

## JERSEY-FRIENDLY YARDS CASE STUDY #6

**Visitation Relief Center**  
725 Mantoloking Rd  
Brick, NJ 08724



### Site Conditions:

Visitation Relief Center is a nonprofit community outreach center that was formed by members of the community in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. The land in the backyard is cultivated as a vegetable garden to provide food for the community. The front landscape is the target area of this project. It consists of a layer of wood chip mulch laid over gravel, laid over compacted soil. The soil assessment revealed roots visible at a depth of 6 inches. Old irrigation lines exist below ground. Existing vegetation consisting of large trees and remnant shrubs appears healthy. The land is at a slight slope causing some erosion and runoff. The 6.65 pH is slightly acidic to neutral. The landscape receives full to part shade throughout the day.

### Project Leaders:

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Matthew Crane: Visitation Relief Center



### Goal:

To establish a healthy native landscape for staff and visitors to use as both a recreational space and an educational forum.

*We hope that our native garden will become a place for people to enjoy. –Matthew Crane*

### PLANT LIST

#### SHRUBS:

Buttonbush  
(*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)  
Sweet Pepperbush  
(*Clethra alnifolia*)  
Northern bayberry  
(*Morella pensylvanica*)  
Beach Plum  
(*Prunus maritima*)  
Highbush Blueberry  
(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)  
Arrowwood Viburnum  
(*Viburnum dentatum*)

#### GRASSES:

Big Bluestem  
(*Andropogon gerardii*)

#### PERENNIALS:

Blue Giant Hyssop  
(*Agastache foeniculum*)  
Butterfly weed  
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Blue Wild Indigo  
(*Baptisia australis*)  
Butterfly Weed  
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)  
Purple Mistfolwer  
(*Conoclinium coelestinum*)  
Lanceleaf Tickseed  
(*Coreopsis lanceolata*)  
Purple Coneflower  
(*Echinacea purpureum*)  
Purple Joe-Pye  
(*Eupatorium purpureum*)

False Sunflower  
(*Heliopsis helianthoides*)  
Blazing Star  
(*Liatris spicata*)  
Sundial Lupine  
(*Lupinus perennis*)  
Foxglove Beardtongue  
(*Penstemon digitalis*)  
Mountain Mint  
(*Pycnanthemum muticum*)  
Orange Coneflower  
(*Rudbeckia fulgida*)  
Seaside Goldenrod  
(*Solidago sempervirens*)  
New England Aster  
(*Symphotrichum Novae-angliae*)

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### Actions:

The Jersey Friendly Yards website, [www.jerseyyards.org](http://www.jerseyyards.org), was used to select shrubs and perennials that grow well in sandy, slightly acidic soil in full or partial sun. Shrubs were planted along the back fence as a privacy border and to provide a green vegetative backdrop to the landscape. Grasses and hardy perennials able to withstand snow-pack and deicing salt were planted along the curb near the parking lot. A path was created through the landscape and a small perennial garden was installed to provide seasonal color. Picnic tables were placed within the garden area.

