

## Using Mother Nature against Mother Nature



Flowers will be deep rooted to conserve water and fertilizer.

Photos Gint Federas



Flowers like this Lupine are growing in pots.

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The Federases will be planting numerous flowers for year-round and ever-changing colors. “They are all going to be native, deep rooted flowers like black eyed Susans, echinacea, salvia, lupine, milkweed and African daisies,” Federas said. “It’s important to have them be deep rooted natives because once they deep root, you don’t have to water or fertilize them anymore and they are low maintenance. They’ll seek their own water in the hillside. The tubes shade the dirt below and reduce evaporation, like adding six inches of mulch on top of the soil. Plus, these flowers will attract bees and butterflies and aren’t liked by deer. They will bloom from early spring through late fall. On the shady side, we’re planting Coleus and hosta.”

How many flowers overall will be planted on the property? Thousands and thousands, and then some.

It was on [Greenhorizonsenvironmental.com](http://Greenhorizonsenvironmental.com) where Federas originally learned about Grosoxx which was invented by Rod Taylor. What must be most satisfying for Federas and his wife is that same website which lists the successful projects using their Grosoxx, the Federas Residence is prominently listed as a case study to emulate.

Federas has been sharing his work on Facebook and welcomes any questions that anyone might have if they are faced with a similar project.

Federas’ next project? “Sleep.”

**Correction:** In the May 26 article, “The shocking truth about GFCI outlets,” the terms “line” and “load” were swapped; the correct explanation should have read as follows: The outlet has two sets of screws for connecting wires, one is marked Line, where the power comes in, and the other is Load, where the wire and power continue to the next outlet.