



Homegrown National Park

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The session will focus on the concept for Homegrown National Park (HNP): a national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our yards, communities, farms, and surrounding lands by reducing lawn, planting native, and removing invasives. Our parks, preserves, and remaining wildlands – no matter how grand in scale – are too small and separated from one another to sustain the native trees, plants, insects and animals on which our ecosystems depend. We can fix this problem by practicing conservation outside of wildlands, where we live, work, shop, farm, and ranch by restoring 20 million acres with native plants, an area representing $\frac{1}{2}$ of what is now in lawn, as well as millions more acres in agriculture and woodlands. If many people make small changes, we can restore healthy ecological networks and weather the changes ahead.

We are thrilled **Dr. Douglas Tallamy** agreed to pre-record the keynote address for MIU 2025.

