Rewilding Home Garden Open House Sunday, August 6, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

The Assembly Green Team invites everyone to visit any or all of the properties below during our Open House to see examples of "rewilding" our yards. Rewilding is an idea championed by Doug Tallamy to use our private property to promote biodiversity and provide habitat for insects, birds and mammals. For those interested in learning even more, this concept will also be explored in our Second Hour option (August 13, 20, 27) on "Rewilding: Nature's Best Hope."

1. Joel and Patricia Ebersole Zwier, 916 S. 7th St

We have a native shrub and plant landscape designed and installed by a landscaper with two exceptions: Patricia's flower bed and Joel's vegetable and fruit garden.

2. Patrick Coonan and Dominique Burgunder-Johnson, 1726 S. 13th St

We live on a half acre lot in the College Farm neighborhood. Four years ago, Patrick began to develop a forest garden (or edible jungle ... you be the judge) in the backyard by planting out uncommon fruiting trees and berry shrubs alongside native wildflowers and perennial vegetables. Stop by to learn about dozens of native perennials and get ideas about how to incorporate them into a small-scale home landscape.

3. Dennis and Susan Mark Landis, 820 Steury Ave*

Double Oak is 35 acres inside the city limits, 20 acres of which are wetlands and 34 acres in the Indiana wildlands program. Dennis has worked diligently to rid the woods of invasives but only scratched the surface. Susan tends mostly native flower gardens. You are welcome to walk the woods paths, but please wear closed shoes and socks and a hat to avoid poison ivy and ticks. GPS often doesn't work for our address so use the map. Please drive 15 mph past the neighbors on Herman.

4. Ruth Kauffmann and Brian Roots, 417 S. 6th St

We have a small urban lot with native plant beds and a small vegetable garden, native shrubs and ground covers, along with a few non-native flowers and plants.

^{*} Note directions on the back for Susan and Dennis' property.

