## **Claudia's Biography:**

Ms. Thompson founded Grow Native Massachusetts in 2010 and has been recognized nationally as a leader in the native plant movement. She has had an extensive career in the environmental sector, including past roles as Director of Education for the Appalachian Mountain Club, Director of Drumlin Farm for Mass Audubon, and serving for nine years on the board of the New England Wild Flower Society. She is a strong advocate for the importance of land stewardship on all lands— large and small— and believes that conservation begins at home. We must change the paradigm that views humans as separate from nature, and adopt a 21st century attitude toward conservation that views human activity as integral to the natural world. Claudia's happiest moments are spent in her own gardens, watching a diverse array of hawks, migrating songbirds, and even rare species such as woodcocks— all taking sustenance and utilizing the habitat she and her husband have created on a relatively small parcel in urban Cambridge.



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