

Sustainable Resources

The U.S. Botanic Garden works with numerous organizations to increase awareness of native plants, protect endangered plants and promote conservation practices:

The **North American Orchid Conservation Center** is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and the U.S. Botanic Garden and other private organizations to conserve, cultivate and restore North America's native orchids.

Fighting Invasive Plants! The Mid-Atlantic region is overrun with non-native, invasive plants. The USBG worked with **The Nature Conservancy** and **National Geographic** on an educational program, brochure and wallet card aimed at engaging citizens to help save our native habitats.

The **Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water** is working with the USBG on low-impact development techniques, also known as Green Infrastructure. The USBG are also collaborating on reducing or eliminating storm water runoff at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory. See our Rain Garden on the Conservatory website for more information on this step of this work.

Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) US, Greenbelt Native Plant Center and USBG are working together on **Seeds of Success (SOS)** seed collection program. We collect seeds of native Mid-Atlantic species for long-term storage, research and production to keep native plants from becoming threatened.

BGCI US, the **Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University** and USBG partnered to assess the status of endangered plants in North America. **Conserving Threatened Plants: Progress report on Target 8 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation** serves as a baseline and is reported as the official North America Target 8 of the Convention on Biodiversity.

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