



Landscape Aesthetics

*Where does the ideal landscape we
seek come from?*



Influence

Community aesthetics influences
the desired landscape vernacular



Nantucket

The vernacular of Nantucket largely revolves around a picturesque landscape with lawn and lush gardens.



(Dan Sutherland, 2020)

Iconic Nantucket Plant Palette

Over and over the same plant palette is requested without consideration of the impact to the environment



1

Hydrangeas



2

Roses



3

Privet Hedges

Iconic Nantucket Plant Palette

Slight variation occurs, but still
requires loads of resources to
thrive



4

Russian Sage



5

Catmint



6

Boxwood

Effortless Landscape

Taking clues from native ecological
plant communities and applying
what naturally occurs into man-
made landscapes



(Dan Sutherland, 2020)

Native Seascape

Nantucket's diverse coastal zones



(Dan Sutherland, 2021)





Co- *Habitation*

Sculpting the outdoor living space
into the native setting



(JB Builders, 2019)



Co- *Habitation*

Taking care to tread gently on
sensitive sites



(Jeff Allen, 2020)

Seascape Plant Palette

Nantucket coastal vegetation consist of a diverse layer of grasses, perennials, shrubs & trees. Here are a few



1

Beach Grass



2

Beach Rose



3

Beach Plum

Seascape Plant Palette

Plant palettes that incorporate native vegetation create a harmonious blend between the built and existing landscape



4

Bayberry



5

Viburnum



6

Pine Trees

Native Meadows

Nantucket's Meadows and
Grasslands



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Co- *Habitation*

Gentle quality of a true Nantucket meadow is something to behold



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Co- *Habitation*

These meadows are great for biodiversity, wildlife, and protect our precious resources



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Co- *Habitation*

Creating smaller footprints for the
home landscape



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Co- *Habitation*

Integrating natural areas into the
disturbed land



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Co- *Habitation*

Embracing what is beautiful rather
than trying to compete with it



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Meadow Plant Palette

Nantucket meadows consist of a diverse layer of grasses, perennials, shrubs & trees. Here are a few



1

Fescue



2

Pennsylvania
Sedge



3

Little Blue Stem/
Big Blue Stem

Meadow Plant Palette

Other species that are naturally found in meadows and worthy of a place in anyone's plant palette



4

Switch Grass



5

Golden Rod



6

Soft Rush

*How do we alter our
approach to seek
what is easy rather
than what is
difficult?*



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