

Why native plants?

Assumptions

- Most all re-seed or propagate in favorable environments. *If they like it, they will fill the empty space on their own.*
- Favorable environments are usually broad, e.g. full sun to part shade, and dry to average. *They are not fussy.*
- They require less watering, fertilizer, and pesticides. *They like our soil.*
- Contingency plan as water/HOA costs climb. Future-proof our Master Plan if extreme weather puts pressure on our hews and boxwoods.

Possible applications at Tomahawk Creek

Can native plants help us?

- Augment the Master Plan for areas without water. Allow us to fill in blank dry beds next year. If successful it could reduce pressure to replace our irrigation system?
- Plant the wetlands to reduce mowing footprint
- Beautify the bend in the big pond that collects trash
- Solve grass-challenged eroded “lawn” by the big pond
- Plant wet area below retaining wall by Bld18 and Bld21

Recommendation - a Prototype?

Test our Assumptions

- Select bed(s) to plant native shrub(s), and ask:
 - How long to grow from seedlings?
 - Do they really self-propagate?
 - Do we like the way they look?
 - Are they thriving in our soil, and dry places?
 - How much water does it take to establish new plants?

Recommendation to the Board

For the Prototype

- 11626 west side bed (16' x 4')— hot, dry, no water, but the corner floods
- Estimated Cost: under \$200
- Labor would be donated by Landscape Committee to purchase, plant and water