One way to build demand for better pots for our planet is to start asking for them. Landscape designers joining the Healthy Pots, Healthy Planet effort should consider adding a project note to their planting plans, specifically requesting plants grown in more sustainable pots. Currently, it is unlikely that such products are widely available, but the intention is to begin these conversations so that suppliers understand there is a strong desire for better options.

For the project note, we suggest the following language:

To the greatest extent possible, source plants grown in bioplastic or biobased containers, or reused or recycled plastic containers. Designer will discuss available options with contractor/supplier, and seek local available recycling options as necessary.