Catherine Zimmerman, an award-winning director of photography, celebrates her 40th year as a documentary filmmaker, working primarily on education and environmental issues. Environmental videos of hers include global warming documentaries for CNN Presents and New York Times Television; Save Rainforests/Save Lives, Freshfarm Markets, Wildlife Without Borders: Connecting People and Nature in the Americas, and America’s Sustainable Garden: United States Botanic Garden.

Catherine is also a certified horticulturist and landscape designer based in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. She is accredited in organic land care through the Northeast Organic Farmers Association and has designed and taught a course in organic landscaping for the USDA Graduate School Horticulture program.

In writing the book and filming the video, *Urban & Suburban Meadows,* Catherine created a stunning and enticing introduction to meadowscaping that will encourage her readers do away with pesticides, reduce lawn and return their land to a beautiful, natural habitat for native plants and wildlife. Catherine’s latest film release, *Hometown Habitat*, *Stories of Bringing Nature Home,* is a collaboration with Dr. Douglas Tallamy. The documentary explores how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local eco-systems. Included are inspiring stories of habitat heroes across the countries, who are working to bring back nature in their hometowns.

Catherine hopes that these projects will help fire up the movement toward making natural landscapes the new landscaping norm.