

# Landscape Architecture



## Native Plants From The Chesapeake Bay

Though not one of the ten 2005 Solar Decathlon contests, the team believes that sustainability is not just about the built house. It is also about how the house interacts with the land.

To keep with this vision, the team selected plants native to the Maryland Chesapeake Bay region in the home's landscaping. Native plants showcase the diversity of Maryland's ecosystem and illustrate that a beautiful and intriguing landscape design can be created using only plants found locally.

Several team members, including Landscape Architecture students Chris Long and Shivane Padilla, visited Chesapeake Native Nursery of Davidsonville, Maryland, to collect native plants for the landscaping. Nursery director Dr. Sara Tangren, a Maryland alumni, led the



team members through the nursery and farm. Overall, two pick-up truck loads of plants were collected.

## Back On Campus

Plants were re-potted at the University of Maryland greenhouse where they were cared for until the competition.

