

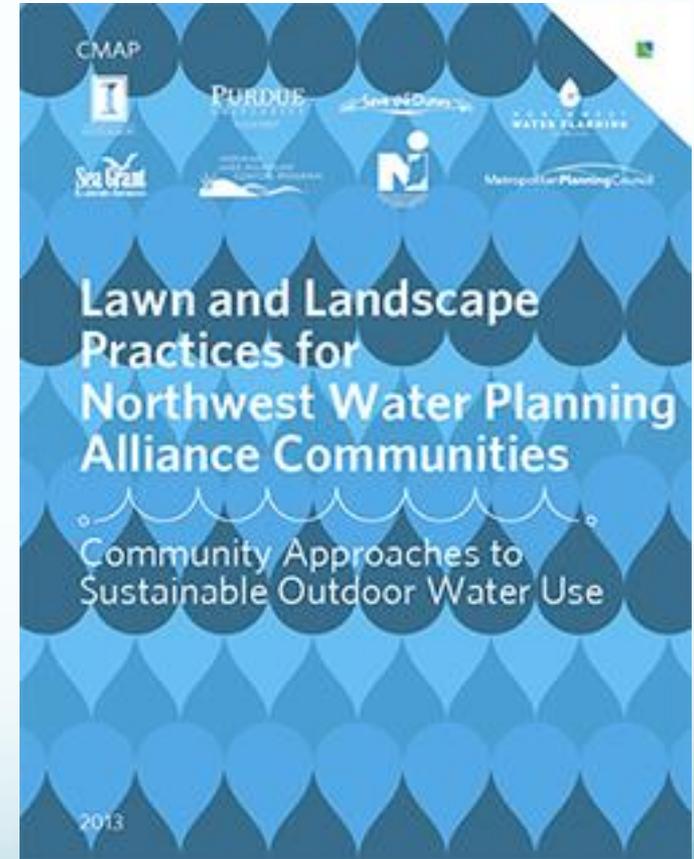
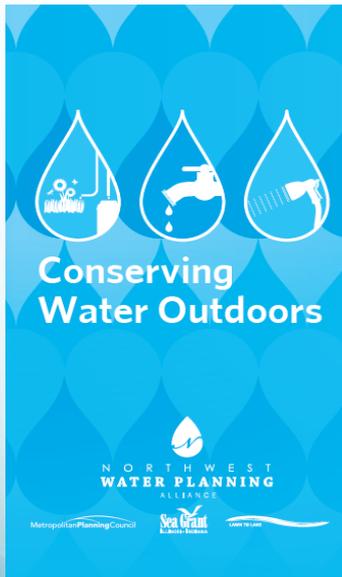
Lawn to Lake: Natural Lawn Care

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NWPA Resources

- Available at: <http://www.nwpa.us/resource-center.asp>



Up Next...

- There is interest in warm season grasses
- Grass selection/alternatives in general



Proposed Outline

- Turfgrass 101
 - Species vs cultivars; mixes vs blends
 - Warm vs cool
- Setting the stage for your selection
 - Consider your environment
 - Sunlight vs shade; soil; drainage; pests/diseases
 - Expectations
 - Uses: low vs high traffic; play surface; etc.
 - Inputs: effort; time; money; fertilizer; water
- Best practices for a healthy lawn
 - Mow to 3"; cut 1/3 of the blade at a time, leave clippings; aerate; IPM; etc.

Proposed Outline, cont.

- Cool season cultivars (improved for drought resistance)
 - Options (i.e. tall fescue, A-List) http://a-listturf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Approved-Varieties_2018.pdf
 - Considerations (how much water is actually required/let it go dormant)
- Warm season
 - Options (i.e. buffalo grass; zoysiagrass)
 - Considerations (shorter green period; winterkill)
- Alternative landscaping (native grass and plant ideas)
 - Options (i.e. shrink yard and edge with natives; something like IDOT wetland grass and sedge mix or “No Mow”)

Thoughts?

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