We have established native plant & pollinator gardens within administrative sites on all of our Eastern Region Forests – in 17 states. To date we have developed over 40 native plant and pollinator administrative gardens to engage the public in landscaping with native plants which serves to decrease the use of fossil fuels, pesticides, and water. Our gardens provide viewing opportunities to learn more about our very important native butterflies and bees and the essential ecosystem services they provide – pollination.

We also harvest the seed from these gardens for use in our Forest restoration activities. Lastly, the gardens at our offices provide easily accessible educational opportunities for adults and children to interact with important components within a natural community.

So far seven of these gardens have been designated as Wildflower Viewing Areas with more as the gardens are completed, signed, and interpreted. Find out where they are located at http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/.

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