

# SUSTAINABLE GARDENING INSTITUTE, INC.



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## Explore the [Sustainable Gardening Library](#)

*What you'll find and where it is*

SGI's Sustainable Gardening Library is device-responsive, meaning that the software detects what platform you are using to access it and renders the library in the format that is most appropriate for your device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone).



### Search by Sustainable Gardening Topic

This is the heart of SGI's Sustainable Gardening Library, which presents research, educational, and general information in a variety of formats on more than 30 topics that tackle the best ways to garden, farm, and create infrastructure sustainably.

Topics are arranged alphabetically and represented by an iconic image, in order to help you find what you are searching for quickly and easily. Each map has a USDA Hardiness Zone layer, to assist you in finding information from content providers who work under the same growing conditions you do, even though they may be in a different geographic region.

1. Just ***click on an image*** to go to a map that shows the locations of public gardens, arboreta, colleges and universities, and government agencies that have posted information to the Library on that topic.
2. Once on the map, ***click a desired location to open its pop-up***, which contains the content provider's address, contact information, website link, and a brief description.
3. To see what a collaborator has posted about your selected topic, ***select Click here to link to content*** and you'll be taken to a pdf list of files.
4. ***Click on the name of the file*** you'd like to review and you'll be taken to that document, image, video, etc.

*Please Garden Responsibly*



## Search About Contributing Organizations

This section of the Sustainable Gardening Library provides a more detailed description of all of our collaborating institutions and maps their locations. The map changes dynamically to zoom in on the location of each collaborator as you scroll down the page.

Click the location to open a pop-up on these collaborator maps to view the content provider's address, contact information, and website link. At the bottom of each description, you can click on [Click here to access entire list of contributor resources](#) to see a pdf list, with live links, of everything that collaborator has posted in our Library. Organizations are listed alphabetically.



## Featured Garden

Most public gardens can't be thoroughly explored or enjoyed in a single day. You can use our tour to map out your visit before you leave home, or use it while you're there to prioritize which features you want to see first. Or, just take a virtual tour of one of our finest gardens from your easy chair, on a rainy afternoon.

Zoom in for a closer view. The Featured Garden tour keys captioned photos to a satellite image of the garden, so you can see where you are and how to get to your next stop, just as you would with a visitor's map.



## EcoRegions

This app combines the EPA Level III Ecoregions of North America & USDA Plant Hardiness Zones interactive GIS maps. When you click on a location, popups provide the plant hardiness zone and links to soils, climate, vegetation, hydrology, terrain, wildlife, and land use descriptions for nearly 200 different North American Ecological Regions. Plant Hardiness Zones denote areas of similar temperature ranges that determine the types of plants that can survive within that zone.

We recommend zooming-in prior to activating a popup in order to narrow results. You can toggle the layers to view the maps separately or together, as well as to turn the map legends on and off.



## Location of Contributors

This app allows you to search by the name, or any part of the name, of a collaborating organization. It quickly zooms into the collaborating organization's street map location and opens a pop-up that displays the organization's name, address, phone number, and website. You can also open the pop-up by clicking on the map pin.

The app is intended to help you navigate to the contributor's location while traveling or making travel plans.



## 3 Ways to Use This Library

A quick overview of the Library. A short version of Explore.



## Explore

*You are here.* Explains what you'll find in the Sustainable Gardening Library and where it is located.



## Collaborator FAQs

Frequently asked questions for organizations that want to post information to the Sustainable Gardening Library. Describes the types of organizations we host, how to apply, how long it takes, etc.



## Library FAQs

Questions we've been asked during the Library's development.



## People Are Talking

Takes you to the [\*What People Are Saying\*](#) page of The Sustainable Gardening Institute, the 501(c)3 organization that publishes the Library. Find out what our early adapters and collaborators have to say about their Library experience.



For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit the Sustainable Gardening Institute [website](#) .