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## Adapting to Nature's Challenges: How Herbaceous Plants Thrive in Different Climates and Soils

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. An adaptation of herbaceous plants in wet environments is the presence of water-repellent leaves, which help prevent waterlogging and fungal infections.
2. Other examples of phenotypic plasticity in herbaceous plants include changes in flower color, leaf orientation, or stem elongation in response to environmental cues.
3. Diverse root structures are important for herbaceous plants in different soil conditions because they allow them to access nutrients and water efficiently, anchor the plant securely, and adapt to changing soil conditions.
4. Human activities such as deforestation, urbanization, and agriculture can affect the ability of herbaceous plants to adapt to their environment by altering habitats, disrupting natural processes like nutrient cycling or pollination, and introducing invasive species or pollutants.

