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.

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Iconic Nantucket Plant Palette

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

- Beach Grass
- Beach Rose
- Beach Plum
Plant palettes that incorporate native vegetation create a harmonious blend between the built and existing landscape.
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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