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Lake Hopatcong Foundation offering native plants at annual sale

Landing, N.J. (April 26, 2023) – The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is thrilled to announce its seventh annual native plant sale is now open and features more than 45 varieties of plants native to New Jersey.

"We are excited to offer a wide selection of native plants, including favorites like milkweed, phlox, and butterfly weed, some lesser-known varieties such as black cohosh, boneset, and horsemint, and even a few new additions to our sale like bright yellow wingstem and charming dogtooth daisies," said Lake Hopatcong Foundation Board Chair Marty Kane. "These plants are not only beautiful, but they also play an important role in supporting our local ecosystem."

Online ordering will be available through 6 pm, Thursday, May 4 at <u>LHFplantsale.givesmart.com</u>. Pickup for online purchases and an in-person sale for any remaining plants will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation office, 125 Landing Road, Landing.

Native plants are critical to the health of our environment, providing habitat for pollinators, insects, and wildlife, as well as contributing to the health of our soil and water systems. They are also more adapted to local growing conditions and require less maintenance than non-native plants, making them a sustainable and cost-effective choice.

"The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is committed to protecting the lake and its surrounding watershed, and our annual native plant sale is one way we can help promote sustainable practices in our community," said Lake Hopatcong Foundation Communications Director Holly Odgers. "It's a great opportunity for area residents to enhance their gardens and improve the health of our local environment."

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey's largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit <u>lakehopatcongfoundation.org</u>.

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The Lake Hopatcong Foundation will hold its annual native plant sale online from April 25 to May 4.