Not for those who like sweet mild apples. Each bite is an intense aromatic sting of sharp and sweet, with hints of other indescribable but absolutely wonderful tastes and aftertastes. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 41) Frostbite**—A massively flavored dessert apple, one of our favorites that we most look forward to each fall. Likely the most distinctive, complex and unusually flavored apple you'll ever try. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 42) Keepsake**—One of the best of all winter storage varieties. Fine-textured flesh is hard, crisp, juicy and sweet. Excellent aromatic flavor, but wait about a month after picking before eating. Well named—keeps until July in the root cellar. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 43) Wealthy**—A Maine native of sorts, the seed having come from Bangor. One of the most famous of all hardy varieties, with its perfect texture and complex flavors, all-purpose Wealthy is considered to be one of the best apples. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



**(Item # 44) Williams Pride**—Probably the most popular summer apple among PRI's newly develop disease-resistant introductions. It's actually crisp, which is rare for a summer apple. Deep purple roundish-conic irregularly shaped fruit highlighted with areas of glowing rosy red and covered with a thin bloom. Standard: 3-6' bare-root trees. **\$28.50 Each**



## Selling Maine Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation Chestnut Trees!

By purchasing these trees you will be supporting not only you local conservation district but also the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. The monies raised are put back into supporting their work of returning the iconic American Chestnut to its native range.



**(Item # 35) American Chestnut**— These trees will come in a 4 inch pot and be approximately 12 inches tall. The picture to the right are your future purchase Chestnut trees growing! The tree tends to grow best in sunny areas that have well-drained moist acidic soils. These soils are formed from shale, sandstone, and limestone parent materials. It can also tolerate dry and clay soils.

**\$20.00 Each**

## Locally Grown Pear & Peach Trees—Limited stock, First come/first serve.

### Pears

**(Item # 45) Bartlett**—The most widely planted and well known of all pears in U.S. commercial production. Adaptable to many climates and soils. Large greenish-yellow classic oblong pear-shaped fruit; very good quality. Full reliable annual crops. Will come as 3-6' bare-root. **\$29.50 Each**



**(Item # 46) Bosc**—Long-necked fruit is dark rich yellow covered with cinnamon-brown russet. Distinctive sweet rich spicy buttery flavor. Melting juicy tender white flesh has smooth texture and a pleasing aroma. Somewhat gritty around the core. Will come as 3-6' bare-root. **\$29.50 Each**



**(Item # 47) Beurre Hardy**—Large light yellow fruit veiled and dotted with russet. When perfectly ripe, the fruit is very soft, melting, dissolving, practically all juice. You can take a bite and droplets of juice appear on the fruit where you bit. Perfumy and not overpoweringly sweet. No grit at all. Will come as 3-6' bare-root. **\$29.50 Each**



**(Item # 48) Comtesse Clara Frijs European** - Medium-sized warm-yellow-green oblong-obovate-pyriform rather thick-skinned fruit sometimes with a very slight pink blush-more like a spot of rouge. Completely covered with hundreds of pin point gray dots. The buttery aromatic flesh is firm but not crisp with no grit cells. Juicy but not dripping. Will come 3-6' bare-root **\$29.50 Each**



### (Item # 49) Tree Care: Tubex 2' Tree Shelters

-Shields young trees from hungry wildlife, wind and equipment/Creates a greenhouse-like environment/ Provides 5-7 years of protection. **\$8.50 Each**



**(Item # 50) Fertilizer Tablets**— 22-8-2 for bare root trees and shrubs. 2 year release. **\$1.00 Each**

## Locally Grown Herbs— Will come in 4 inch pots \$5.50 Each

**(Item # 51) Thyme** Thyme is an aromatic perennial evergreen herb with culinary, medicinal, and ornamental uses. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 52) Oregano**-Oregano is a flowering plant in the mint family. Is used in cooking, it also contains vitamins essential to the body. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 53) Sage**— An aromatic plant with grayish-green leaves that are used as a culinary herb( fresh or dried) **\$5.50**



**(Item # 54) Lavender**— An herb with many culinary uses, also makes a stunning addition to borders and perennial gardens, providing sweeping drifts of color from early summer into fall. It also helps repel fleas and ticks. **\$5.50**



**\$5.50**

**(Item # 55) Peppermint Chocolate Mint** - is a hybrid mint, a cross between water mint and spearmint. Planting mints can help repel ticks. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 56) Citronella**—A citrus smelling plant that the oil from it's crushed leaves has some ability to discourage mosquitos. It has a refreshing sent is very drought tolerant. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 57) Orange Mint**— Used in teas, salades, and iced drinks. A combination of orange and mint flavors. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 58) Basil**— Is a very versatile and delicious herb. It is used extensively in Italian cooking. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 59) Dill**— Used in cooking for it's great flavor. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 60) Parsley Flat Italian**-Parsley is a biennial plant with bright green, feather-like leaves and is in the same family as dill. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 61) Cilantro** - Is an annual herb in the family Apiaceae. All parts of the plant are edible, but the fresh leaves and the dried seeds are the parts most traditionally used in cooking. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 62) Rosemary**-is a woody, perennial herb with fragrant, evergreen, needle-like leaves and white, pink, purple, or blue flowers. Used in culinary dishes. **\$5.50**



**(Item # 63) Chives**— **\$5.50**

**(Item # 64) Patio Tomato Plant**— these patio tomatoes come in a gallon container and will consistently produce tomatoes throughout the season. **\$12.50 Each**

**(Item # 65) Patio Yellow Cherry Tomato Plant**— these patio tomatoes come in a gallon container and will consistently produce tomatoes throughout the season. **\$12.50 Each**

### Great gift ideas!

**(Item # 66) Garden Bowls**— these garden bowls are planted with a variety of vegetables and herbs. Pizza, salsa, and salad fixings in one pot! **\$15.50 Each**

**(Item # 67) Herb Bowls**— are planted with a variety of herbs and edible flowers **\$15.50 Each**





# Locally Grown Annuals

When ordering annuals please indicate color preference on order form. 

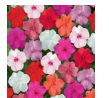
The Annuals in this column come in 6 packs. \$3.75 Per 6-pack



**Item # 68) Alyssum**— Comes in white or purple.



**Item # 69) Calendula**— Comes in Bon Bon Mix



**Item # 70) Dahlia** — Comes in Rigoletto Mix

**Item # 71) Impatient**— Comes in lipstick, white, coral, & hot mix



**Item # 72) Marigold**— Comes in orange, yellow, or red.

**Item # 73) Dusty Miller**— comes in silver dust.



**Item # 74) Pansy**— Colors available are Berry tarte mix, blaze mix, Red Blotch, Blue Morpho, Cotton Candy Mix, Fire, Neon Violet

**Item # 75) Petunia**— Colors available are blue, pink morning, red morning, white, lime bicolor, blackberry.

**Item # 76) Snap Dragon**— Comes in yellow, white, bronze, and violet.



**Item # 77) Salvia**— Comes in purple, white, red.

**Item # 78) Lobelia trailing**— Regatta Marine Blue



Annuals in this Column come in 4-Inch pots \$5.75 Each



**Item # 79) Calliope Geranium**— Comes in dark red, magenta, coral, crimson flame.



**Item # 80) New Guinea Impatient**— Comes in red, Orange Ice, Sweet Cherry.



**Item # 81) Osteospermum**— Comes in dark purple.

**Item # 82) Verbena**— Comes in blue



**Item # 83) Lantana**— Comes in red, trailing purple, & gold improved



**Item # 84) Petunia Wave**— Comes in red, white, blue, Burgundy Velour, Neon Rose, Yellow, Plum Pudding, and Plum Vein



## Hanging Baskets

**(Item # 85) Hanging basket, Fuchsia** — This comes in a 12 inch hanging basket and comes in assorted colors. \$27.50 Each

**(Item # 86) Hanging basket, Petunia Wave**— This comes in a 12 inch hanging basket. Comes in color choices of Neon Rose, Yellow, Burgundy \$27.50 Each

**(Item # 87) Hanging basket, Calliope Geraniums.** — This comes in a 12 inch hanging basket can come in Crimson Flame or Deep Red only \$27.50 Each

**(Item # 88) Hanging basket, Million Bells.** — This comes in a 12 inch hanging basket and comes in assorted colors \$27.50 Each

# Locally Grown Perennials! will come as bare-root 1-yr

**(Item # 89) New England Aster, *Symphotrichum novae-angliae***—NATIVE 36" perennial with fall flowers in shades of purple and pink. Great pollinator plant. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med-wet BLOOM: Aug-Sept \$8.50



**(Item # 90) Dense Blazing Star, *Liatrix spicata***—NATIVE perennial to 48" with tall wands of brilliant purple flowers loved by butterflies. SUN: full-part MOISTURE: med-wet BLOOM: August \$8.50



**(Item # 91) Foxglove Beardtongue, *Penstemon digitalis***—NATIVE perennial w/ dark green foliage in a lush mounded rosette gives rise to flower stalks loaded w/ tubular white blossoms that attracts bees and hummingbirds. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med-dry BLOOM: June-July \$8.50



**(Item # 92) Wild Senna, *Senna hebecarpa***—NATIVE 48-60" nitrogen-fixing legume with canary yellow pea-like flowers with black centers. Attracts pollinators and is very hardy. Likes part to full sun. Moister: med Blooms July-Aug. \$8.50



**(Item # 93) Blue Wild Indigo, *Baptisia australis***—NATIVE long lived nitrogen-fixing perennial that grows to 42" with deep blue pea-shaped flowers loved by bumblebees. Like part to full sun. Moister: med. Blooms in June. \$8.50



**(Item # 93) Jacob's Ladder, *Polemonium reptans***—NATIVE spring ephemeral wildflower to 12" with ornamental lavender-blue flowers. SUN: shade-part-full MOISTURE: med BLOOM: May \$8.50



**(Item # 94) Purple Coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea***—NATIVE wildflower that grows to 42" loved by pollinators. Long reflexed pink petals surrounding a dark seed head. Widely used medicinally to ward of colds and flu. Like part to full sun. Moister: med. Blooms July to Aug. \$8.50



**(Item # 95) Wild Bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa***—NATIVE medicinal perennial to 42" with abundant lavender flowers preferred by pollinators. Sun: full-part Moister: med-dry Bloom: July-Aug \$8.50



**(Item # 96) Early Sunflower *Heliopsis helianthoides***—NATIVE perennial to 54" with profuse bright yellow flowers, great for bouquets. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med BLOOM: July-Aug \$8.50



**(Item # 97) Marshmallow, *Althea officinalis***—Mucilaginous immune stimulating medicinal, grows to over 60" with light pink flowers and downy foliage. Vigorous, non-spreading roots. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med-wet BLOOM: June-July \$8.50



**(Item # 98) Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia cardinalis***—NATIVE perennial with basal rosette sending up 18" cardinal red flowering spires. Hummingbirds love this plant! Like Part to full sun. Moister: med-wet Blooms in Aug. \$8.50



**(Item # 99) Joe Pye Weed, *Eutrochium maculatum***—NATIVE pollinator favorite growing to 60" with attractive pink flower clusters on sturdy stems. Good for cutting. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med-wet BLOOM: Aug-Sept \$8.50



\$8.50

# Locally Grown Perennials! Will come as bare-root 1-yr \$8.50 Each

**(Item # 100) Red Elderberry, *Sambucas racemosa*—NATIVE** shrub to 8' produces lots of early tiny cream-colored flowers frequented by pollinators and followed by bunches of bright red berries much loved by birds. SUN: shade-part MOISTURE: med BLOOM: May-June **\$8.50**



**(Item # 101) Great Blue Lobelia, *Lobelia siphilitica*—NATIVE** The erect, 2-3 ft., stems produce lavender-blue, tubular flowers crowded together on the upper stem. Showy, bright blue flowers are in the axils of leafy bracts and form an elongated cluster on a leafy stem. **\$8.50**



**(Item # 102) Orange Coneflower, *Rudbeckia fulgida*—NATIVE** blooms from midsummer through fall and grows two to four feet high the dense plants have deep green foliage and sturdy stems, with good form all season-long. **\$8.50**



**(Item # 103) Prairie Ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius*—NATIVE** This shrub has dense petaled flowers, spirea-like clusters in spring, and give way to clusters of reddish-pink capsules. Blooms May-June **\$8.50**



**(Item # 104) Blue Ridge Buckbean, *Thermopsis caroliniana*—NATIVE** perennial with bold bright yellow spikes of flowers to 48" that attract bees and butterflies. Long lived, tap rooted plant. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med BLOOM: May-June **\$8.50**



**(Item # 105) Helen's Flower Mix Sneezeweed, *Helenium autumnale*—NATIVE** cultivar to 42" with sprays of sunny yellow, orange, and bronze flowers. Excellent cut flower. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med BLOOM: Sept **\$8.50**



**(Item # 106) Lemon Balm, *Melissa officinalis*—** Medicinal and culinary herb with lemony flavored leaves. Bees love the flowering stalks with their small white flowers. Need part-sun and blooms in June. **\$8.50**



**(Item # 107) Panorama Red Shades Bee Balm, *Monarda didyma*—NATIVE** 36" perennial with shades of bright reds. Attracts bees & hummingbirds. SUN: part-full MOISTURE: med-dry BLOOM: July-Aug **\$8.50**



**(Item # 108) Blue Vervain *Verbena hastata*—NATIVE** Perennial to 60" with long lasting steeples of tiny purple-blue blossoms. Medicinal and very attractive to pollinators. Needs part-sun and blooms Aug-Sept. **\$8.50**



**(Item # 109) White Wild Indigo, *Baptisia alba*—NATIVE** long lived nitrogen-fixing perennial to 42" with pea-shaped white flowers loved by bumblebees. Needs part-sun and blooms in August. **\$8.50**



**(Item # 110) Blue Sage, *Salvia azurea*—NATIVE** sage grows up to 60" with unusual and pretty sky-blue blossoms on long stems. Good fall nectar plant prefers poor soil. Aromatic foliage deters deer. SUN: full MOISTURE: med-dry BLOOM: Aug-Sept **\$8.50**



**(Item # 111) Common Blue Violet, *Viola sororia*—NATIVE** perennial to 6" with cheery purple/blue edible flowers and attractive, edible heart-shaped leaves. Flowers and leaves are medicinal heart tonic. SUN: full-part-shade MOISTURE: med BLOOM: May **\$8.50**



## Vegetable Seedings—Come in 6-packs \$3.75 Each

**(Item # 112) Broccoli, Packman, 50 days.**

**(Item # 113) Broccoli, Arcadia, 69 days**

**(Item # 114) Brussels Sprouts, Jade cross**

**(Item # 115) Cabbage, Early— Early Round Dutch**

**(Item # 116) Cabbage, Red— Red Acre, 75 days**

**(Item # 117) Cauliflower, Self-Blanch**

**(Item # 118) Celery, Ventura**

**(Item # 119) Cucumber, Marketmore 76—**

**(Item # 120) Cucumber, Pickling—**

**(Item # 121) Eggplant, Dusky**

**(Item # 122) Lettuce, Buttercrunch—**

**(Item # 123) Lettuce, Red Romaine—**

**(Item # 124) Leeks, American Flag**

**(Item # 125) Cantaloupe, Minnesota Midget—**

**(Item # 126) Watermelon, Sugar Baby**

**(Item # 127) Onion, Red/Yellow storage**

**(Item # 128) Jalapeno Pepper,**

**(Item # 129) Habanero Red Pepper—Wicked HOT!** 100k-350k scovilles

**(Item # 130) Pepper, Ace**

**(Item # 131) Pepper, California Wonder—** heirloom, large fruit, 75 days

**(Item # 132) Sweet Bananas Pepper**



**(Item # 133) Marconi Golden Sweet Pepper**

**(Item # 134) Anaheim Chili Hot Pepper**

**(Item # 135) Zucchini Squash, Green**

**(Item # 136) Yellow Straightneck Summer Squash**

**(Item # 137) Spaghetti Squash**

**(Item # 138) Buttercup Squash,** -tan skin, peanut shape, sweet orange flesh.

**(Item # 139) Acorn Squash—** Sm. dark green skin, orange flesh.

**(Item # 140) Butternut Squash—**

**(Item # 141) Pumpkin, Howden**

**(Item # 142) Shallots—**

**(Item # 143) Cherry Tomato, Sweet Million—** Heavy producer. Masses of red cherries. 65 days.

**(Item # 144) Cherry Tomato, Sun Sugar—** Very sweet fruit, 62-70 days.

**(Item # 145) Cherry Tomato, Yellow Pear—** Is a mild flavored tomato used in salads, salsa making, pickling, canning and making preserves

**(Item # 146) Roma Paste Tomato—** Classic paste tomato.

**(Item # 147) Amish Paste Tomato—** is an open-pollinated heirloom that has a rich flavor for pastes and sauces.

**(Item # 148) San Marzano Tomato—** Variety of plum tomato. Compared to Roma they have a thicker flesh with less seed. The taste is stronger, sweeter, and less acidic.

**(Item # 149) Big Boy Tomato—** 10-16oz round red fruit and great for canning.

**(Item # 150) Beefsteak Tomato—** 80-90 days, 16oz fruit



# Vegetable Seedlings \$3.75 Continued...

**(Item # 151) Early Girl Tomato**— Matures 50days, Medium size and they are cold tolerant



**(Item # 152) Mountain Merit Tomato**—a steady producer into the fall of 8-10oz fruit. High resistance to late & early blight.

**(Item # 153) Jetstart Tomato**— 72 days, 8-16oz fruit, hardy, good producer for canning and eating fresh.



**(Item # 154) Black Krim Tomato**— Heirloom tomato. 8-10oz fruit, smokey charcoal colored fruit with brown shoulders. Great flavor!

## (Item # 155) Rain Barrel

One barrel can save a homeowner 1,300 gallons of tap/well water during the dry summer months. Features of both types of bins include: screening to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow that can be directed away from foundations, they can connect to drip irrigation, soakers, and garden hoses, they are easy to set-up and use, they have screw off tops for easy cleaning, and they reduce runoff and NPS Pollution.



**\$78.50 plus tax**

## (Item # 156) Kitchen Pail

Attractive and easy to use, Hinged lid snaps securely to pail, White and beige color, 2 gallon capacity, Pail width easily accommodates the shape of plates for "mess free scraping!" **\$13.50 plus tax**



## (Item # 157) The Earth Machine

Converts grass, leaves and table scraps into an abundant supply of rich garden soil, has a large 80 gallon capacity, has easy, snap together assembly, comes with a 10 year warranty, made of recycled plastic, assembled dimensions—33"X35", comes with a 31 Page instruction booklet.



**\$ 62.50 Plus tax**



**All proceeds from our plant sale go right back into our educational programming budget so we can continue to bring environmental educational programming to our county.**

**Thank you for all the support!**

# Order Form

**All sales are final!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Item	If buying annuals, please indicate color choice.	Item #	Quantity	Price	Total
<b>Do not forget to include the tax.</b>				Maine Sales Tax (5.5%)	
<b>Grand Total</b>					

If you need more space, just continue order on another sheet of paper.

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