NATIVE PLANT PRODUCER NETWORK

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2026



Current photo of the Chemours shoreline

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

We've been busy this summer with our workshops, presenting at conferences, and hosting summer camps!

Summer camps have been in full swing, with students of all ages helping our team participate in conservation efforts. Students have learned the importance of native plant species, how to care for them in a greenhouse setting, and have tagged along for shoreline restoration.



MISSISSIPPI SOUND ESTUARY PROGRAM
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

FURTHER FUNDING!

NPPN has received additional funding for activities in Mississippi and Alabama.
There are funds dedicated to helping producers grow additional species that can be used in upland and dune habitat restoration in Mississippi, as well as funding dedicated to reach additional schools in Mobile and Baldwin counties, Alabama.





PLANTING AT THE HISTORIC LEWIS HOUSE

Students from East Central Middle School spent the day exploring coastal conservation in action! The group toured the historic Lewis House, former home of artist Walter Anderson, before getting hands on experience helping plant a living shoreline to reduce erosion impacting the property.

600-LINEAR FOOT LIVING SHORELINE FINISHED



We've officially completed this 600-linear-foot living shoreline after months of planting and restoration efforts!

Thanks to our partners at Chemours and Oldfields, approximately 2,000 marsh grass plugs were planted, helping restore the shoreline and strengthen this important coastal habitat.

Through NPPN's GlassRoots subprogram, 300 middle school students from seven classes across the Mississippi Gulf Coast learned about the vital role marsh plants play in protecting and supporting coastal ecosystems. Students grew plants in recycled glass sand provided by Glass Half Full and had the opportunity to assist our team with living shoreline plantings, making a direct impact on local restoration efforts.



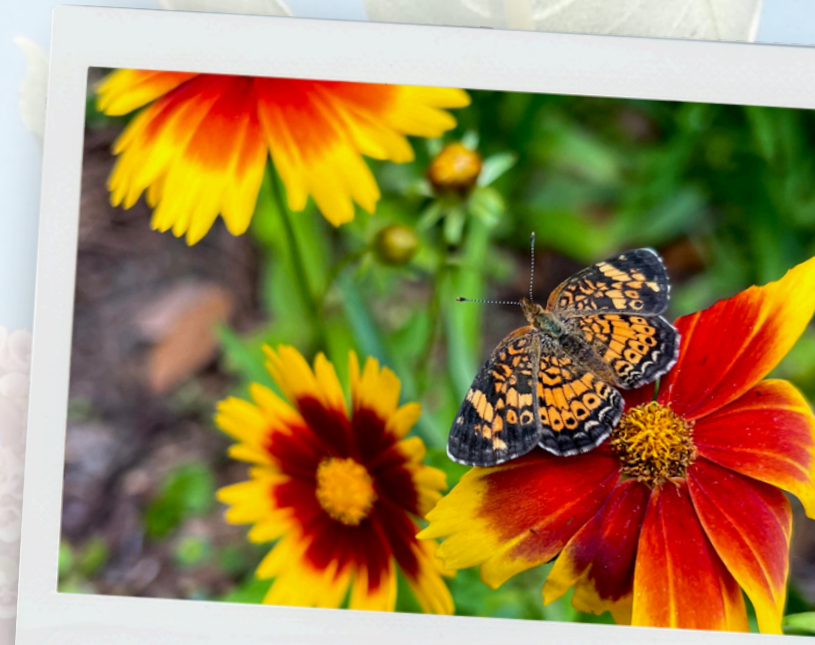


NATIVE PLANTS GIVEAWAY

Our team has been hard at work growing more than 2,000 inland native plants representing over 30 species throughout the past year.

We've had the pleasure of giving these plants away for free to community members across Mississippi and Alabama, helping expand native wildlife habitat and create more spaces for local species to thrive!

Interested in adding native plants to your yard? Reach out to us! We'd be happy to help you find the right plants to support local wildlife and create a more habitat-friendly landscape.







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HOW TO COUNT IN THE ANNUAL

GREAT SOUTHEAST POLLINATOR CENSUS

August 21-22, 2026

Your participation helps us understand and protect native pollinator populations --right here in Mississippi!

1. Print your data sheet at GSePC.org
2. Pick a plant
3. Set a timer for 15 minutes. Start counting!
4. Share your final results at GSePC.org

LEARN MORE AT:

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!
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GET INVOLVED

INTEREST FORM

Are you interested in learning more about our program or getting involved with our Native Plant Producer Network? If so, please fill out this form with your respective interests and we will be in touch soon!

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Visit msucoastal.com/nppn/ for more information.

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