



## COASTAL GARDENING COURSE:

Entrance Fee: \$280

Dates: 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1, 6/8 and Saturday 6/20

Time: Monday nights from 6pm to 8pm and field trips Saturday 6/20 from 10am to 3pm

Gardeners are problem-solvers. Our proximity to water bodies such as the Long Island Sound and the Hudson River present area gardeners with a unique opportunity to make wise choices about how we garden, how we enrich our soils and how we keep our nearby fresh and salt waterways healthy.

This course has a two-fold purpose: education and outreach related to gardening practices with a greater awareness of the Long Island Sound estuary that connects our landscapes to waterways.

**EDUCATION.** The course explores features of our garden practices that have a direct impact on the quality of our ecosystems. New gardeners have a chance to discover the best landscape practices. Those familiar with gardening have a chance to reconsider more environmentally appropriate approaches.

**OUTREACH.** Spread the word in 10 hours of community stewardship. Enrollment in Coastal Gardening is based on the assumption that participants will share what they've learned with others. This outreach may take a variety of forms: neighborhood conversations, social media photos or posts, letters to an editor, event information tables, speaking at libraries and other public venues. A Coastal Gardening sign will be awarded after the completion of the course, including field trips and the 10 hours of volunteer service. The hope is that the sign displayed in a home garden also serves as a conversation starter for outreach in your neighborhood.

COURSE FORMAT. In person and online learning experiences are included in this course. Coastal Gardening course materials are found in the Canvas learning online classroom platform. We will meet in person for field trips after the modules have been completed. For the most part, class members have access to speakers, videos, movies, websites and other reading materials on their own schedule. Each module contains two lectures, resources to view and read and activities for more hands-on experience. Although a smart phone provides access to content, a laptop or tablet may provide an easier platform for navigating course materials.



#### Course Outline

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| Module ONE      | Living by the Sea                           |
| Module TWO      | Water Wise                                  |
| Module THREE    | Right Plant, Right Place                    |
| Module FOUR     | Soil Solutions                              |
| Module FIVE     | Community Stewardship                       |
| Field Trips     | Field site visits                           |
| Final Gathering | Sharing Stewardship Experiences Celebration |