FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
Policies and Procedures

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Description Native Plant Policy
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Policy:

Missouri State University strives to provide landscaping for the public that provides a diversity of native plant species, and is sustainable in design and maintenance practices.

I. Benefits of using native plants to the southwest region of Missouri
   A. Provides wildlife habitat
   B. Conserves utilities
   C. Demonstrates sustainable native plant uses in the landscape

II. Diversity of Native Plants
   A. Missouri State University strives to use plant species that are naturally found and adapted to local climate and soil conditions, and that provide aesthetics and year round interest
   B. By using native plants, the university provides education in natural and sustainable landscaping
   C. Native plantings will be appropriate for the site conditions, including sun, shade, soil type, and water needs

III. Areas of Exceptions
   A. Missouri State University aims to use native plants in the landscape with the following exceptions:
      1. Athletic and practices fields
      2. Student-operated vegetable garden
      3. Designated annual flower beds
      4. Themed planting beds or gardens.