



# *SAFE HARBOR*

The objective of the Safe Harbor Program is to Preserve and/or Restore native “backyard” habitat for the benefit of migrating and resident birds, butterflies, etc. This will be accomplished through a program of Information, Incentive, and Recognition involving all landowners in Stone Harbor. The Garden Club of Stone Harbor and the Realty Owner Association are jointly sponsoring this program.

Homeowners will learn to recognize beneficial native trees, shrubs, and plants that exist on their property and preserve these plantings while planning to add more. Gardeners will have information and guidance to help them create ideal conditions in their “backyard” habitat for the well being of birds and butterflies.

Landowners who are planning renovations or new construction will have the information they need to know which plantings to preserve as changes take place on their property. If plantings must be removed for building purposes, they will have guidelines for replacing them with beneficial native trees, shrubs, and plants.

If the ecology of our backyard habitat is negatively affected by changes on a neighboring property (lots which are totally cleared for construction), we will have information and the tools we need to make additions and changes to our existing plantings to compensate for the habitat that has been lost. Perhaps, with advance knowledge of pending construction, informed property owners can help by persuading neighbors to preserve native plantings on their property wherever possible.

A special feature of the Safe Harbor Program is our plan to recognize landowners who garden with preservation of backyard ecology in mind. We will offer an application process for all in Stone Harbor.

More Info: How to enjoy a habitat-friendly garden  
Plantings to attract Birds, Butterflies, Hummingbirds & Moths

