

JERSEY-FRIENDLY YARDS CASE STUDY #3

Metedeconk River Yacht Club
Tilton Road
Brick, NJ 08723

Site Assessment:

The Metedeconk River Yacht Club garden is located at the Club's driveway entrance along Tilton Road. There is level topography, an irrigation system in place and the garden is maintained by a landscaper. There is no ponding of water observed. Part of the garden bed is built on an old concrete road; random areas of soil are compacted 3 inches downward and mixed with rocks and gravel. The soil contains adequate organic matter, however no soil life was observed. The site receives full sun throughout the day and is across the street from the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Goal:

Beautify the main entrance to the Metedeconk River Yacht Club (MRYC) and offer a model low maintenance native plant garden to Club members and the neighboring community.



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This project was conducted in collaboration with the Barnegat Bay Partnership.



PLANT LIST

SHRUBS:

Groundsel Bush
(*Baccharis halimifolia*)
Northern Bayberry
(*Morella pensylvanica*)

PERENNIALS:

Blue Giant Hyssop
(*Agastache foeniculum*)
Eastern Blue Star
(*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
Butterfly Weed
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)
Blue Wild Indigo
(*Baptisia australis*)

Yellow Wild Indigo
(*Baptisia tinctoria*)
Purple Mistflower
(*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
Blazing Star
(*Liatris spicata*)
Great Blue Lobelia
(*Lobelia siphilitica*)
Sundial Lupine
(*Lupinus perennis*)
Mountain Mint
(*Pycnanthemum muticum*)
Orange Coneflower
(*Rudbeckia fulgida*)
Lanceleaf Tickseed
(*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
False Sunflower
(*Heliopsis helianthoides*)

Actions:

The Jersey Friendly Yards website, www.jerseyyards.org, was used to select native shrubs and perennials that require little-to-no fertilizer, reducing non-point source pollution found in runoff and protecting the surrounding natural area. Several non-native grasses established in the plot were relocated behind the MRYC sign. The selected native shrubs and perennials offer a range of colors, textures and bloom times for an attractive 3-season native garden that is easy to replicate.

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As a sailor, this project has prompted me to take a closer look at human impacts on our bay.

-Russ Schon

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