Lane’s gardens are self-sustaining landscapes requiring very little water once established and do not require fertilization.

This strategy relies on leaving the majority of leaf litter in place to decompose and provide self-fertilization.
Lane’s grounds have been certified as wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. We are committed to providing the elements needed for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover, and places to raise young.
Habitat around Building 6
Grasses and meadows are maintained by mulch mowing.

Meadows are maintained by infrequent mowing and at a height that enables wildflowers to bloom and propagate.
In the last 10 years, 450 trees have been planted on the 30th Avenue campus.
Landscapes are chemical free and maintained and pruned to insure plant health and natural development.

Weeds are controlled by hand removal, spot burning, and with plantings.
Our gardens use a minimum of 60% native plant material.

Non-native plants may be included if they provide a benefit for wildlife and are not invasive.
Native Plants:

1. Use less water
2. Adapt to climate & soil
3. Are more disease resistant
4. Are more low-maintenance
5. Stabilize soil
6. Filter storm water more effectively
7. Support wildlife above and below ground
Each year, Lane replaces some non-native and water intensive turf landscapes with water saving, habitat friendly gardens.