

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN TALKING POINTS/REQUIREMENTS

Usually **schools or places of worship** have Demonstration Gardens. But a different nonprofit could have one.

A Demonstration Garden must have:

- An overall design and ongoing plan for maintenance.
- A steward or gardening committee
- An institution that will tend to the garden if its steward is unavailable long-term.
- Many native plants [can have non-natives too]
- Sustainable gardening practices [e.g., compost, reduced watering, rain garden, no insecticides/herbicides or other elements]
- Focus on Birds and Pollinators
- Educational signs that are positioned near the plants they represent.
 - If the garden is redesigned or the plants are moved, the signs should be moved too.
- Steward/s willing to share regarding sustainable gardening practices.

Post 1-3 of the NHE signs. Do not have to post all.

Current Demonstration Gardens:

- **Chiaravalle Montessori School**, 425 Dempster, Evanston
- **Lake St. Church**, 607 Lake St, Evanston
- **Orrington Elementary School**, 2636 Orrington Ave, Evanston
- **St. Nicolas Parish**, 806 Ridge Ave, Evanston
- **Washington Elementary School**, 914 Ashland Ave, Evanston