**6.1 POLICY**

**6.1.1 Purpose and Intent**

1. The purpose of this section is to enhance the appearance and environment of the Town of Strasburg by providing minimum standards for tree cover requirements, buffer areas, basic landscaping, landscaping of public streets, storm water management areas, parking lots, residential lots, and screening and by encouraging the conservation of the Town native woodlands. Further, the purpose of this section is to improve the safety of citizens by establishing minimum standards for the treatment of trees impacted by new development. These provisions will contribute to the quality of life of the Town. The preservation and planting of trees will aid in stabilizing the environment's ecological balance by contributing to the processes of air purification, oxygen regeneration, ground water recharge, and storm water runoff retardation, while aiding in noise, glare, and heat abatement. Woodland conservation, replanting and reforestation standards are also appropriate and essential to ensure that the Town's native woodlands are preserved and replenished, as well as for maintaining and creating wildlife habitats.
2. In the furtherance of the general policy above, a development proposal may include a comprehensive landscaping plan. The comprehensive landscaping plan must be submitted with the preliminary or sketch plan and shall reflect the intent of the tree cover provisions of this section. Recognition shall be given to the fact that each site has its own unique character, and the purpose of the comprehensive landscaping plan is to tailor the tree cover provided to the unique character of the site on a case-by-case basis. Accordingly, a comprehensive landscaping plan, which complies with the intent and purpose of this section, shall not be required to show literal compliance with every minimum standard set forth in this section, and when approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator, shall control the development of the site with respect to tree cover only. All other landscaping requirements shall be fulfilled as required under this section.

**6.1.2 Definitions**

The following standards and terminology shall apply to the design, submission requirements, installation, and maintenance of all required buffer areas, basic landscaping, screening, street planting, storm water management facility landscaping, and establishment and preservation of woodland conservation areas:

1. Buffer Area: A buffer area is a strip of land that preserves existing vegetation and/or contains landscaping, possibly in combination with a man-made barrier (e.g., fence, wall, earthen berm), located along the common property line of two dissimilar abutting land uses or properties, between a storm water management facility and buildings, or where proffered.
2. Tree Cover Requirements: A requirement referring to the preservation and/or planting of trees within a project to the extent that at maturity of ten years after planting, a minimum tree cover shall be provided.
3. Basic Landscaping: The introduction or selective retention of flourishing trees and shrubs carefully selected and arranged to perform a design purpose or environmental function, such as controlling visual direction, providing definition to architecture, modifying climate, filtering air pollution, controlling runoff and erosion, and establishing a wildlife habitat. Basic landscaping includes parking lot landscaping, storm water management landscaping, street planting and residential landscaping and may be counted towards the tree cover requirement.
4. Conservation Areas - areas designated for a specific environmental purpose or purposes including but not limited to best management practices, tree preservation, stream protection, buffering, etc., during the development review process and generally intended to remain undisturbed except for re-vegetation or planting of trees as approved by the Department of Public Works and/or Planning and Zoning Administration. Conservation areas are to be conveyed, with appropriate restrictions as to use, to a fee title owner, a bona fide homeowner’s association or other entity that would maintain the conservation area in perpetuity.
5. Screening: A natural or physical barrier providing a visual separation for loading areas, trash receptacles, maintenance and storage areas and consisting primarily of opaque fences or walls, berms and/or evergreen trees and shrubs.
6. Specimen Tree: A tree having a diameter, measured at four and one-half (4.5) feet above the ground, of thirty (30) inches or more, or a tree having a diameter measuring seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the diameter of the current state champion of that species; includes county and state champion trees.
7. Street Planting: Planting used in a specific relationship to the street which defines the street space with overhead canopy and with a vertical element, i.e., the trunk. Street planting generally provides a street with an aesthetic appearance, connecting disparate elements along its course.
8. Tree Preservation Area: A defined area intended for the purpose of preserving an individual tree or a biotic community dominated by tree species and/or other woody plants.
9. Comprehensive Landscaping Plan: An overall landscaping plan for a large or multi-phased site which shows how the tree cover requirement will be met by the phases or sections covered by the preliminary and/or sketch plan as a whole, rather than phase by phase or section by section; and which evidences compliance with the purpose and intent of this section. The proposed plan will show the locations and dimensions, where appropriate, of all tree save areas, buffers, screening, tree coverage, and landscaped areas on the site.

**6.1.3 Applicability**

1. Buffer areas, basic landscaping, tree cover requirements, and screening shall be provided for all development plans, where required by the Zoning Ordinance, and in accordance with this Chapter.
2. On sites for which a comprehensive landscaping plan is submitted and approved, the comprehensive landscaping plan shall govern development of the site with respect to tree cover and tree preservation. Where no comprehensive landscaping plan is submitted and approved, the standards contained in this section shall serve as minimum standards for development. However, the standards are not intended to be arbitrary or to inhibit creative solutions. Project or site conditions may arise where normal compliance is impractical or impossible, or where maximum achievement of the objectives can only be obtained through alternative compliance.
3. Requests for alternative compliance may be made for a buffer or landscaping standard specified in this Chapter and shall be reviewed when one or more of the following conditions are present:
4. Topography, soil, vegetation, or other site conditions are such that full compliance is impossible or impractical, or improved environmental quality would result from the alternative compliance.
5. Space limitations, unusually shaped lots, and prevailing practices in the surrounding neighborhood may justify alternative compliance for in-fill sites, and for improvements and redevelopment in older communities.
6. Change of use on an existing site increases the buffer area required by this Chapter of this manual more than it is feasible to provide.
7. Safety conditions make alternative compliance necessary.
8. Requests for alternative compliance shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Administration as part of the site plan submission requirements and shall be accompanied by sufficient explanation and justification, written and/or graphic, to allow appropriate evaluation and decision. The alternative method of compliance must be comparable to the minimum standards in terms of quality, effectiveness, and durability, and shall be limited to the specific project under review. The Planning and Zoning Administrator shall evaluate the alternatives and accept them or modify them.
9. When a site is developed in phases or sections, each phase or section shall contain the required basic landscaping, buffer areas, and tree cover requirement. However, a comprehensive landscaping plan for meeting tree cover requirements may be submitted for the overall project. In such case, tree cover shall be in accordance with the comprehensive landscaping plan, which was submitted and approved as part of the approved preliminary or sketch plan for the entire site. A cumulative tabulation of tree cover from all previously submitted phases or sections covered by the comprehensive landscape plan shall be included with each site plan submitted, which shows details of how the overall canopy coverage is being met.

**6.1.4 Landscape Escrow**

1. An escrow in the form of cash, letter of credit or bond, posted in accordance with the administrative manual shall be posted for all required planting shown on the approved landscape plan. This escrow shall also be used to correct violations for failure to comply with any requirements of this chapter or with the approved plan.
2. Final inspection of all items covered by the landscape escrow shall take place at the time of bond release inspection. If all items are accepted, then the escrow will be released with the bond. However, any requirements covered by the landscape escrow that are not in conformance with the approved plan shall be corrected prior to release of the escrow.

**6.2 PLANNING AND DESIGN**

**6.2.1 Buffer Areas – General**

1. Certain uses, when abutting each other, are incompatible and create conflict that may be reduced or eliminated by appropriate measures. Buffer areas established between incompatible uses minimizes these conflicts and the adverse impacts of essentially incompatible development. These provisions are intended to provide a mechanism whereby adjoining properties may be shielded from the adverse consequences of such development, where buffers separate and partially obstruct the view of incompatible abutting land uses or properties from one another. Buffers may also be required when properties with rezonings or special use permits, and, where certain zoning designations require perimeter buffers.
2. The primary means of buffering should be through the preservation of healthy native woodlands. If preserved native woodlands sufficient to meet the intent of the buffer are not provided, then buffering shall be provided through supplemental landscaping.
3. Except where otherwise permitted in the Zoning Ordinance or by proffers, buildings, structures, retaining walls three (3) feet or greater in height (except where utilized to retain existing vegetative cover), active recreation facilities, parking areas, loading areas, and golf cart paths shall not be located in the buffer areas between dissimilar uses. Sidewalk, trail, and golf cart path crossings may be allowed within a buffer upon approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator, as long as comparable performance standards are maintained.
4. The minimum buffer area width is generally a uniform width across the entire length of the common property line between properties on which uses are located that require a buffer area.
5. Buffer areas shall be established as separate common open space in residential areas when conveyed to a homeowners' association or similar entity created to own and maintain the common open space within the project. Buffer areas platted within residential lots by deed restriction shall be located such as to provide the minimum yard depth and minimum lot size required by the Zoning Ordinance outside of the buffer area. If a homeowners' association is formed, it is required that buffers are established as separate common open space.
6. Minimal utility crossings may be included within a buffer area upon approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator, as long as comparable performance standards are maintained. Landscaping with shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennials may be permitted in utility easements. However, planting of trees in utility easements is not allowed, unless specifically approved by the agency controlling the easement.
7. Any expansion of a nonconforming use shall not be permitted within buffer areas, except as specifically allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.
8. Buffer areas can be penetrated by joint entrances connecting abutting land uses, providing the disturbed area is kept to a minimum.
9. For non-residential lots of three acres or less, up to a 25% reduction of a buffer width shall be allowed for landscaped runoff reduction BMP facilities (bioretention, etc.) and for utility easements proposed parallel to one edge of the buffer. The maximum buffer reduction shall be 25% and shall be as provided in Article 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.
10. For areas within a Planned District and that abut with parcels that are not part of a Planned District, buffer areas between proposed uses should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may be modified through administrative approval by the Planning and Zoning Administrator with consultation of the Public Works Director.
11. Riparian Buffers are measured from each defined edge of an identified watercourse or surface water body at bank full flow or level or shall equal the extent of the 100-year floodplain, whichever is greater.
    * 1. All Site Plans, plats and development plans shall reserve the following riparian protection areas:
12. Ephemeral Stream – 25 feet;
13. Intermittent or Perennial Stream – 50 feet;
14. Shenandoah River – 100 feet.
15. Boundary Adjustments
    1. Boundary Expansion. While the buffer is considered the general standard, there are situations where the presence of an ecologically sensitive area shall require a modification to this buffer width. In order to ensure the protection of stream integrity, the Zoning Administrator may require buffer expansions to accommodate wetlands and areas of steep slope.
    2. Boundary Reductions shall comply with 6.2.2.C.
16. Activity Within RPA;
    1. Existing vegetation within the riparian protection area should be retained to the greatest extent possible.
    2. Best Management Practices should be incorporated into all development proposals.

**6.2.2 Buffer Widths**

1. The buffer area requirements are based on the compatibility between the proposed use and that of the adjoining property. Table 6-1 identifies the minimum buffer area required to be provided by a developing property, based on the compatibility of the proposed use with the existing use of the adjoining property. Any buffer width specified within this part may be waived or modified through a request for a waiver or modification. Requests for modifications or waivers of buffer widths are subject to the review and approval of the director of Planning, with consultation of the Public Works director, as appropriate. Paragraph 'D' of this section is not subject to modification.
2. The following buffers required by the Zoning Ordinance shall be planted as defined in this section. Plant units are as defined in Table 6-4.
3. Railroad Right-of-way. As specified in Section 84-311.02.8, the 100-foot-wide buffer for residential uses that abut a railroad right-of-way shall be planted with 600 plant units per each 100 linear feet and in accordance with the provisions of this section.
4. Existing cemeteries within a developing property shall have a 25-foot-wide perimeter cemetery preservation area. Where a cemetery abuts a property line a buffer as required in Table 6-1 or a 25-foot-wide cemetery preservation area shall be provided, whichever is greater. Dead, diseased, or dying trees or shrubbery, noxious weeds, and non­native invasive species within this cemetery preservation area, in accordance with Section 6.2.10 of this Manual may be removed by hand (that is, without the use of heavy equipment). Removed plants shall be replaced with plantings of native or historical ground covers, including grasses and periwinkle.
5. The buffer width may vary, through an administrative approval process at the time of site plan, by up to twenty percent (20%) from the minimum width required at any point along a property line, as long as the buffer area provided remains equal to the minimum buffer area required along the same property line. The reduction in width shall be allowed only if the adjoining property has provided the full width of the buffer area applicable to it.
6. The required buffer area for a developing property may be provided on the abutting property, if agreed to by the respective owners and the Planning and Zoning Administrator. (This does not release the abutting property from any obligation to meet buffering requirements, should it become a developing property). An agreement among the respective owners and the director of Planning, allocating the present and future buffer areas between the new properties shall be executed and recorded among the land records.
7. The buffer width required in accordance with Table 6-1 may be reduced for one or more land bays of a planned mixed-use development if the following conditions are met:
8. The land bays were part of one single preliminary plan and the final plans are diligently pursued for the individual projects;
9. The reduction will occur on only one side of the common property line; and
10. The maximum reduction allowable is from one buffer category to the next lower one (e.g., from type C to type B or from type B to type A).

**6.2.3 Buffer Plantings**

Where native woodland conservation is not provided to achieve the intent of a required buffer, landscaping shall be provided. The buffer area planting requirements are determined from Table 6-2.

1. To achieve the intent of buffers, the following apply (Note: buffers adjacent to roadways do not need to meet requirement (4), below):
2. A combination of large trees, medium, small and/or compact trees, and shrubs shall be used to achieve the desired buffering effect. The categories of large/medium/small/compact trees are defined in Table 6-T of the Plant Selection Guide.
3. A maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the plant units may be large deciduous trees. A maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the plant units may be large evergreen trees. If large deciduous and large evergreen trees are used in combination, then a maximum of 40 plant units per 100 linear feet of large deciduous and large evergreen trees combined may be used.
4. The use of ornamental grasses, perennials and mulched beds is encouraged. See Table 6-4 for plant unit credits. However, when used, ornamental grasses and perennials (combined) shall not compose more than 25% of the total plant units required.
5. The limits on plant percentages of plant types listed in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, shall be applied along each property line where the buffer is required.
6. All species used shall be indigenous to Virginia, unless otherwise approved by Public Works (see all Tables in the Plant Selection Guide).
7. Requirements for the spacing of the various categories of trees are given in Table 1-1.
8. The proposed combination of plants must yield a total number of plant units equal to or greater than the requirement for the buffer area type. Plant unit equivalencies are in accordance with Table 6-4.
9. Where the buffer width will allow, a berm may be substituted for thirty percent {30%) of the plant unit requirement. The berm should be graded to appear smooth, rounded, and naturalistic. The berm shall be a minimum of four (4) feet higher than the elevation of the adjacent ground. Its slope shall not exceed three-to-one (3:1), except in unusual situations where a two-to-one (2:1) slope would be allowed with special ground cover. In such an instance where the reduction in plant units applies, at least fifty percent (50%) of the plant unit requirement shall be evergreen trees and shrubs.
10. A six (6) foot tall opaque fence (board-on-board, masonry, or similar material) or wall may be substituted for thirty percent (30%) of the plant unit requirement. For non-residential lots of three acres or less, a 6-foot-tall board on board, solid masonry fence/wall, or equivalent barrier may be substituted for 50% of the plant unit required by the Technical Design Manual.
11. When existing woodland is located within the entire minimum buffer area, preservation of the woodland shall be allowed to substitute for the required plant material, provided that:
12. The woodland meets the minimum size requirement of Table 6-7, and
13. The visual screen provided by the woodland meets the intent of this code.

**6.2.5 Buffer Areas Against Vacant Properties**

1. If a developing property with a nonresidential use is adjoining a vacant property zoned or planned residential, the full buffer width, as identified in Table 6-1, shall be provided. If the vacant property is zoned and planned nonresidential and a buffer would be required, the buffer may be reduced to the next lower category. However, at a minimum, Buffer A shall be provided.
2. If a developing property with a residential use is adjacent to a vacant property zoned or planned residential with a different density than the developing lot, and a buffer would be required, the buffer may be reduced to the next lower category. However, at a minimum, Buffer A shall be provided.
3. For the purpose of applying the reduction in buffer width identified above, a vacant property is one which is not occupied, nor is the subject of any development activities planned at the time the buffer reduction is applied.

**6.2.6 Tree Canopy Requirements – General**

Preservation or replanting of trees in a development is required to provide a minimum amount of tree cover which will yield a permanent environmental and aesthetic benefit to the development. Such cover is calculated at ten (10) year maturity of the trees. Compliance with the requirement should be achieved primarily by preserving existing woodland areas.

**6.2.7 Site Planning for Tree Preservation Areas**

Tree preservation areas are for the purpose of retaining undisturbed native forest communities and the benefits associated with them. For this reason, even the retention of dead and dying plant material within a tree preservation area is considered desirable, primarily for the wildlife habitat such trees supply. However, this section shall not be construed to prohibit a developer or builder from removing any dead, dying or damaged tree that poses a threat to either life or structures, as determined by the Planning and Zoning Administrator in concert with the director of Public Works.

1. The following guidelines are to be considered when tree preservation is proposed in a development area:
2. Preservation of the overall composition of the forest stand. Retaining the dominant trees and understory is necessary for the health of the stand.
3. Overall good health, generally free of insects, disease, and of structurally sound condition.
4. Giving preference to groves of young vigorously growing trees, which adapt more readily to changing site conditions.
5. Buildings shall be located a minimum distance of twelve (12) feet from the limits of disturbance line of the tree preservation area, unless otherwise approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

**6.2.8 Standard Field Practices for Tree Preservation Areas**

1. Marking the Limits of Clearing and Grading:
2. Prior to the start of construction, the limits of clearing shall be visibly marked with either tree protection fencing, or surveyor's tape placed on stakes. Markings for the limits of clearing and grading shall not be placed on trees to be saved. The limits of clearing and grading shall not exceed as shown on the approved plans.
3. When the aforementioned marking has been completed, a meeting shall be requested with the director of Public Works to inspect the marked limits of clearing. All clearing limits shall be inspected and approved, prior to any clearing taking place.
4. The permittee has the option to retain additional vegetation over and above that which is required by the approved plan. However, it is recommended that additional vegetated areas on the site that are to be preserved should be protected from encroachment by construction activity. If a natural area or individual tree not shown on the plans to be preserved is retained on site and is intended to be preserved throughout the duration of construction activity, then the permittee should protect these trees the same as designated preservation areas.
5. When areas shown on the approved plans to be preserved do not contain any significant vegetation, it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to obtain approval from the Planning and Zoning Administrator for an exemption from preservation and protection requirements prior to commencing work in the area.
6. If at any time, subsequent to the initial clearing, it becomes necessary to remove additional trees which were shown on the plan to be preserved, the Planning and Zoning Administrator shall be notified and must grant approval prior to performing any additional clearing.
7. Tree Protection Requirements:
8. The permittee shall be responsible for the protection of tops, trunks, and roots of all existing trees, as well as other vegetation to be retained on the site. After vegetation has been removed within the area authorized to be cleared, protective devices shall be installed along the limits of clearing and grading, prior to any construction work beginning on site. Protection shall be maintained until all work in the vicinity has been completed and shall not be removed without the consent of the Planning and Zoning Administrator. If the Planning and Zoning finds that the protective devices are insufficient to protect the vegetation retained on the site, additional protective devices shall be installed to insure adequate protection.
9. Once clearing is completed and protective devices installed, an inspection shall be requested to approve these items prior to commencing further construction.
10. Barricades, with appropriate signs to identify tree preservation areas shall be located along the limits of the clearing line. The limits of clearing and grading line should generally be located at the drip line of the trees to be retained or spaced from the edge of the trunks equivalent to one foot for every inch in the diameter of the trees at breast height (DBH), whichever is greater. The following standards shall apply to the area within the established limits of clearing and grading line.
11. The soil shall not be disturbed or compacted.
12. Heavy equipment, vehicular traffic, stockpiling or any materials, or deposition of sediment, shall not be permitted.
13. Trees being removed shall not be felled, pushed, or pulled into trees being retained. Equipment operators shall not clean any part of their equipment by slamming it against the trunks of trees to be retained.
14. No toxic materials shall be stored within fifty (50) feet of the limits of clearing and grading.
15. Bum pits shall not be permitted within one hundred (100) feet of vegetated area retained, unless approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator. They shall be limited in size so as to not to adversely affect the vegetation.
16. No protective devices, signs, utility boxes, or other objects shall be nailed to the trees to be retained on the site.
17. Additional trees may be left standing as protection between the trunks of the trees to be retained and the limits of grading. If the trunks of trees in this preservation area are more than six (6) feet apart, additional protection devices may be required to prevent passage of equipment and material through the area. When additional trees are used as protection, the limits of clearing shown on the approved plan shall be flagged in the field so that the additional preservation area is delineated. When this method of protection is used, these additional trees shall be removed prior to completion of the project if required by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
18. Sediment-laden runoff shall be diverted away from the preservation area. When the edge of a parking lot abuts a tree preservation area, curb and gutter rolled asphalt or similar type of guttering material shall be used to divert concentrated runoff away from the tree preservation area.

**6.2.9 Dead, Dying, or Damaged Trees**

1. Dead and Dying Trees and Replacements: If any trees shown on the approved plan to be saved are dead or dying, due to acts of negligence by the permittee, they shall be removed and replaced.
   * 1. The number of replacement trees shall be based on guidelines specified by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
     2. The size of replacement trees shall be as specified by the Planning and Zoning Administrator or as set forth in 6.4.1.G.
     3. Replacement trees shall be planted as nearly as possible to the location of the trees which were removed unless other arrangements are agreed to by the owner or the permittee and the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
2. Hazardous Trees:
3. In the event any tree or portion thereof is dead, dying, or damaged, due to construction or environmental changes brought about by construction and/or clearing, and poses a hazard to either life or structures, the permittee shall be required to take such action as required by the director of Public Works to eliminate the hazard carefully.
4. Trees that are required to be removed by the permittee shall be cut down flush with the ground (as low as conditions permit) and cut into movable lengths to prevent the creation of a new hazard. If site conditions interfere with the permittee's ability to do this, then an inspection by Town staff will be necessary to determine if the remaining stump can be left or must be removed by other means.
5. If a stump created by the removal of a hazardous tree is determined by the director of Public Works to pose a hazard in itself, i.e., jagged stumps, stumps of hollow trees, then the stump shall be removed by acceptable means, in conjunction with the removal of the tree.
6. Pruning:
7. In the event any tree or portion thereof is damaged, due to construction or environmental changes brought about by construction and/or clearing and is determined by the Planning and Zoning Administrator to be in a state of decline, the permittee may be required by the Planning and Zoning Administrator to perform remedial action to correct the damage.
8. All pruning of branches shall be done in accordance with ANSI A300, Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance - Standard Practices, published by the American National Standards Institute and by Tree Pruning Guidelines, published by the National Arborist Association. Trees which are further damaged by pruning practices not recognized in the standards above may be rejected, and the trees may be required to be removed and replaced.
9. When pruning above ground level, a climbing method other than one requiring tree spikes shall be used, unless otherwise approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
10. Any damage caused by the permittee to the crown, trunk or root system of trees retained on the site shall be repaired immediately.
11. Remedial treatment required may include pruning, cabling, bracing, fertilization, aeration, and/or vertical mulching.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to obtain written permission from the property owner or his/her agent to enter upon such property for the purpose of complying with the paragraphs above, prior to commencing action. In the event such permission is denied, and such denial is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the director of Public Works, the permittee will be relieved of the obligations under the paragraphs above.
13. When trees must be taken down, removed, or pruned as a result of the paragraphs above, the wood from these operations shall remain the property of the property owner.

**6.2.10 Nonresidential Landscaping – General**

The purpose of landscaping nonresidential developments is to soften the visual impact of large expanses of paving from the right-of-way and from adjacent properties, to provide shaded areas, to control runoff and to assist in meeting clean air goals. This shall be accomplished by parking lot landscaping and providing a landscape strip along the right-of-way, in addition to landscaping around storm water management facilities and along internal streets, where applicable.

**6.2.11 Landscaping Strip Along Right-of-way**

1. For non-residential developments adjacent to a right-of-way, other than "freestanding retail uses" with buildings equal to or exceeding eighty thousand (80,000) square feet, items 1 through 5 are required; Whenever the parking lot of a development meeting the standards of 6.2.13 abuts a right-of-way this Section shall govern.
2. A minimum of ten (10) foot wide landscape strip along the right-of-way shall be provided.
3. Eighty (80) plant units per 100 linear feet are required within this landscape strip. The plant unit credits shall be in accordance with Table 6-4. A maximum of thirty (30) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large deciduous trees. A maximum of forty (40) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large evergreen trees. If large deciduous and large evergreen trees are used in combination, then a maximum of 40 plant units per 100 linear feet of large deciduous and large evergreen trees combined may be used. A maximum of 25% of the plant units required may be ornamental grasses and/or perennials. Given these limits on quantities of certain plant types, a mixture of plant types should be utilized.
4. Utilities and the Landscape Strip: The 10' landscape strip shall be provided outside of all existing and proposed utility easements, except for crossings (meaning perpendicular crossings), unless approved by the utility having the easement.
5. LID in the Landscape Strip: Low Impact Development (LID) features designed to control storm water runoff, that meet the Zoning Ordinance requirements with regard to structures and that employ landscaping in accordance with this section, may be allowed within the ten (10) foot wide landscape strip subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator or designee.
6. A wall cannot be used as an acceptable alternative for landscape strips along the right-of-way.
7. For all "freestanding retail uses" with buildings equal to or exceeding eighty thousand (80,000) square feet, the following is required:
8. A minimum twenty-five (25) foot wide landscape strip along all existing and proposed rights-of-way.
9. One hundred fifty (150) plant units per 100 linear feet of landscape strip. A maximum of thirty (30) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large deciduous trees. A maximum of forty (40) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large evergreen trees. A maximum of 25% of the required plant units may be ornamental grasses and perennials.
10. This landscape strip shall be provided outside of any utility easements or existing or proposed public right-of-way but may contain pedestrian and utility crossings.
11. Plant units shall be in accordance with Table 6-4.

**6.2.12 Perimeter Parking Lot Landscaping**

1. For parking lots of nonresidential developments, which contain twenty (20) spaces or more, and for all townhouse and multi-family developments, any of which abut a property line, and which do not abut buffer areas or other required screening/landscaping, a ten (10) foot landscape strip along the perimeter of the property line shall be required. For the purposes of this section, a parking lot is considered abutting a property line where any part of it is within thirty (30) feet of the property line.
2. Eighty (80) plant units per 100 linear feet are required within this landscape strip. A maximum of thirty (30) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large deciduous trees. The plant unit credits shall be in accordance with Table 6-4. A maximum of forty (40) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large evergreen trees. If large deciduous and large evergreen trees are used in combination, then a maximum of 40 plant units per 100 linear feet of large deciduous and large evergreen trees combined may be used. A maximum of 25% of the plant units required may be ornamental grasses and/or perennials. Given these limits on quantities of certain plant types, a mixture of plant types should be utilized.
3. Utility easements shall not be located in the landscape strips, unless planting in the easement is specifically approved by the entity controlling such easement.
4. Low Impact Development (LID) features designed to control and infiltrate storm water runoff and that employ landscaping in accordance with this section, are encouraged within landscape strips and planting areas described in this section, subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator or designee.

**6.2.13 Interior Parking Lot Landscaping**

1. Any surface parking lot containing twenty (20) or more spaces (except for shopping centers and shopping malls) shall be provided with interior landscaping area covering not less than five percent (5%) of the total area of the parking lot. The total area of a parking lot shall include the parking spaces, planting islands, curbed areas, loading spaces, interior driveways, travelways, and aisles, exclusive of the parking and loading areas for tractor trailer trucks. For shopping centers and shopping malls, see paragraph L, below.
2. Only islands containing large or medium deciduous trees or evergreen trees shall count toward meeting the five percent (5%) requirement. Islands four hundred (400) square feet in area or smaller may not contain evergreen trees, in order to avoid line of sight problems. For the purpose of this section, an island is defined as an area within the perimeter curbing or edge of pavement of the total area of the parking lot (as defined in A above) or an area contiguous to the perimeter curbing or edge of pavement, which protrudes into the parking lot (e.g., comers of parking lots).
3. At least one (1) large or medium deciduous tree or evergreen tree shall be provided for each two hundred (200) square feet of interior landscape area required. These large and medium deciduous trees at planting shall have a clear trunk at least six (6) feet above finish grade.
4. The predominant landscaping materials used to meet the interior parking lot landscaping requirement shall be large and/or medium deciduous trees suitable for a parking lot environment and having a spreading canopy as their typical form. The intent is that deciduous trees capable of providing shade shall be the predominant element of interior parking lot landscaping. Evergreen trees are allowed, due to their desirability as wind and visual breaks, in large parking lots. However, evergreen trees may not be the sole type of tree within any island that contributes to the five percent (5%) requirement. Shrubs and ornamentals may be used to complement the large and medium deciduous trees but shall not count toward meeting the five percent (5%) requirement. Refer to the plant selection guide, for aid in species selection. Designs which make effective use of shrubs and ornamentals and seek credit toward the five percent (5%) requirement are encouraged to be submitted through the use of alternative compliance.
5. The landscape areas shall be reasonably dispersed throughout the parking lot so as to give maximum shading effect over paved surfaces, while minimizing impacts on sight lines and ease of access. However, landscaped areas may be grouped in wide islands at selected locations, if appropriate.
6. Plant material at entrances shall be located so as to maintain safe sight distances in accordance with Town and VDOT standards.
7. Trees in or at the edge of parking lots should be species that branch no lower than eight (8) feet from the ground at maturity, to allow cars and trucks to circulate beneath the canopy without causing damage.
8. Good visibility in the parking lot is important both for security and traffic safety reasons. Plants which restrict visibility, such as tall shrubs and low branching trees, must be avoided.
9. The interior width, soil volume and soil quality of any planting area shall be sufficient to protect the plants and allow for mature growth of the species. Accordingly, the following minimum standards and guidelines are established:
10. A minimum planting area of one hundred fifty (150) square feet of continuous pervious area shall be provided for each tree. No tree planting area shall be less than eight (8) feet wide in any direction with the exception that, if parking spaces are located on only one (1) side of a planting island perpendicular to the parking spaces, then the island may be reduced to a minimum of six (6) feet wide.
11. A curb or similar devices, such as wheel stops or railroad ties, should be installed around the perimeter of all planting areas to prevent contact with the plant material. If a curb or other device is not used, then the soil within the island shall be mounded to a minimum of twelve (12) inches above grade.
12. All planting areas, including parking lot islands, shall contain soils suitable for planting. Soils shall be clean and free of all construction materials. The top three (3) feet of soil shall be loose. If previously compacted, it shall be loosened by tilling or other measure to a depth of three (3) feet. The top six (6) inches of soil shall be clean topsoil, or other clean soils amended with organic material. This requirement shall be met prior to the installation of landscaping.
13. Utility easements shall not be located within the planted portion of parking lot islands, unless planting in the easement is specifically approved by the agency controlling such easement.
14. For freestanding retail uses of eighty thousand (80,000) square feet or greater the requirements of 6.2.14 above shall apply with the following changes:
15. A minimum of ten (10) percent of the total area of the parking lot shall contain landscape areas. Landscape areas may include: plantable areas up to 6' from the perimeter curbing of the parking lot, comer islands, and interior islands.
16. No individual landscape area shall be less than six hundred (600) square feet in size. The minimum dimension shall be twelve (12) feet or greater.
17. All landscaped areas shall be irrigated.
18. For all shopping centers and shopping malls (as defined in the Zoning Ordinance), exclusive of any freestanding retail use of eighty thousand (80,000) square feet or greater, interior planting areas and landscaping shall be provided in addition to and outside of any planting areas and landscaping required by the Zoning Ordinance or Technical Design Manual for buffers, landscape strips along rights-of-way, perimeter parking lot landscaping and storm water management facilities (per Section 6.2.15) as follows:
19. Planting areas equal to or greater than 17% of the total site impervious area for the shopping center shall be provided. These planting areas may be contiguous to perimeter planting areas listed in Paragraph L, however the emphasis shall be on planting areas reasonably dispersed throughout the interior of the site with, as described in Paragraph B, for the purpose of shading the parking lot. Area within a 100-year floodplain shall not be credited toward meeting the 17%.
20. All areas credited toward the 17% shall be landscaped with ornamental grasses, perennials, shrubs and/or trees. Landscaping shall be provided at a rate of 50 plant units per 1OOOsf of the planting area determined under L.1, above. Plant unit credits shall be in accordance with Table 6-4. A minimum of 40% of the plant units required shall be large or medium deciduous trees.
21. The minimum width (i.e., the narrowest dimension) and surface area of all planting areas shall be in accordance with Table PG-2.
22. Any building within a shopping center that has a building footprint of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet shall provide a minimum of one (1) plant unit for each three (3) linear feet of building foundation perimeter. Planting shall be provided interior to the site and within eighty (80) feet of the building foundation, although not necessarily contiguous to the foundation. These planting areas may be credited toward the 17% requirement of paragraph L. l. The remaining planting areas required to meet the I 7% shall be reasonably dispersed throughout the interior of the site.
23. Areas credited toward these requirements shall be clearly identified on the landscape plan.
24. Combining planting areas within the parking lot is encouraged so that they are larger than the minimum set forth in Table PG-2 and more suited to the long-term health of the plant material and to LID practices.
25. Any new building not previously shown on an approved site plan shall meet the requirements of this section. The total site impervious area shall be based on the area occupied by the proposed building, proposed, or required parking (whichever is greater) and all other impervious areas proposed or required as part of the proposed development.

**6.2.14 Landscaping of Storm Water Management Facilities**

1. Landscaping of storm water management facilities is intended to insure that these important urban open spaces are developed in a manner that will yield the greatest environmental and amenity benefit to the community. The plant credits shall be in accordance with Table 8-3. Consideration of the landscape elements of the SWM facility should begin at the concept stage with the formulation of design objectives.
2. For dry ponds, no trees shall be planted on or within twenty (20) feet of the dam embankment, on the emergency spillway, below the 2-year water surface elevation, or on the access road. However, at a minimum:
3. Landscaping shall surround the basin within the storm water management easement.
4. Eighty (80) plant units per 100 linear feet of the 100-year water surface elevation, exclusive of the dam embankment and spillway, shall be provided. A maximum of fifty (50) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large deciduous or large evergreen trees. If large deciduous and large evergreen trees are used in combination, then a maximum of fifty (50) plant units per 100 linear feet of large deciduous and large evergreen trees combined may be used. A maximum of 25% of the plant units required may be ornamental grasses and/or perennials. Given these limits on quantities of certain plant types, a mixture of plant types should be utilized.
5. A combination of shade, ornamental and/or evergreen trees, and shrubs shall be used. Perennials and ornamental grasses may be used.
6. If plantings are approved within the two (2) year water surface elevation they shall be specified as wet-cultivated on the plant schedule.
7. For wet ponds, no trees shall be planted on or within twenty (20) feet of the dam embankment, on the access road, or the emergency spillway. However, at a minimum:
8. Landscaping shall surround the basin within the storm water management easement.
9. Eighty (80) plant units per one hundred (100) linear feet of the 100-year water surface elevation, exclusive of the dam embankment and spillway, shall be provided above the IO­ year water surface elevation. A maximum of fifty (50) plant units per 100 linear feet may be large deciduous or large evergreen trees. If large deciduous and large evergreen trees are used in combination, then a maximum of fifty (50) plant units per 100 linear feet of large deciduous and large evergreen trees combined may be used. A maximum of25% of the plant units required may be ornamental grasses and/or perennials. Given these limits on quantities of certain plant types, a mixture of plant types should be utilized.
10. A combination of shade, ornamental and/or evergreen trees and shrubs shall be used. Perennials and ornamental grasses may also be used.
11. Where possible, shade trees should be planted near the water's edge to moderate thermal impact on the pool, and some open areas provided for access to dredge the facility.
12. Where a wet pond is provided as a golf course feature and does not abut adjacent properties, the landscaping requirements of this Paragraph C.1 through C.7, above do not apply; however, the buffer requirement of section 6.2.2.B.4 shall be met.
13. Where an amenity that is a hard structure (for example, a deck or patio) or where a building is proposed to the water's edge, the length of the 100-year water surface elevation abutting the hard structure or building may be deducted from the linear feet of the 100-year water surface elevation used to calculate the plant units required. This concept of a hard structure shall not include retaining walls, trails/sidewalks, parking lots or features where landscape planting is possible.
14. If plantings are approved below the ten (10) year water surface elevation they shall be specified as wet-cultivated on the plant schedule.
15. Additional area may be needed to fulfill the design objectives. With the overall goal of maximizing the benefits of the facility, objectives such as the following, shall be considered for SWM landscape design:
16. Enhancement of water quality.
17. Creation of passive recreation opportunities.
18. Assurance of aesthetic compatibility with community.
19. Ease of maintenance.
20. To allow flexibility in the planning of landscapes for SWM facilities and to encourage creative and innovative approaches to design, the following criteria shall apply to ensure the safety of the public and the functionality of the facility:
21. Pond slopes shall be three-to-one (3:1) or flatter when existing slopes are three-to-one (3:1) or flatter. Steeper slopes may be approved on a case-by-case basis to allow for the preservation of natural vegetation and topography.
22. Where possible, vegetative strips should be used in place of fencing around outfalls into the pond. These plantings shall be adequate to restrict easy access.
23. Trees or shrubs shall not be allowed around structural items without the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
24. Where required, fences should be compatible with the environmental and architectural surroundings of the facility site.
25. Only herbaceous plants such as low maintenance ground covers and required stabilization grasses/legumes shall be permitted on the dam unless they are associated with plantings on a public road and are approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
26. Rip-rap areas or fill embankments may be screened or enhanced with plant materials.
27. Plantings, bollards (sturdy freestanding posts) or a park-type post and rail may be used to discourage use of grassed areas by vehicles.
28. Opportunities for passive recreation should be provided whenever possible. Fishing, hiking, birding, picnicking, and nature study are among the activities appropriate on many SWM facility sites.
29. When wet ponds are allowed by the Zoning Ordinance to be located in buffer areas, additional landscaping features must be provided to enhance their appearance.

**6.2.15 Optional Street Planting**

1. Street plantings in the right-of-way are optional, however, when provided within the right-of­ way they shall be in accordance with VDOT's Subdivision Street Design Guide. Where VDOT and Town standards differ, stricter standards shall apply. The following requirements are intended to ensure that street trees are selected and planted in a manner that will promote their long-term health and survival, enhancing streets throughout the Town, both visually and environmentally.
2. General Standards for All Street Trees:
3. Trees shall be the primary element of all streetscapes. Complimenting street trees with shrubs, perennials, annuals, grasses, etc. is encouraged.
4. Species Selection. The species (or cultivar) of tree selected for any streetscape design (median or alongside the roadway) shall be compatible with the width and: function of the street and shall be in accordance with Tables PG-3 and 6-T. Generally, all street trees planted along the side of the roadway shall be single stemmed. Multi-stemmed trees may be permitted if selected sizes and varieties or cultivars will not conflict with pedestrian and vehicle movement and at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
5. Only those trees planted within fifteen (15) feet of the curb or edge of pavement shall be considered street trees.
6. The location of street trees shall be designed so as to avoid conflicts with existing and proposed utility easements.
7. Soils (for median or alongside the roadway) shall meet VDOT requirements and specifications. They shall be clean and free of concrete, debris, trash, gravel, or other foreign materials, and shall be loose soils, lightly tamped but otherwise uncompacted.

**6.2.16 Residential Landscaping**

1. Residential Landscaping: The purpose of landscaping residential lots is to provide a minimum amount of tree canopy cover which will yield a permanent environmental and aesthetic benefit to the development. Residential landscaping in accordance with Table 6-5 is required, in addition to the other requirements for storm water management facilities landscaping and street planting. They all may be used to meet the tree canopy cover requirement. Residential landscaping shall comply with the standards in Table 6-5.
2. Community Facilities. Community facilities, such as community recreational facilities (i.e., tennis court, swimming pools, club houses) or meeting houses, when constructed as freestanding uses internal to a residential development, shall be treated as non-residential development for landscaping purposes. The following landscaping is required:
3. A minimum fifteen (15) foot wide landscaped area shall be established and maintained around the perimeter of the community facility and landscaped in accordance with a Type A buffer.
4. Parking areas shall meet the requirements of this section.
5. When a community facility is located along the property boundary at the edge of the residential development it serves, a buffer shall be provided in accordance with the buffering requirements of this section.

**6.2.17 Residential Development Buffers from Major Roadways**

1. The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that the rear and side yard and the lowest story of the rear outside wall of any single family attached or detached dwelling is screened from the view of any street classified as a major collector or higher. It is not the intent of these regulations to provide uniform linear strips of completely opaque screening but to provide an attractive view of residential neighborhoods from major streets and ensure adequate buffering for the residential neighborhood from the street.
2. When the rear or side yards of single-family attached or detached dwellings in any district are oriented toward a major collector, parkway, arterial street, freeway, or an interstate, a buffer area shall be provided between the rear or side lot lines and the public right-of-way, as part of the common open space owned and maintained by the homeowners' association. If allowed within individual lots, the buffer area must be such that it still provides the minimum back and side yard depth required by the Zoning Ordinance outside the buffer area.
3. The width of the buffer area and the plant units required within the buffer area shall be in accordance with Table 6-3. The buffer width may be reduced by up to twenty percent (20%) when the line of sight from the traveling lane is at least ten (10) feet above the rear yard elevation at the entrance to the dwelling.
4. When existing woodland is located within the entire buffer area, preservation of that woodland will be allowed to substitute for the required plant materials, provided that the woodland meets 80% of the minimum planting units of Table 6-2 and the intent of the buffer expressed in Paragraph A, above.
5. Fences, walls, or berms may also be employed within the required buffer area to interrupt the views of the rear yards. If a six (6) foot high opaque fence or wall or a four (4) foot high berm is used within the buffer area, the requirement for plant materials in accordance with Table 6-3 may be reduced by thirty percent (30%).

**6.2.18 Screening**

1. When screening of certain on-site functions (e.g., loading, dumpsters, trash collection, outside storage areas, maintenance areas and equipment, mechanical equipment, etc.) is required by the Zoning Ordinance, the following screening options shall be used, depending on the type of function being screened:
2. A minimum six (6) foot high opaque fence or wall, the height of the fence or wall shall be no lower than the functions/items being screened. An appropriate gate shall be provided, if applicable.
3. A three (3) foot high berm with plantings of six (6) feet high evergreen screening is provided.
4. For mechanical and similar equipment, any architectural element compatible with the building is acceptable, as long as it covers the view of the equipment.
5. The site functions listed above shall be oriented on the site so as to be as inconspicuous as possible and shall be screened from all public streets and adjoining properties.

**6.3 LANDSCAPING - SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**6.3.1 General**

1. A landscape plan is a required element of all development plans. The landscape plan must address the requirements for buffer areas, basic landscaping, as well as tree canopy cover requirement calculations, as applicable.
2. The landscape plan shall be made part of the site development plan and shall be submitted and reviewed in accordance with this section and Chapter 1 of this manual.
3. The plan shall be prepared by a certified or registered landscape architect, a registered professional engineer, or a certified land surveyor.
4. A comprehensive landscape plan shall reflect the intent of the provisions of this section, while allowing for modifications based on the particulars of a site and its unique characteristics. This plan shall be submitted with all future site development plans to which it applies. At a minimum, the comprehensive landscape plan shall include:
5. The approximate limits of clearing and grading.
6. A tree stand description providing the proposed save areas (forest cover type(s), average size of the dominant canopy species, and the approximate area).
7. Calculations demonstrating how the required tree cover is proposed to be met.
8. Alternate compliance shall be accepted in accordance with Section 6.1.3, paragraph C.

**6.3.2 Plan Elements**

1. The landscape plans shall be drawn to the same scale as the site and subdivision plan details but no less than 1" = 50' scale.
2. A tabulation showing how each required element of Section 802.00 has been met and where credit was used, when applicable, shall be shown on the plan.
3. Planting elements shall be shown as follows:
4. Location, general type, and quality of the existing vegetation and specimen trees to be retained. The drip line of specimen trees to be retained shall be shown.
5. Methods and details for protection of existing vegetation during construction and tree protection after construction.
6. Location and labels of all proposed plants, with tree symbols shown to scale for their ten (10) year canopy.
7. Location and description of other landscape improvements.
8. Proposed grading.
9. The zoning and use of all abutting properties.
10. Planting methods and installation details as necessary to ensure conformance with the standards in this section.
11. Schedules or lists showing required and proposed quantities for items called for by this section.
12. Location, size, and description of all elements which are required to be screened.
13. Maintenance schedule. In addition, every site plan or subdivision plan submitted shall include the following note on the landscape plan and plat: The owner of fee title to any property on which plant material has been established in accordance with an approved landscape/planting plan, shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the approved plant material, as required by the ordinance.
14. The location, type, size, and quantity of trees to be planted in the right-of-way and in accordance with the Guidelines for Planting Along Virginia Roadways.
15. Where applicable, habitat enhancement features in storm water management facilities such as islands, nesting boxes, and loafing/nesting platforms.
16. Collected plants or transplanted trees may be specified on the plan, provided that planting location and conditions will permit.
17. All proposed and existing easements and utilities as shown on other plan sheets.

**6.3.3 Substitution of Planting Materials**

The plants that are planted shall be of the species and size specified on the approved plans unless substitutions have been approved by the director of Public Works prior to planting. Substitutions that have been planted without prior approval by the Planning and Zoning Administrator shall be removed and replaced by acceptable species, if required by the Planning and Zoning Administrator. See Plant Selection and Cover Guides, for more information on acceptable species.

**6.4 LANDSCAPING SPECIFICATIONS**

**6.4.1 Specifications**

1. Plant names used in the plant schedule shall be identified in accordance with Hortus Third, by Liberty Hyde Bailey Horitorium, latest edition.
2. All plant materials shall be specified to be equal to or better than the standards for nursery stock, by the American Nursery and Landscapers Association (ANLA).
3. Trees and shrubs shall be nursery grown, unless otherwise approved, and shall be healthy and vigorous plants, free from defects, decay, disfiguring roots, sunscald, injuries, abrasions of the bark, plant diseases, insect pest eggs, borers and all forms of infestations or objectionable disfigurements, as determined by the director of Public Works. Container plants shall have roots established throughout the pot but shall not be root bound. Plants shall be in accordance with the current American Nursery and Landscape Association and conform in general to representative species.
4. Plants should be predominately native species. Species to be planted in woodland conservation areas shall be native and suited to the site conditions. Exceptions to this paragraph are allowed with approval of the director of Public Works, provided they are suited to the site.
5. Plants collected within the site or transplanted trees may be specified on the plans, provided that planting locations and soil conditions will permit, and provided that the plants meet the specifications of subsection G below.
6. In order to curtail the spread of disease or insect infestation, projects containing two hundred (200) trees or more shall plant no more than thirty percent (30%) of the required newly planted trees from one taxonomic family. Not more than thirty percent (30%) of the required newly planted trees shall be of the same genus, and not more than twenty percent (20%) may be of the same species.
7. Plant measurements: All plants shall conform to the measurements specified in the plant schedule of the landscape plan. All plant sizes specified in the plans shall generally be the median for the size ranges indicated in the ANLA standards and, at a minimum, shall comply with the following. (Certain species may be planted at smaller sizes than those specified below. With the approval of the Planning and Zoning Administrator, any species in the Tree Selection and Cover Guide, which has tree cover area noted under a given size category, may be planted at that size category. However, only trees a minimum of 5' in height at the time of planting shall receive tree cover credit.):
8. Caliper measurements shall be taken six (6) inches above grade for trees under four (4) inches caliper, and twelve (12) inches above grade for trees four (4) inches in caliper and over.
9. The minimum branching height for all shade trees shall be six (6) feet.
10. The minimum size for planting large deciduous trees shall be two to two and one-half (2-2 1/2) inch caliper, twelve (12) feet to fourteen (14) feet in height.
11. The minimum size for planting all other deciduous trees shall be one to one and one-half (1 to 1-1/2) inch caliper, six (6) feet to eight (8) feet in height.
12. The minimum size for planting evergreen trees shall be six (6) feet to seven (7) feet in height.
13. The minimum size for planting shrubs shall be eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) inches in height or spread, except for quality dwarf varieties.
14. Minimum size for planting perennials and ornamental grasses shall be #1 Containers (aka. 1 gal.). A typical #1 container measures approximately 6" to 7" in diameter at the top by 7" deep. Plants shall be in appropriate sizes for the container.
15. Spacing: All landscaping shall be designed and planted in accordance with Table PG-1 of the Plant Selection Guide.

**6.4.2 Plant Selection and Cover Guide**

Plants from Plant Selection and Cover Guides, shall be used to fulfill all planting requirements. Species, varieties or cultivars listed in Table PG-NA, "Plants Not Acceptable for General Use", shall not be accepted. Exceptions to this paragraph may be allowed if approved by the Planning and Zoning Administrator and provided they are suited to the site.

**6.4.3 Planting**

1. Plants shall be protected during delivery to prevent desiccation of leaves.
2. Insofar as is practicable, all plants shall be planted on the day of delivery. If this is not possible, the contractor shall protect unplanted plants by keeping them in shade, well protected with soil, mulch or other acceptable material and shall keep all plant material well-watered. Plant material shall not remain unplanted for more than two (2) weeks.
3. All plants shall be planted in such a manner as to ensure their survival. This shall include the planting of intact balls, planting at proper depth, proper backfilling and watering, and construction of a planting saucer (for trees). All planting areas shall contain soils suitable for planting. Soils shall be clean and free of all construction materials. (See planting procedures for trees and planting procedures for shrubs in the latest edition of Landscape Specification Guidelines for Baltimore, Washington Metropolitan Area, prepared by the Landscape Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington and American Society of Landscape Architects for adequate specifications.)
4. Any rope or wire binding the ball shall be cut prior to the conclusion of backfilling operations to prevent girdling of the tree trunk.
5. If a non-biodegradable material is used around the ball, it shall be completely removed prior to backfilling.

**6.4.4 Landscape Plantings on Fences and Walls**

When a wall or a solid fence is used for landscaping/buffering purposes, plantings should be provided on both sides of the fence to soften its visual impact and to deter access for graffiti vandals. Suggested plantings to restrict access to walls susceptible to graffiti vandalism:

* Barberry or pyracantha to block access to the wall.
* Ivy or other plantings to cover the wall. Use of vine type plantings should depend on the type of material used for the wall, as some building materials can be damaged by the plants.

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| TABLE 6-1 MINIMUM BUFFER AREA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proposed Use | | Adjoining Use/Zoning District | | | | | | | | | |
|  | RESIDENTIAL | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| **1** | Single-family Detached | - | A | B | B | B | B | B | B | C | C |
| **2** | Single-family Attached | A | - | A | B | A | B | B | B | C | C |
| **3** | Multi-family | B | A | - | B | B | B | B | B | C | C |
|  | PUBLIC/SEMI PUBLIC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **4** | Institutional (e.g., schools, church, library) | A | B | B | - | A | B | A | B | D | C |
| **5** | Public Recreational Use | A | A | A | A | - | A | A | B | D | C |
| **6** | Public Facilities (e.g., pump station, treatment plant) | C | C | C | B | A | - | A | B | D | D |
|  | COMMERCIAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7** | Light (B-2 & B-H) | B | B | B | A | A | A | - | A | A | B |
| **8** | Heavy (B-1) | B | B | B | B | B | B | A | - | A | B |
|  | INDUSTRIAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **9** | Local (M-2) | C | C | C | D | D | D | A | A | - | C |
| **10** | Park (M-1) | C | C | C | C | C | D | B | B | C | - |

A, B, C - Buffer width in accordance with Table 6-2.

D - Determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the activity.

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| TABLE 6-2 BUFFER AREA WIDTH AND PLANT REQUIREMENTS | | |
| **Type** | **Width feet** | # **of Plant Units Per 100 Feet of R/W**  **or Property Line** |
| A | 15 | 110 |
| B | 30 | 180 |
| C | 50 | 320 |
| D | Case by case - Minimum 15' | Based on approved width |

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| TABLE 6-3 RESIDENTIAL BUFFER FOR RIGHT-OF-WAYS | | |
| **Street Classification** | **Width of the Buffer (feet)** | **Number of Plant Units Per 100 ft. of Right-of-way or Property Line** |
| Major Collector/Minor Arterial | 30 | 180  (no more than 60 for shrubs) |
| Parkway and Principal Arterial | 50 | 320  (no more than 100 for shrubs) |
| Freeway/Interstate | 75 | 400  (no more than 140 for shrubs) |

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| TABLE 6-4 PLANT UNIT EQUIVALENTS | |
| **Plant Type\*** | **Plant Unit Credits** |
| 1 large deciduous tree | 10 |
| 1 medium, small, or compact deciduous understory tree) | 5 |
| 1 large evergreen tree | 10 |
| 1 medium, small, or compact evergreen tree) | 5 |
| 1 shrub | 2 |
| 1 ornamental grass | 1 |
| 1 perennial | 0.25 |
| \*Minimum plant size in accordance with Section 6.4.1.G | |

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| TABLE 6-5 ON-SITE RESIDENTIAL PLANTING REQUIREMENTS | | |
| **Residential Type** | **Minimum Number of Trees\*** | **Notes** |
| Single-family detached lots one acre or larger. | 3 LD per lot 3 AT per lot | Preserved trees which meet the minimum area requirement of Table 8-4 and are located on an individual lot within 60 ft. of a dwelling, and which are in good health, may be counted on a one-to-one basis towards fulfillment of the requirement for trees on that lot. |
| Single-family detached lots 20,000 sq. ft. to one acre | 2 LD per lot  2 AT per lot |
| Single-family detached and weak link lots smaller than 20,000 sq. ft | 1 LD per lot 1 AT per lot | Preserved trees which meet the minimum area requirements of Table 8-4 and are located on an individual lot within 30 feet of a dwe11ing, and which are in good health, may be considered as fulfi11ing the requirement for residential trees on that lot. |
| Single-family detached cluster subdivision | Minimum number of large deciduous trees and other trees will be provided, as for a conventional subdivision, but based on the average lot size provided in the cluster subdivision | Total number of trees to be located on lots and in common open space must meet or exceed the requirement under the conventional subdivision. |
| Townhouses, single-family attached, two-family | 1 LD or MD per end unit and  1 SD or CD per unit | If space does not permit, the LD and MD required per end unit may be located in common open space for the site. Existing shade trees exceeding two-inch caliper, located anywhere in the open space area, may be counted on a one-to-one basis towards fulfilling the requirement for large and medium deciduous trees on that site. |
| Multifamily | l LD per 1,600 sq. ft. of open space area  1 AT per 1,600 sq. ft. of open space area | 1. Trees which count toward a perimeter parking lot landscaping may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement. 2. Preserved trees which meet the minimum area requirement of Table 8-4 and are located within 60 ft. of a building, and which are in good health, may be counted on a one-to-one basis towards fulfillment of the requirement. |
| \*LD = Large Deciduous Tree; MD = Medium Deciduous Tree; SD = Small Deciduous Tree; CD = Compact Deciduous Tree;  AT = Trees from any category of the Plant Selection and Cover Guide. | | |

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| TABLE 6-6 MINIMUM PLANTING ZONE DIMENSIONS FOR STREET TREES | | |
| **Tree Category** | **Minimum Planting Zone Width**  **(at top of soil)** | **Minimum Soil Volume of Planting Zones or Planters\* (cubic ft.)** |
| Large Street Tree | 8 ft. | 970 cf |
| Medium Street Tree | 8 ft. | 750 cf |
| Small Street Tree | 6 ft. | 500 cf |
| \*All volumes are based on a soil depth of 3.0 feet. | | |

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| TABLE 6-7 TREE PRESERVATION CREDIT | | |
| **VEGETATION COVER OF PRESERVATION AREA** | **MINIMUM SIZE** | **CREDIT FACTOR** |
| Environmentally Sensitive Areas: RPA & Floodplains | 10,000 sq. ft. | 1.0 |
| Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Wooded Slopes 15% adjacent to an intermittent stream. | See 802.30B | 2.0 |
| Connecting Forested Areas (See 802.30 C) | 10,000 sq. ft. | 1.7-2.0 |
| Older hardwood forest with dominant canopy trees of diameters larger than 12 inches | 30 ft. by 50 ft. | 1.7- 2.0 \* |
| Young hardwood forest with dominant canopy trees of diameters of 4 to 12 inches | 30 ft. by 30 ft. | 1.5-1.7 \* |
| Old field with successional growth of predominantly eastern red cedar, short leaf pine or Virginia pine, with diameters of 3 to 6 inches, mixed with deciduous trees | 30 ft. by 30 ft. | 1.2 |
| Younger, old field successional growth of eastern red cedar or Virginia pine up to 3 inches mixed with deciduous trees | 20 ft. by 20 ft. | 1.1 |
| Stands predominantly of Virginia pine, greater than 6" | 75 ft. by 75 ft. | 1.0 |
| \* To receive credit for young or older hardwood forests, a tree preservation plan must be  submitted in the first submission of the site plan and approved by the director of Public Works. This plan will meet the minimum standards set forth in the Plant Selection Guide. | | |

**LANDSCAPING** - **PLANT SELECTION AND COVER GUIDES**

1. **Plant Selection and Cover Guides for Buffer Areas, Basic Landscaping, Street Planting, and Reforestation Areas:**

The plant selection guides to be utilized by persons preparing landscape plans for buffer areas, basic landscaping, street planting, and reforestation areas are found in Tables PG-T (trees), PG-S (shrubs), PG-P (perennials), and PG-G (grasses). The following is an explanation of the columns and codes contained therein:

1. Tree Categories/Tree Canopy Coverage -- Table PG-T is divided into categories of trees (i.e., large, medium, small, and compact) for purposes of calculating tree canopy coverage. The category each tree is placed in is determined by the projected size of the tree's canopy spread.
2. Botanical Name, Common Name -- The first column contains the Latin name and the common name for the plant.
3. Projected 10-Year Tree Cover--These three columns in Table PG-T list the area of tree canopy coverage in square feet for each species. The canopy area is determined by the size of a tree at planting related to the projected size of the tree's canopy after 10 years of growth in an urban environment. Also note that the tree cover credit is based on the area of the projected canopy for the species. If cultivars or varieties, which vary significantly from the species, are used then applying canopy credit consistent with the characteristics of the cultivar or variety may be required. For example, if a narrow columnar cultivar of red maple is proposed, then the canopy credit for that selection would be chosen from the compact deciduous category.
4. Uses -- This column is used to select a species which will thrive and exhibit desirable characteristics suitable to the demands of a particular environment. Five situations are considered in Table PG-3 as follows:
   1. Interior Parking Lot Planting Areas -- Trees indicated as (P) tolerate poor soils, drought, reflected heat, and restricted root zones. They are, therefore, acceptable for use as interior parking lot landscaping. Desirable branching habit is also considered. Trees and shrubs indicated as (CP) have the same tolerances but are not shade trees. They are suitable as complimentary to parking lot landscaping.
   2. Native -Plants indicated as (N) are native to Virginia. They are intended for use in basic landscaping but particularly for use in buffers. Buffers are open spaces which are intended to provide screening of undesirable views, which usually will become naturalized over time. Both deciduous and evergreen species are listed; a combination of both is needed for an effective buffer.
   3. Street Planting Areas -- Trees indicated as (SS, MS or LS) are appropriate for planting within a streetscape and have been selected based on their form, potential spread, overall size, and tolerance of urban conditions.
   4. Reforestation Areas -- Trees indicated as (RF) are appropriate for planting in areas which are to be reforested.
   5. Areas near or under overhead utilities -- Trees indicated as (U) are appropriate for planting near or under overhead utilities and have been selected based on their ultimate height and spread. Use of the selected species can prevent disfigurement and associated structural and health problems caused by periodic topping or pruning of trees near power lines. Virginia Power and NOVEC have available lists of trees suitable for planting under or near overhead utility lines.
   6. Rain Gardens - Plants indicated as (RG) are suitable for planting in rain gardens (aka bio­ retention facilities). They may also be suitable for other low impact development features. Consideration of water retention/detention rates needs to be made before selecting a particular species.
5. Environmental Tolerances -- This column is used to select species that are tolerant of specific environmental factors, both natural and man-made. Nine factors are considered, as follows:
   1. Restricted Root Zone -Plants indicated as (RZ) are recommended for areas which are relatively limited in soil volume and surrounded by impervious barriers typical of parking lot islands and planting strips provided between parking bays and between sidewalks and curbs. A larger planting space will result in a more healthy and vigorous tree.
   2. Poor Soil-Plants indicated as (SL) are recommended for soil conditions which are poor. These trees are noted for their tolerance to a wide range of soils found in an urban environment. Most trees, however, do not tolerate poor soils. Better soils will result in a more healthy and vigorous tree. Subsoils used to provide a stable base for sidewalks, parking lots, buildings, etc. and general grading purposes are often found to be inadequate for plant growth. Soil amendments are generally needed.
   3. Partial Shade-Plants indicated as (PS) are recommended for areas receiving partial amounts of direct sunlight such as on the eastern or western boundary of a structure.
   4. Shade -- Trees indicated as (SH) are recommended for a shaded environment.
   5. Air Pollution -- Plants indicated as (AP) are recommended for areas subject to exhaust emissions, as found along a highway or in a parking lot with excessive stop and go traffic. Deciduous trees are more tolerant of air pollution than evergreen trees.
   6. Deicing Salts -Plants indicated as (IS) are recommended for areas near streets and parking lots where deicing salts containing sodium chloride and/or calcium chloride are used.
   7. Wet Soil-Plants indicated as (WS) are recommended for areas near waterways, ponds, lakes, and storm water management facilities.
   8. Drought - Plants indicated as (DR) are recommended for hot, dry conditions, such as along streets, near or in parking lots, and near buildings.
6. Associated Problems -- This column is used to identify general problems associated with specific tree species. Five problem codes are provided: disease, insect damage, storm and structural damage, due to weak wood, production of objectionable fruit, and production of objectionable root systems.
   1. Disease -- Trees indicated as (D) are susceptible to severe stress, disfigurement, or death brought about by disease-causing agents which produce symptoms not curable or controllable by known or practical methods. Some of these species are susceptible to one or more pathogens.
   2. Insect Damage -- Trees indicated as (I) are susceptible to damage by insects. Considerable damage, such as defoliation and sometimes death, can result. Pests causing such damage cannot be effectively controlled without considerable maintenance with pesticides.
   3. Storm and Structural Damage Due to Weak Wood --Trees indicated as (W) are susceptible to structural failure, such as branches breaking and falling or major portions of the main trunk snapping off during storms. These species should not be planted near buildings.
   4. Objectionable Fruit: -- Trees indicated as (F) produce fruit that is capable of causing damage when falling, is slick or sticky on roads and walkways, attracts pests, produces disagreeable odors, and/or produces prolific seedlings.
   5. Objectionable Root Systems: -- Trees indicated as (R) produce shallow or surface-oriented root systems that may heave sidewalks and asphalt surfaces, clog sewer and drainage pipes, or damage foundations, if planted too close to buildings.
   6. Transplanting Difficulty: -- Trees indicated as (T) produce deep root systems which are difficult to retain in transplanting.

Table PG-3 provides a listing of the codes found in the plant selection guide.

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| **Table PG-1**  **Minimum Spacing Requirements for Landscaping** \* | |
| **Plant Category** | **Minimum Spacing Between Trees of the Same Category** |
| Compact Deciduous | 10 ft |
| Small Deciduous | 10 ft |
| Medium Deciduous | 20 ft |
| Large Deciduous | 30 ft. |
| Compact Evergreen | 10 ft. |
| Small Evergreen | 10 ft. |
| Medium Evergreen | 15 ft |
| Large Evergreen | 20 ft |
| \* Minor variation in spacing may be allowed with approval of the Director of Public Works, or designee. | |

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| **TABLE PG-2**  **Minimum Planting Area** | | |
| **Tree Category** | **Minimum Width** | **Minimum Planting surface area** |
| Large deciduous or evergreen tree | 8 ft | 150 sf |
| Medium deciduous or evergreen tree | 8 ft | 150 sf |
| Small deciduous or evergreen tree | 6 ft | 60 sf |
| Compact deciduous or evergreen tree | 6ft | 40 sf |
| Shrub | 4ft | 20 sf |

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| TABLE PG-3 PLANT SELECTION GUIDE CODES | |
| **Uses** | **Codes** |
| Interior parking lot planting trees | p |
| Complimentary Interior Parking Lot Planting | CP |
| Native | N |
| Street Tree Categories Large Street Tree Medium Street Tree Small Street Tree | LS MS  ss |
| Areas near overhead utilities | U |
| Rain Gardens | RG |
| **Environmental Tolerances** |  |
| Restricted root zone | RZ |
| Poor soils | SL |
| Partial shade | PS |
| Shade | SH |
| Air pollution | AP |
| Deicing salts | IS |
| Wet soils | ws |
| Drought | DR |
| **Associated Problems** |  |
| Disease | D |
| Insect damage | I |
| Weak wood | w |
| Objectionable fruit | F |
| Objectionable root systems | R |
| Transplanting Difficulty | T |
| Non-native Invasive | NI |

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| TABLE PG -T TREE SELECTION AND COVER GUIDE | | | | | | | | |
| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **PROJECTED 10 - YR TREE COVER IN ft2 BY CALIPER OR HEIGHT AT PLANTING** | | | | **USE** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | |
|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **COMPACT**  **DECIDUOUS TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |
| *Acer palmatum*  **Japanese Maple** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | U,RG | SH,PS | |  |
| *Comus kousa*  **Kousa Dogwood** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | SS, U, CP,RG | PS | |  |
| *Comusmas*  **Corneliancherry Dogwood** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | U,RG | PS | |  |
| *Cotinus obovatus*  **American Smoketree** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,RG |  | |  |
| *Ilex vomitoria*  **Yaupon Holly** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,RG | PS, DR,  WS | |  |
| *Lagerstromia indica*  **Crape Myrtle** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,CP, SS, U | SL | |  |
| *Magnolia stellata*  **Star Magnolia** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | U,RG | AP | |  |
| *Malus spp.*  **Crabapples** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | u | AP,DR | | F,D,I |
| *Ostrya virginiana*  **Hophornbeam** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,MS,  RG |  | | T |
| *Oxydendrum arboreum*  **Sourwood** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,RG | PS | | T |
| *Prunus cerasifera*  **Flowering Plum** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U | AP | | D, I |
| *Sorbus alnifolia*  **Korean Mountainash** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  | AP,WS | |  |
| *Stewartia koreana*  **Korean Stewartia** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | u |  | |  |
| *Stewartia ovata*  **Mountain Stewartia** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U |  | |  |
| *Stewartia pseudocamellia*  **Japanese Stewartia** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U |  | |  |
| *Styrax japonicus*  **Japanese Snowbell** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U |  | |  |
| *Syringa reticulata*  **Japanese Tree Lilac** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U | PS | |  |

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| TABLE PG -T TREE SELECTION AND COVER GUIDE cont. | | | | | | | | |
| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **PROJECTED 10 - YR TREE COVER IN ft2 BY CALIPER OR HEIGHT AT PLANTING** | | | | **USE** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | | |
|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **SMALL**  **DECIDUOUS TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Acer griseum*  **Paperbark Maple** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | SS,CP,RG | PS | |  | |
| *Acer buergeranum*  **Trident Maple** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | SS,CP |  | |  | |
| *Acer ginnala*  **Amur Maple** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG,SS,U,CP | PS | |  | |
| *Amelanchier arborea*  **Downey Serviceberry** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,U,RG | PS, WS,SH | | I | |
| *Amelanchier laevis*  **Allegheny Serviceberry** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N | PS | |  | |
| *Asimina triloba*  **Paw Paw** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG,N | WS | | T | |
| *Carpinus caroliniana*  **American Hornbeam** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG | WS,PS, SH | | T,D | |
| *Cercis canadensis*  **Redbud** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,U,RG | SL,DR,  SH,PS | | D | |
| *Chionanthus virginicus*  **Fringetree** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG,N,U | PS | |  | |
| *Cornus alternifolia*  **Pagoda Dogwood** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | | T,D | |
| *Cornus florida*  **Flowering Dogwood** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,U,RG | PS,SH | | D,I | |
| *Crataegus crus-gali 'inermis'*  **Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | SS,CP |  | |  | |
| *Crataegus phaenopyrum*  **Washington Hawthorn** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,U | SL, DR | | D | |
| *Crataegus viridus 'Winter King'*  **'Winter King’ Hawthorn** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | CP,SS,RG | DR | |  | |
| *Cyrilla racemiflora*  **Swamp Cyrilla** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | |  | |
| *Euonymus atropurpureus*  **Eastern Wahoo** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG |  | |  | |
| *Franklin alatamaha*  **Franklinia** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG | PS | | T | |

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| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **PROJECTED 10 - YR TREE COVER IN ft2 BY CALIPER OR HEIGHT AT PLANTING** | | | | **USE** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | | |
|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **SMALL DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Halesia carolina (H. tetraptera***)**  **Carolina Silverbell** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG | PS,SH | |  | |
| *Halesia diptera*  **Two-winged Silverbell** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | |  | |
| *Lagerstroemia fauriei*  **Japanese Crape Myrtle** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | SS |  | |  | |
| *Magnolia soulangiana*  **Saucer Magnolia** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG,MS | AP | |  | |
| *Parrotia persica*  **Persian Parrotia** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | SS,CP |  | |  | |
| *Prunus x incam 'Okame'*  **Okame Cherry** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | U,CP |  | | D,I | |
| *Prunus sargentii*  **Sargent Cherry** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | CP,MS |  | |  | |
| *Prunus virginiana*  **Choke Cherry** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | | D,I | |
| *Quercus marilandica*  **Blackjack Oak** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | | T | |
| *Quercus myrsinifolia*  **Chinese Evergreen Oak** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | CP,SS |  | |  | |
| *Rhamnus caroliniana*  **Carolina Buckthorn** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N |  | |  | |
| *Sassafras albidum*  **Sassafras** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG | S,PS,W | | T | |
| **MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Acer campestre*  **Hedge Maple** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG,MS,U,CP | AP,DR | |  | |
| *Aesculus flava*  **Yellow Horsechestnut** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS |  | |  | |
| *Aesculus hippocastanum*  **Horsechestnut** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RZ,SL,IS | D,I | |  | |

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|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |
| *Betula lenta*  **Black Birch** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | WS | |  |
| *Betula nigra*  **River Birch** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | M,CP,MS ,RG | WS | |  |
| *Carpinus betulus*  **European Hornbeam** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | MS,CP,S | SL,AP,PS | |  |
| *Carya cordiformis*  **Bitternut Hickory** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T |
| *Carya glabra*  **Pignut Hickory** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T |
| *Carya laciniosa*  **Shellbark Hickory** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T |
| *Caryaovata*  **Shagbark Hickory** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T |
| *Carya tomentosa*  **Mockernut Hickory** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T |
| *Castanea mollissima*  **Chinese Chestnut** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  |  | | F,d |
| *Celtis occidentalis*  **Hackberry** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS,P, RG | WS,DR | |  |
| *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*  **Katsura Tree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | MS,RG | PS | | T |
| *Cladrastis kentuckea*  **Yellowwood** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,MS,RG |  | | W |
| *Corylus columa*  **Turkish Filbert** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,MS |  | |  |
| *Diospyros virginiana*  **Persimmon** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | DR,PS | | F,T |
| *Ginkgo biloba (MALE ONLY)*  **Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS | RZ,AP,DR | | T |
| *Gymnocladus diocus*  **Kentucky Coffeetree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | p | SL,WS,DR, IS | |  |

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|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Juglans cinerea* **Butternut** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T | |
| *Koelreuteria paniculata*  **Goldenrain Tree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG,MS | SL,DR,AP | | W | |
| *Liquidambar styraciflua*  **Sweetgum** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS,RG | S,WS,SH | | F | |
| *Magnolia macrophylla*  **Bigleaf Magnolia** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T | |
| *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*  **Dawn Redwood** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | CP,LS,RG | AP,WS | |  | |
| *Nyssa sylvatica*  **Black Gum, Tupelo** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS,P, RG | PS,WS | | T | |
| *Pistacia chinensis* **Chinese Pistache** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | MS,P |  | |  | |
| *Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan"*  **Kwanzan Cherry** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | U,MS | AP | | W,D,I | |
| *Prunus subhirtella 'Pendula'*  **Weeping Japanese Cherry** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  |  | | D,I | |
| *Prunus x yedoensis*  **Yoshino Cherry** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG,CP |  | | D,I | |
| *Quercus acutissima*  **Sawtooth Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,MS |  | |  | |
| *Quercus hemisphaerica*  **Laurel Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS | WS | | T | |
| *Quercus lyrata*  **Overcup Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,MS |  | | T | |
| *Quercus muehlenbergii*  **Chinkapin Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,LS,RG |  | | T | |
| *Quercus nigra*  **Water Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | SH,WS | | T,W | |
| *Quercus robur*  **English Oak 'Fastigiata'** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,MS | SL | |  | |

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|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Quercus stellata*  **Post Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG,LS | T | |  | |
| *Robinia pseudoacacia*  **Black Locust** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | SL,DR | | D,I | |
| *Salix nigra*  **Black Willow** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | WS | | D,I | |
| *Sophora japonica*  **Japanese Pagoda Tree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS | AP,DR | | F,D | |
| *Taxodium ascendens*  **Pondcypress** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P |  | |  | |
| *Taxodium distichum*  **Bald Cypress** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,LS,RG | WS,PS | | R | |
| *Tilia americana*  **American Linden** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | WS | |  | |
| *Tilia cordata*  **Littleleaf Linden** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS |  | | I | |
| *Tilia tomentosa*  **Silver Linden** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS |  | | I | |
| *Ulmus parvifolia*  **Lacebark Elm** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,MS,RG | SL | | I,R,W | |
| **LARGE DECIDUOUS TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Acer pseudoplatanus*  **Sycamore Maple** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | P,LS | PS,IS | | I | |
| *Acer rubrum*  **Red Maple** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | N,P,LS,RG | PS,IS,WS | | R,W | |
| *Acer saccharum*  **Sugar Maple** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | LS | PS | |  | |
| *Carya illinoinensis*  **Pecan** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 |  | WS | | T,D,I | |
| *Celtis laevigata*  **Sugar Hackberry** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | N,LS | WS | |  | |

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| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **PROJECTED 10 - YR TREE COVER IN ft2 BY CALIPER OR HEIGHT AT PLANTING** | | | | **USE** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | | |
|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **LARGE DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Eucommia ulmoides*  **Hardy Rubbertree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P |  | |  | |
| *Fagus grandifolia*  **American Beech** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | PS | | T,R | |
| *Fagus sylvatica*  **European Beech** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  | PS | | R | |
| *Gleditia triacanthos inermis*  **Thornless Honeylocust** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,RG,MS | RZ,SL,IS, WS | | D,I,W | |
| *Juglans nigra*  **Black Walnut** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | WS | | F,T | |
| *Liriodendron tulipfera*  **Tulip Poplar** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | AP,WS | | W | |
| *Madura pomifera*  **Osage-Orange** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  | DR,WS,AP | | F,R | |
| *Magnolia acuminata*  **Cucumber Tree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG | WS | | T | |
| *Phellodendron amurense*  **Amur Corktree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  | P | | AP | |
| *Platanus x. acerfolia*  **London Planetree** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS | AP | | R | |
| *Platanus occidentalis*  **Sycamore** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | WS | | R,D,I | |
| *Quercus alba*  **White Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | IS | | T | |
| *Quercus bicolor*  **Swamp White Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,LS,RG | SL,IS,WS, DR | | T | |
| *Quercus coccinea*  **Scarlet Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,LSLRG | SL,DR | |  | |
| *Quercus falcata*  **Southern Red Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,PMRG | RD,IS | | T | |
| *Quercus falcata var. pagodifolia*  **Cherrybark Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG |  | | T | |

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| TABLE PG -T TREE SELECTION AND COVER GUIDE cont. | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **1"** | **2"** | **3"** |
| **LARGE DECIDUOUS TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Quercus imbricaria*  **Shingle Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG,LS | DR | | T | |
| *Quercus michauxii*  **Swamp Chestnut Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,LS,RG |  | |  | |
| *Quercus palustris*  **Pin Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,S,RG | WS,DR | |  | |
| *Quercus phellos*  **Willow Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,P,S,RG | WS,DR | | T | |
| *Quercus prinus*  **Chestnut Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | DR,SL | | T | |
| *Quercus rubra*  **Northern Red Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG,N,P,L,S | SL,DR,IS | |  | |
| *Quercus velutina*  **Black Oak** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N |  | | T | |
| *Salix babylonica*  **Weeping Willow** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG | WS | | W,D,I | |
| *Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa'*  **Corkscrew Willow** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  | WS | | W,D,I | |
| *Ulmus Americana: 'Princeton', 'Valley**Forge', 'New Harmony'*  **American Elm** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,LS,P | WS | | I | |
| *Ulmus hollandica ‘Groenceldt’*  **Groenveldt Elm** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | LS | DR | | I | |
| *Zelkova serrata*  **Japanese Zelkova** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | P,LS,RG | AP,DR | |  | |

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|  | **6-7’** | **7-8’** | **8-10’"** |
| **COMPACT EVERGREEN TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Abies fraseri*  **Frasier Fir** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N | PS | |  | |
| *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*  **Lawson False Cypress** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  | PS | |  | |
| *Chamaecyparis obtusa*  **Hinoki False Cypress** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG |  | |  | |
| *Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Plumosa'*  **Plume Sawara False Cypress** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  |  | |  | |
| *Chamaecyparis thyoides*  **Atlantic White Cedar** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,RG | WS | |  | |
| *Ilex aquifolia*  **English Holly** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | U | PS,SH | | T | |
| *Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'*  **Foster's Holly** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | RG,U | PS,SH | |  | |
| *Ilex vomitoria*  **Yaupon** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N | WS | |  | |
| *Juniperus chinensis*  **Chinese Juniper (Columnar varieties)** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | U,CP | DR | | I | |
| *Juniperus scopulorum*  **Rocky Mountain Juniper** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  | DR | | I | |
| *Calocedrus decurrens*  **Incense Cedar** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  | WS | |  | |
| *Taxus baccata 'Fastigata'*  **Upright Irish Yew** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  |  | | D | |
| *Taxus cuspidata 'Capitata'*  **Pyramidal Japanese Yew** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 |  |  | |  | |
| *Thuja occidentalis*  **American Arborvitae** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | N,CP,RG | PS | | I | |
| *Thuja orientalis*  **Columnar Oriental Arborvitae** |  | 40 | 50 | 75 | CP | PS,SH | | I | |

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|  | **6-7’** | **7-8’** | **8-10’"** |
| **SMALL EVERGREEN TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Cryptomeria japonica*  **Japanese Cryptomeria** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | CP,RG | IS | |  | |
| *Cupressocyparis leylandi*  **Leyland Cypress** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | U,RG,CP | IS | |  | |
| *Ilex opaca*  **American Holly** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG,U | PS,SH,IS,WS | | T | |
| *Juniperus virginiana*  **Eastern Red Cedar** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,CP,RG | DR,AP | |  | |
| *Osmanthus americana*  **Devilwood** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N,RG | PS,WS | |  | |
| *Picea glauca*  **White Spruce** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 |  | DR | | I | |
| *Picea omorika*  **Serbian Spruce** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG,CP |  | | I | |
| *Picea pugens*  **Colorado Blue Spruce** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 |  |  | | D,I | |
| *Pseudotsuga menziesii*  **Douglas Fir** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | RG |  | | I | |
| *Tsuga caroliniana*  **Carolina Hemlock** |  | 75 | 100 | 125 | N | PS,SH | | I | |
| **MEDIUM EVERGREEN TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Cedrus atlantica*  **Atlas Cedar** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG |  | | T | |
| *Cedrus deodora*  **Deodar Cedar** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | RG |  | | T | |
| *Cunnunghamia lanceolata*  **China Fur** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  |  | |  | |
| *Picea abies*  Norway Spruce |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  | PS | |  | |
| *Pinus bungeana*  Lace-Bark Pine |  | 125 | 150 | 175 |  |  | |  | |

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|  | **6-7’** | **7-8’** | **8-10’"** |
| **MEDIUM EVERGREEN TREES cont.** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Pinus echinata*  **Shortleaf Pine** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,RG | PS | | T | |
| *Pinus virginiana*  **Virginia Pine** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N,CP | DR | |  | |
| *Tsuga canadensis*  **Canadian Hemlock** |  | 125 | 150 | 175 | N | PS,SH | | I | |
| **LARGE EVERGREEN TREES** |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  | |
| *Magnolia grandiflora*  **Southern Magnolia** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | RG | PS,WS | | W | |
| *Pinus rigida*  **Pitch Pine** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | N,CP | DR | |  | |
| *Pinus sylvestris*  **Scotch Pine** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 |  |  | | D | |
| *Pinus taeda*  **Loblolly Pine** |  | 150 | 200 | 250 | N,CP,RG |  | |  | |

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| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **MATURE SIZE** | | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | | **NOTES** |
| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **DECIDUOUS SHRUBS** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Aesculus parviflora*  **Bottlebrush Buckeye** | 8-12' |  | RG,PS | |  | N; Full sun; moist, well drained soils |
| *Alnus serrulate*  **Tag Alder** | 12-20' |  | ws | |  | RG; large suckering shrub; birds, waterfowl, small mammals |
| *Amelanchier canadensis*  **Shadblow Serviceberry** | 6-20' |  | RG, WS | |  | N; full sun |
| *Aronia arbutifolia*  **Red Chokeberry** | 6'-10' | 3'-5' | RG, PS, SL, ws | | D,I | N; suckers to form colony |
| *Aronia melanocarpa*  **Black Chokeberry** | 3'-10' |  | RG,PS, WS | | D,I | N; Forms large colonies |
| *Aucuba japonica 'Variegata'*  **Gold-Dust Plant** | 6'-10' | 5'-8' | SH | |  | Requires male for berries |
| *Buxus microphylla*  **Boxwood** | 3'-4' | 3'-4' | PS | | D, I |  |
| *Callicarpa americana*  **American Beautyberry** | 3-8' |  | PS,RG | |  | N |
| *Calycanthus floridus*  **Sweetbush / Carolina Allspice** | 6'-9' | 6'-12' | RG,PS | |  | N |
| *Camellia japonica*  **Japanese Camellia** | 10'-15' | 6'-10' | PS | | D, I |  |
| *Caryopteris x clandonensis*  **Blue-Mist Shrub** | 3'-4' | 3'-4' | PS | |  | Almost herbaceous, cut back in winter |
| *Ceanothus americanus*  **New Jersey Tea** | 3'-4' | 3'-5' | PS, SH | | T | N |
| *Cephalanthus occidentalis*  **Buttonbush** | 3'-6' | 5'-10' | RG,PS, WS | |  | N |
| *Clethra alnifolia*  **Summersweet** | 4'-8' | 4'-6' | RG,PS, WS | | I | N |
| *Cornus amomum*  **Silky Dogwood** | 6'-10' | 6'-10' | RG,PS, WS | | I | N |
| *Cornus sericea*  **Redosier Dogwood** | 7'-9' | 6'-10' | RG,WS | | D, I | N; Forms large colonies |

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| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **DECIDUOUS SHRUBS Cont.** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Cotinus coggygria*  **Smokebush** | 10'-15' | 10'-15' | DR | | D |  |
| *Cory/us americana*  **American Filbert** | 8”-10” | 5”-7” | PS | |  |  |
| *Deutzia gracilis*  **Deutzia** | 2'-4' | 3'-4' |  | | D, I |  |
| *Euonymus americanus*  **American Strawberry Bush** | 4'-6' |  | SH | | D, I | N; Suckers to form colony |
| *Euonymus japonicus*  **Japanese Euonymus** | 10'-15' | 5'-8' | PS, IS | | D,I |  |
| *Fothergilla major*  **Fothergillia** | 6'-10' | 5'-8' |  | |  | Suckers to form colony |
| *Gaylussacia spp.*  **Huckleberries** | 6"-18" |  | PS | |  | Spreads indefinitely |
| *Hamamelis virginiana*  **Virginia Witchhazel** | 15'-20' | 15'-20' | PS,RG | |  | N; Don't use near birch trees |
| *Hibiscus syriacus*  **Rose of Sharon** | 8'-12' | 6'-10' | RG,PS | | D, I |  |
| *Hydrangea macrophylla*  **Bigleaf Hydrangea** | 3'-6' | 3'-6' | PS | | D, I |  |
| *Hydrangea quercifolia*  **Oakleaf Hydrangea** | 4'-6' | 4'-6' | RG,PS | |  | N |
| *Hypericum calycinum*  **St. John's Wort** | 1-11h' | **1***Y2* - 2' | RG,PS | |  | Ground cover |
| *Hypericum prolificum*  **Shrubby St. John's Wort** | 1'-4' | 1'-4' | RG,PS | | D | N |
| *Illicium parvifolium*  **Anise** | 8-10' |  | RG,PS | |  |  |
| *IlexDecidua*  **Possumhaw** | 9-18” |  | RG,WS, PS | |  |  |
| *Ilex laevigata*  **Smooth Winterberry** | 6”-10” | 6”-10” | PS,WS | | D |  |

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| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **DECIDUOUS SHRUBS Cont.** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Ilex verticillata*  **Winterberry Holly** | 6”-10” | 6”-10” | PS,WS | | D | N; Bird Food |
| *Itea virginica*  **Virginia Sweetspire** | 3'-5' | 6'-10' | RG,PS, SH, SW,DR | |  | N; Summer Flowering, Fragrant |
| *Kerria japonica*  **Japanese Kerria** | 3'-6' | 6'-9' | SH | | D | Suckers to form colony |
| *Lindera benzoin*  **Spicebush** | 6'-12' | 6'-12' | RG, PS | | R, T | N |
| *Leucothoe fontanesia*  **Drooping Leucothoe** | 3'-6 ' | 3' -6' | PS,SH | | D | Sensitive to site, drought intolerant |
| *Leucothoe racemosa*  **Fetterbush** | 4-6' |  | RG,PS | |  | N; moist, acid soils |
| *Morella pensylvanica*  **Northern Bayberry** | 6'-9' | 6'-9' | PS | |  | N; Suckers to form colony, Bird Food |
| *Osmanthus heterophyllus*  **Falseholly or Tea-Olive** | 8'-10' | 6'-9' | PS | |  |  |
| *Rhododendron arborescens*  **Sweet Azalea** | 8'-20' | 8'-20' | PS | |  | N |
| *Rhododendron viscosum*  **Swamp Azalea** | 1'-8' | 3'-8' | RG, SH,WS | |  | N |
| *Rhus typhina*  **Staghorn Sumac** | 15'-25' | l 5'-25' | DR | | D, I | N; Suckers profusely |
| *Rosa palustris*  **Swamp Rose** | 3-6' |  | RG,PS | |  | N; full sun, moist, acidic soils |
| *Sambucus canadensis*  **American Elder** | 5'-12' | 5'-12' | RG,WS | | D, I | N; Suckers to form colony |
| *Spiraea japonica*  **Japanese Spirea** | 4'-5' | 4'-5' | PS | |  |  |
| *Spiraea prunifolia*  **Bridalwreath Spirea** | 4'-9' | 6'-8' | PS | |  |  |
| *Spiraea tomentosa*  **Steeple Bush** | 2'-4' |  | RG,WS | |  | Suckers to form colony |

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| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **MATURE SIZE** | | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS** | | **NOTES** |
| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **DECIDUOUS SHRUBS Cont.** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Spiraea x vanhouttei*  **Vanhoutte Spirea** | **6'-8'** | I0'-12' | PS | |  |  |
| *Vaccinium corymbosum*  **Highbush Blueberry** | 6'-12' | 8'-12' | RG, WS,PS | | D, I | N; Food Source |
| *Viburnum opulus*  **European Cranberry** | 8'-12' | 10'-15' | RG,PS, WS | | I |  |
| *Viburnum acerifolium*  **MapleleafViburnum** | 41-61 | 3'-4' | PS, SH, DR | |  | N; Best in Naturalized Settings |
| *Viburnum carlesii*  **Koreanspice Viburnum** | 10' | 6'-8' | PS | |  | Fragrant |
| *Viburnum cassinoides*  **Witherod Viburnum** | 5'-10' | 5'-6' | RG | |  | N; Excellent Fruit, |
| *Viburnum dentatum*  **Arrowwood Viburnum** | 15' | 6'-8' | RG, S,PS | |  | Naturalizing, Massing N; Good in hedges, borders, |
| *Viburnum lentago*  **Nannyberry Viburnum** | 15'-25' | 8'-10' | RG,PS, SH | | D | naturalizing N; Naturalizing, Wildlife Food |
| *Viburnum plicatum var.*  *tomentosum*  **Doublefile Viburnum** | 8'-10' | 9'-12' |  | |  | Intolerant of heavy clay & poor drainage |
| *Viburnum prunifolium*  **Blackhaw Viburnum** | 12'-15' | 8'-12' | PS | |  | N |
| **EVERGREEN SHRUBS** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Aucuba japonica 'Variegata'*  **Gold-Dust Plant** | 6'-10' | 5'-8' | SH | | D | Requires male for berries |
| *Buxus microphylla 'Green Beauty'*  **Green Beauty Boxwood** | 3'-4' | 3'-4' | PS | | D, I |  |
| *Camellia japonica*  **Japanese Camellia** | 10'-15' | PS | D,I | |  |  |
| *Cephalotaxus harringtonia*  *'Prostrata'*  **Prostrate Japanese Plum Yew** | 5'-10' | 5'-10' | PS,DR | |  |  |

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| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **EVERGREEN SHRUBS Cont.** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Euonymus kiautschovicus*  *'Manhattan'*  **Manhattan Euonymus** | 4'-6' | 4'-6' | **PS** | | D,I |  |
| *Ilex aquipernyi 'Meschick'*  **Dragon Lady Holly** | 12'-15' | 6'-W | PS | |  |  |
| *Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'*  **Burford Holly** | 10'-20' | 10'-12' | PS,DR | | I |  |
| *Ilex crenata*  **Japanese Holly** | 5'-10' | 5'-10' | PS | | D,I |  |
| *Ilex glabra*  **Inkberry Holly** | 6'-8' | 8'-10' | RG,PS, WS | |  | Evergreen |
| *Ilex x ‘Nelly R. Stevens’*  **Nelly Stevens Holly** | 15'-25' | 8'-10' | PS | |  |  |
| *Kalmia angustifolia*  **Sheep Laurel** | l '-3' | 2'-3' | PS | |  | Poisonous foliage |
| *Kalmia latifolia*  **Mountain Laurel** | 7'-15' | 7'-15' | PS | | D, I | N |
| *Mahonia aquifolium*  **Oregon Grapeholly** | 3'-6' | 3'-5' | SH | | D,I | Suckers to form colony |
| *Cephalotaxus harringtonia*  *'Prostrata'*  **Prostrate Japanese Plum Yew** | 5'-10' | 5'-10' | PS, DR | |  |  |
| *Osmanthus americana*  **Devilwood** | 15’-25' |  | RG, PS,WS,DR | |  | N |
| *Osmanthus heterophyllus*  **Falseholly or Tea-Olive** | 8’-10’ | 6'-8' | PS | |  |  |
| *Pieris japonica*  **Japanese Pieris** | 9’-12’ | 6'-8' | PS | | D,I |  |
| *Rhododendron catawbiense*  **Catawba Rhododendron** | 6’-10’ | 5'-8' | PS | |  | N; Do not plant in full sun |

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| **Height** | **Width** |  | |  |  |
| **EVERGREEN SHRUBS Cont.** |  |  |  | |  |  |
| *Rhododendron maximum*  **Rosebay Rhododendron** | 4’-15’ | 4'-15' | SH | |  | N |
| *Rhododendron spp.*  **Azalea** | 4’-9’ | 3'-8' | PS | | D, I |  |
| *Skimma japonica*  **Japanese Skimma** | 3’-4’ | 3'-4' | SH | | I |  |
| *Taxus x media*  **Yew** | 3’-20’ | 3'-8' | SH | | D, I |  |
| *Viburnum rhytidophyllum*  **Leatherleaf Viburnum** | 10’-15’ | 10'-15' | SH | |  |  |

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| TABLE PG -P PERENNIAL SELECTION AND COVER GUIDE | | | | | |
| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **MATURE HEIGHT** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **USES** | **NOTES** |
| *Acanthus spinosus*  **Acanthus/Bear's Breeches** | l '-2' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Achillea filipendula*  **Yarrow** | 2'-3' | DR,SL |  | Full sun, butterfly, beneficial bugs, fragrant |
| *Achillea millefolium*  **Yarrow** | 2'-3' | DR,SL |  | Full sun, butterfly, beneficial bugs, fragrant |
| *Aegopodium podagraria 'Variegatum'*  **Bishopsweed** | l' | PS, SH |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial insects, ground cover |
| *Agapanthus*  **Nile Lily** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun, butterfly, hummingbirds |
| *Ajania pacifica*  **Chrysanthemum** | 1'-2' |  |  | Full sun, butterfly, beneficial bugs, ground cover |
| *Ajuga reptans*  **Bugleweed** | 3-6" | PS,SH,WS | RG | Ground cover; tolerates a variety of soils; full sun |
| *Allium spp.*  **Ornamental Onion** | 1'-2' |  |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Amsonia hubrectii*  **Willow Blue Star** | 2'-3' | PS |  | Full sun, tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Amsonia tabernaemontana*  **Bluestar** | 2-3' | WS, DR,PS | RG | Full sun; ground cover; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anacyclus pyrethrum var. deprussus*  **Anacyclus/Mt. Atlas Daisy** | 4-6" |  |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Anemone blanda*  **Windflower** | 6-8" | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anemone coronaria*  **Israelian Anemone** | 1' | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anemone x hybrida*  **Japanese anemone** | 2'-3' | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anemone hupehensis*  **Japanese anemone** | 2'-3' | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |

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| *Anemone mutifida 'Rubra'*  **Windflower** | 1' | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anemone sylvestris*  **Snowdrop anemone** | 1'-1’ | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anemone tomentosa 'Robustissima'*  **Japanese anemone** | 2'-3' | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Anthemis tinctoria*  **Anthemis/ Marguerite Daisy** |  |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Aquilegia alpina*  **Alpine columbine** | 12-30" | PS, SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia caerulea*  **Columbine** | 12-30" | PS, SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia canadensis*  **Red Columbine** | 1-2' | WS,PS | RG | N; tolerates variety of soils; full sun; song birds, pollinators, hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia chrysantha*  **Golden Columbine** | 12-30" | PS, SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia flabellata*  **Fan columbine** | 12-30" | PS, SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia viridiflora*  **Columbine** | 12-30" | PS, SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Aquilegia vulgaris*  **Columbine** | 12-30" | PS,SH |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; Hummingbirds |
| *Arabis blepharophylla 'Red Sensation'*  **Arabis/Rock Cress** | 6-10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; beneficial bugs |
| *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  **Kinnikinnick/Bearberry** | 4-6" | PS, SH |  | N; tolerant of most landscape conditions; groundcover |
| *Arenaria montana*  **Arenaria/Sandwort** | 4-5" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Armeria maritima*  **Armeria/Thrift** | 5-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |

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| *Armeria pseudarmeria*  **Armeria/Thrift** | 5-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Artemisia lacinata 'Ghizhou'*  **Artemisia/Wormwood** | 5' |  |  | Full sun |
| *Artemisia ludoviciana 'Valerie Finnis'*  **Artemisia/Wormwood** | 15-18" |  |  | Full sun |
| *Artemisia 'Powis Castle'*  **Artemisia/Wormwood** | 5-18" |  |  | Full sun |
| *Artemisia schmidtiana 'Si/vermound'*  **Artemisia/Wormwood** | 5-18" |  |  | Full sun |
| *Aruncus aethusifolius*  **Aruncus/Goatsbeard** | 8-12" |  |  | Prefers moist soil |
| *Aruncus diocus*  **Aruncus/Goatsbeard** | 30-48" |  |  | Prefers moist soil |
| *Asarum canadense*  **Wild Ginger** |  |  |  | N; low ground cover; not full sun |
| *Asclepias incarnata*  **Swamp Milkweed** |  |  |  | N; full sun, fragrant; beneficial insects, pollinators |
| *Asclepias tuberosa*  **Butterflyweed** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster amellus 'Violet Queen'*  **Italian Aster** |  |  |  | N; Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster divaricatus*  **Whitewood Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster laterifolius 'Lady in Black'*  **Calico Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster linosyris*  **Goldilocks Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster nova-angliae cvs.*  **New England Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster oblongifolia*  **October Skies** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |

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| *Aster sp. 'Fanny'*  **Fanny's Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster tataricus 'Jindai'*  **Tatarian Daisy** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster tongolensis 'Wartbergstern'*  **East Indies Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster x dumosus cvs.*  **Hardy Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aster xfrikartii cvs.*  **Frikart's Aster** |  |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Aurinia saxatilis*  **Aurinia/Basket-of-Gold** |  |  |  | Butterfly, beneficials |
| *Baptisia australis*  **Baptisia/False Indigo** |  |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Baptisia leucophaea*  **White False indigo** |  |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Baptisia pendula*  **White Wild Indigo** |  |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Begonia grandis*  **Hardy Begonia** |  |  |  |  |
| *Belmcanda chinensis*  **Blackberry Lily** |  |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Boltonia asteroides*  **Boltonia** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Brunnera macrophylla*  **Siberian Bugloss** | 1-1.5' | WS,PS | RG | Tolerates all but dry conditions; groundcover |
| *Campanula glomerata*  **Clustered Bellflower** | 24-30" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Campanula latifolia*  **Great Bellflower** | 4'-6' | PS |  | Full sun |
| *Campanula persicifolia*  **Peachleaf Bellflower** | 2'-3' | PS |  | Full sun |

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| *Campanula punctata*  **Spotted Bellflower** | 1 Vi-3' | PS |  | Full sun |
| *Cannaspp.*  **Canna Lily** | 3' | WS | RG | Tolerates variety of soils, full sun |
| *Caryopteris x clandonensis*  **Caryopteris** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Caltha palustris*  **Marsh Marigold** | *Vi'* -2' | WS,PS | RG | Good for stream banks; full sun; hummingbirds & butterflies; poisonous |
| *Catanache caerulea*  **Cupid's Dart** | 18-30" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Centranthus ruber*  **Red Valerian** | 24-36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Cerastium tomentosum*  **Snow-in-Winter** | 6-8" | **PS** |  | Full sun; butterfly, beneficial bugs; quick spreading |
| *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*  **Plumbago** | 6-12" | PS,SH | RG | Full sun; well drained soil; ground cover |
| *Chelone lyonii*  **Pink Turtlehead** | 2-3' | WS,PS | RG | Not full sun |
| *Chelone obliqua*  **Red Turtlehead** | 2-3' | WS,PS | RG | N; full sun |
| *Chrysogonum virginianum*  **Green and Gold** | 6-9" | WS,PS | RG | Ground Cover; N; full sun; tolerates a variety of soil conditions |
| *Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana'*  **Tickseed** | 6-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Coreopsis grandiflora cvs.*  **Tickseed** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; long blooming |
| *Coreopsis lanceolata*  **Lanceleaf Coreopsis** | 12-18" |  | RG | Full sun; long blooming |
| *Coreopsis rosea*  **Lanceleaf Coreopsis** | 18-24" |  | RG | Full sun; long blooming |
| *Coreopsis verticillata*  **Lanceleaf Coreopsis** | 18-24" |  | RG | N; full sun; long blooming |

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| *Delosperma cooperi*  **Ice Plant** | 2-6" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Delosperma floribumdum 'Starburst'*  **Ice Plant** | 2-6" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Delosperma nubigenum*  **Ice Plant** | 2-6" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Delphinium grandiflomm*  **Larkspur** | 14-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Dendranthema sp.*  **Chrysanthemum** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; late blooming |
| *Dianthus barbatus*  **Sweet William** | 8-10" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Dianthus alpinus*  **Rockery Pinks** | 3-6" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Dianthus deltoides*  **Garden Pinks** | 8-12" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Dianthus gratianopolitanus*  **Cheddar Pinks** | 6-10" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Dianthus plumaris*  **Cottage Pinks** | 14-16" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Dianthus x alwoodii*  **Garden Pinks** | 12" |  |  | Full sun; Butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Echinacea purpurea*  **Echinacea/Coneflower** | 18-36" |  | RG | N; full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Echinops bannaticus 'Blue Glow'*  **Globe Thistle** | 18-36" |  |  | Full sun; butterfly; clumping |
| *Echinops ritro*  **Globe Thistle** | 18-36" |  |  | Full sun; butterfly; clumping |
| *Erigeron sp.*  **Fleabane** | 18-30" |  |  | Full sun |
| *Eryngeum planum 'Blaukappe'*  **Eryngium/Sea Holly** | 24-30" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly |

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| *Eupatorium fistulosum*  **Hollow-stem Joe Pye Weed** | 5-8' | PS | RG | N; full sun; butterfly; late season bloom |
| *Eupatorium maculatum*  **Joe Pye Weed** | 5-6' | PS | RG | N; full sun; butterfly; late season bloom |
| *Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate'*  **Chocolate leaf snakeroot** | 4-5' | PS | RG | Full sun; butterfly; late season bloom |
| *Euphorbia amygdaloides 'Purpurea'*  **Wood Spurge** | 10-12" | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia cyparissus 'Fen's Ruby'*  **Cushion Spurge** | 6-10" | PS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia dulcis 'Chameleon*1  **Purple Spurge** | 12" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia griffithii 'Fireglow'*  **Griffith's Spurge** | 2'-3' | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia myrsinites*  **Myrtle Euphorbia** | 6-9" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia polychroma*  **Cushion spurge** | 12-18" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Euphorbia robbiae*  **Robb's Spurge** | 24" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Gaillardia aristata 'Tokajer'*  **Blanket Flower** | 8-30" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Gaillardia x grandiflora*  **Blanket Flower** | 8-30" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Gaura linheimeri*  **Gaura** | 18-24" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Gazania linearis 'Colorado Gold'*  **Gazania** | 8-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Geranium 'Brookside'*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 10-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |

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| *Geranium macrorrhizum*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 15" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium phaeum var. purpureum*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium 'Philippe Vapelle'*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 10-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium praetense*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium sanguineum*  **Bloody Cranesbill/Geranium** | 6-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium soboliferum 'Stanhoe'*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 5-6" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium x cantabrigense 'Biokovo'*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 8-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium x magnificum*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Geranium x oxonianum 'Claridge Druce'*  **Cranesbill/Hardy Geranium** | 18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Goniolimon tataricum*  **Goniolimon/German Statice** | 10-15" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Gypsophila cerastoides*  **Baby's Breath** | 2-3" |  |  | Full sun; well drained slightly alkaline soil |
| *Gypsophila paniculata*  **Baby's Breath** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; well drained slightly alkaline soil |
| *Gypsophila repens*  **Creeping Baby's Breath** | 4-8" |  |  | Full sun; well drained slightly alkaline soil |

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| *Goniolimon tataricum*  **Goniolimon/German Statice** | 10-15" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Helanthus maximiliani*  **Perennial Sunflower** | 3-10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Helenium autumnale*  **Common Sneezeweed** | 3'-4' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Helianthemum cvs.*  **Rock Rose** | 4-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Heliopsis helianthoides*  **Heliopsis/False Sunflower** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly |
| *Hemerocallis* spp.  **Daylilies** | 1' | PSWS | RG | Tolerates variety of soils, full sun; see unacceptable species list. |
| *Hedychium* spp.  **Gingers** | 4-6' | WS | RG | Tolerates variety of soils, full sun; bees, birds, butterflies |
| *Helianthus angustifolius*  **Swamp Sunflower** | 6-8' | WS | RG | Full sun; bees, butterflies, birds |
| *Hibiscus coccineus*  **Scarlet Rose Mallow** | 4-6' | WS | RG | N; full sun; nectar feeders and birds |
| *Hibiscus moscheutos*  **Marsh Mallow** | 4-6' | WS | RG | N; full sun; nectar feeders and birds |
| *Iberis sempervirens*  **Candytuft** | 6-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Iris x*  **Louisiana Iris** | 2-3' | WS,PS, SH | RG | Hybrids of native sp; full sun; Tolerates variety of soils |
| *Iris pseudacorus*  **Pale Yellow Iris** | 2-3' | WS | RG | N; Tolerates variety of soils, full sun |
| *Iris versicolor*  **Slender Blue Flag Iris** | 2-3' | WS | RG | N; Tolerates variety of soils except dry, full sun; |
| *Iris virginica*  **Virginia Iris** | 2-3' | WS | RG | N; Tolerates variety of soils except dry, full sun |
| *Kalimeris pinnat fia 'Hortensis'*  **Japanese Aster** | 2'-3' |  |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; long blooming |
| *Kalimeris yomena 'Aurea'*  **Japanese Aster** | 2'-3' |  |  | Tolerant of most landscape conditions; long blooming |

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| *Knautia macedonica*  **Knautia** | 24" |  |  | Full sun; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Kniphofia uvaria*  **Red Hot Poker** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; hummingbird |
| *Lamiastrum galeobdolon*  **Yellow Archangel** | 12-18" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Lavandula angustifolia*  **Lavender** | 12-36" |  |  | Full sun; prefers alkaline soil; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Lavandula x intermedia*  **Lavender** | 12-36" |  |  | Full sun; prefers alkaline soil; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Liatris spicata*  **Liatris/Blazing Star** | 2-4' | RG,WS |  | N; tolerates variety of soils- not wet soils in winter, full sun |
| *Liatris squarrosa*  **Gayfeather/Blazing Star** | 12-36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Liriope muscari*  **Lilyturf** | 1-1.5' | WS,PS, SH | RG | Groundcover; tolerates variety of soils, full sun, evergreen |
| *Lirope spicata*  **Liriope/Monkey Grass** | 12-16" |  | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials; ground cover |
| *Ligularia tussilaginea*  **Leopard Plant** | 1-3' | WS,PS | RG | Tolerates variety of soils |
| *Lithodora diffusa*  **Lithodora** | 6-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Lobelia cardinalis*  **Cardinal Flower** | 2-4' | PS, WS | RG | N; tolerates variety of soils, full sun; hummingbirds, butterflies |
| *Lychnis chalcedonica*  **Lychnis /Campion** | 24-36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Mazus reptans*  **Mazus** | < *Yi'* | PS, WS | RG | Ground cover; full sun |
| *Mertensia virginica*  **Virginia Bluebells** | 1-2' | WS,PS, SH | RG | N; not full sun; prefers seeps & floodplains |
| *Mimulus ringens*  **Monkey Flower** | 1-3' | WS,PS | RG | Rich soil, full sun |
| *Monarda didyma*  **Beebalm** | 2-3' | WS,PS | RG | Full sun; bees, hummingbirds, butterflies |

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| *Nepeta x faassenii*  **Nepeta/Catnip** | 12-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Nipponanthemum nipponicum*  **Nippon Daisy** | 18-30" |  |  | Full sun; late blooming |
| *Oenothera bierlanderi*  **Mexican Evening Primrose** | 8-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Oenothera fruticosa*  **Sundrops** | 18-24" |  |  | N |
| *Ophiopogon japonicus*  **Ophiopogon/Mondo Grass** | 6-12" | PS,SH |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Paeonia lactiflora*  **Paeonia** / **Peony** | 36" |  |  | Powdery mildew |
| *Pardancanda norrisii*  **Pardancanda/Candylily** | 15-36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Patrinia scabiosifolia*  **Patrinia/Golden Lace** | 3-7" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Penstemon barbatus*  **Beardtongue** | 15-24" | PS,WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Penstemon coccineus*  **Beardtongue** | 15-18" | PS,WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Penstemon digitalis*  **Beardtongue** | 30-36" | PS, WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Penstemon x mexicali*  **Beardtongue** | 15-18" | PS,WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Penstemon strictus*  **Beardtongue** | 15-18" | PS, WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Penstemon hybrids*  **Beardtongue** | 24-36" | PS, WS | RG | Full sun; needs well drained soil; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Perovskia atriplicifolia*  **Russian Sage** | 36" | DR |  | Full sun; butterfly,beneficial bugs, hummingbirds |
| *Persicaria jiliformis*  **Mountain Fleece Flower** | 24-36" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Persicaria microcephala 'Red Dragon'*  **Mountain Fleece Flower** | 24-36" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |

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| *Phlomis tuberosa*  **Jerusalem Sage** | 4-5' | DR |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Phlox maculata*  **Wild Sweet William** | 2'-3' | WS |  | N; full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; Powdery mildew |
| *Phlox stolonifera*  **Creeping Phlox** | 12-15" | PS,SH | RG | N; Full sun |
| *Phlox subulata*  **Moss Phlox** | 6-10" | PS | RG | N; Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials; evergreen; ground cover |
| *Phlox paniculata*  **Garden Phlox** | 24-36" |  | RG | N; full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; Powdery mildew |
| *Physotegia virginiana*  **Obedient Plant** | up to 4' | WS,PS | RG | N; tolerates variety of soils, full sun; pollinators, hummingbirds |
| *Platycodon grandiflorus*  **Balloon Flower** | 8"-24" |  |  |  |
| *Prune/la grandiflora 'Rubra'*  **Prunella** | 8-12" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; can be invasive |
| *Pontederia cordata*  **Pickerelweed** | 1-3' | WS,PS | RG | N; full sun; emergent |
| *Primula* spp.  **Primroses** | 4-6" | WS,PS | RG | Tolerates variety of soils; full sun |
| *Pulmonaria spp.*  **Lungwort** | 1-1.5' | WS,SH | RG | Tolerates dry sites |
| *Rubus pentalobus (calycinoides)*  **Creeping Bramble** | 6-12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Rudbeckia fulgida*  **Black-eyed Susan** | 20-24" |  |  | N; Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Rudbeckia hirta*  **Blackeyed Susan** | 2-3' | WS | RG | N; Tolerates variety of soils, full sun; bees, butterflies, insects, birds |
| *Rudbeckia lacinata 'Goldquelle'*  **Cutleaf Coneflower** | 36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Rudbeckia maxima*  **Giant coneflower** | 6' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Rudbeckia nitida 'Herbstonne'*  **Autumn Sun Rudbeckia** | 4-5' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |

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| TABLE PG -P PERENNIAL SELECTION AND COVER GUIDE cont. | | | | | |
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| *Rudbeckia triloba*  **Three lobed coneflower** | 2'-3' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Salvia greggii*  **Texas sage** | 30-36" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Salvia koyame*  **Japanese Yellow Sage** | 24-36" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Salvia lyrata*  **Sage** | 12-18" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Salvia nemorosa*  **Meadow Sage** | 18-24" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Santolina virens*  **Santolina** | 12-18" | **PS** |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Santolina chamaecyparissus*  **Lavender cotton** | 12-18" | PS |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Saururus cernuus*  **Lizard Tail** | 1.5-3' | RG, WS,PS |  | N; wet soils only; food for ducks |
| *Scabiosa caucasica*  **Pincushion Flower** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; prefers slightly alkaline soil; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Scabiosa columbaria*  **Pincushion Flower** | 12-15" |  |  | Full sun; prefers slightly alkaline soil; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Sedum acre*  **Sedum** | 6"-24" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum album*  **Biting stonecrop** | 2-4" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum floriferum*  **Trailing stonecrop** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum 'John Creech'*  **Stonecrop** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum kamtschaticum*  **Kamtschatka stonecrop** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum rupestre*  **Sedum** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum sarmentosum*  **Stonecrop** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |

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| *Sedum sieboldii*  **October Daphne** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum spurium*  **Stonecrop** | 6-8" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Sedum spectabile cvs.*  **Stonecrop** | 18-24" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Silene schafta*  **Silene/Campion** | 2-10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Sisyrinchium angust(folium*  **Blue-Eyed Grass** | 6-20" |  |  | N; full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Solidago flexicaulis*  **Goldenrod** | 1-3' | RG,PS, WS |  | Tolerates variety of soils, full sun; Wildlife: butterflies |
| *Solidago 'Golden Baby'*  **Goldenrod** | 20" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Solidago 'Golden Fleece'*  **Goldenrod** | 18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Solidago 'Laurin'*  **Goldenrod** | 1' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Solidago ohiensis*  **Goldenrod** | 2' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'*  **Rough-stemmed Goldenrod** | 3'-4' |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficial bugs |
| *Stachys byzantina*  **Lamb's ear** | 12-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Stachys officinalis*  **Wood betony** | 24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Stokesia laevis*  **Stokes' Aster** | 14-48" | DR |  | Full sun |
| *Tanacetum coccineum*  **Tanacetum/Painted Daisy** | 24-32" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |
| *Tiarella cordifolia*  **Foamflower** | Vz'-1' | WS,PS,  SH | RG | N; ground cover; tolerates a variety of soil conditions |
| *Tradescantia x andersonia*  **Spiderwort** | 15-30" | PS, WS | RG | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials |

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| *Verbena canadensis 'Homestead Purple'*  **Verbena** | 6-10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, beneficials, hummingbirds |
| *Verbena bonariensis*  **Brazilian verbena** | 18-36" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; butterfly, hummingbirds |
| *Veronica alpina 'Alba'*  **Alpine Speedwell** | 10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica austriaca 'Crater Lake Blue'*  **Speedwell** | 15" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Veronica gentianoides*  **Gentian Speedwell** | 8-18" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica 'Goodness Grows'*  **Spike Speedwell** | 12" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica longifolia 'Icicle'*  **Spike Speedwell** | 18-24" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| Veronica peduncularis  **Speedwell** | 3" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica prostrata 'Rosea'*  **Harebell Speedwell** | 6-8" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica repens*  **Creeping Speedwell** | 1-4" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica spicata*  **Spike Speedwell** | 8-10" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Veronica 'Sunny Border Blue'*  **Speedwell** | 18-20" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions |
| *Veronica 'Waterperry'*  **Speedwell** | 4-6" |  |  | Full sun; tolerant of most landscape conditions; ground cover |
| *Vernonia noveboracensis*  **Ironweed** | 3-7' | WS | RG | N; tolerates variety of soils, full sun; bees, butterflies, beneficial insects |

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| TABLE PG -G DECORATIVE GRASSES SELECTION GUIDE | | | | | |
| **BOTANICAL NAME**  **COMMON NAME** | **MATURE HEIGHT** | **ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES** | **USES** | **NOTES** |
| *Achnathemm calamagrostis*  **Silver Spike Grass** | 2'-2.5' |  | Full sun | Needs well drained soil, Panicles June-Fall |
| *Alopecurus pratensis*  **Foxtail Grass** | 1' | RG,WS, PS |  | Full sun |
| *Andropogon gerardii*  **Big Bluestem** | 2'-6' | DR;PS | Full sun | Erosion control; May become invasive if not property managed |
| *Andropogon glomeratus*  **Bushy Beardgrass** | 2'-4' | WS | Full sun to light  shade | Native; Upright, Retains fall color into winter |
| *Andropogon virginicus*  **Broomsedge** | 1'-3' | RG,DR,WS | Full sun | Native; Grows in tufts, reddish fall color; wildlife food/cover |
| *Arrhenatherum elatius*  **Tall Oats Grass** | 1'-2' | DR,PS | Full sun | Best in spring & fall, cut back in summer |
| *Bouteloua gracilis*  **Mosquito Grass** | 1.5-2' | DR | Full sun | Blooms mid-late summer; early fall |
| *Calamagrostis x acutiflora*  **Feather Reed Grass** | 3'-4' | RG,DR, SL,PS | Full sun | Won't self seed |
| *Carex morrowii 'Aurea Variegata'* | 1'-1.5' | PS | Full sun | Acidic rich soil, Evergreen; Cluster grass |
| *Deschampsia caespitosa*  **Tufted Hair Grass** | 1.5-2' | PS | Full sun | Four seasons of interest; evergreen |
| *Elymus hystrix*  **Bottlebrush Grass** | 2'-5' | PS; SH |  | Native |
| *Festuca amethystina*  **Large Blue Fescue** | 1-1.5' | DR,PS | Full sun | Heat tolerant, narrow green foliage |
| *Festuca mairei*  **Atlas Fescue** | 3-3.5' | DR | Full sun | Heat tolerant once established, evergreen |
| *Festuca ovina*  **Blue Fescue** | 0.5-1' |  | Full sun | Well drained soil, silvery blue foliage |
| *Helictotrichon sempervirens* | 1.5-2' | PS,SL | Full sun | Powder blue foliage, spiky |
| *Imperata cylindrica*  **Japanese Blood Grass** | 1-1.5' | PS |  | Well drained soil; red color during whole growing season |
| *Koeleria macrantha*  **Prairie June Grass** | 1' | SL | Full sun | Green flattened flower heads |
| *Molinia litorialis*  **Tall Purple Moor Grass** | 2'-3' | SL | Full sun | Summer flowers; variegated foliage |

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| *Ophiopogon planiscarpus 'Ebkinzam'*  **Black Mondo Grass** | 1' | PS | Full sun | Prefers rich soils, summer pink bloom color |
| *Panicum virgatum*  **'Dallas Blue', 'Heavy Metal', 'Hanse Herms' 'Prairie Sky' 'Rehbraun'** | 3'-6' | SL | Full sun | Native, Red/purple flowers |
| *Pennisetum alopecuroides*  **Chinese Fountain Grass** | 3'-4' |  | Full sun | Flowers August - October fertile soil; adequate moisture |
| *Pennisetum japonicum* | 3'-4' | DR,SL | Full sun | Bottle brush type flowers; summer to fall |
| *Pennisetum villosum*  **Feather Top** | 1'-3' | PS | Full sun | Needs fertile soil, adequate moisture; spikes light green to tawny with age |
| *Phalaris arundinacea*  **Ribbon Grass** | 2'-3' | DR,PS | Full sun | Moderate drought tolerance, interest whole growing season |
| *Saccharum ravennae*  **Ravannae Grass** | .5-1.5' |  | Full sun | Blooms fall; bronze color in winter, well drained soils |
| *Schizachyrium scoparium*  **Little Bluestem** | 1.5-4' | SL | Full sun | Winter interest; wildlife cover |
| *Sorghastrum nutans 'Sioux Blue'* | 3'-5' | SL | Full sun | Blooms August with good winter color |
| *Spartina cynosuroides*  **Big Cordgrass** | To 8' | ws | Full sun | Wetland obligate; Saltwater tolerant |
| *Spodiopogon sibericus* | 3'-4' | PS |  | Not drought tolerant, Red/burgundy fall color, |
| *Themeda triandrajaponica* |  | DR,SL,PS | Full sun | Summer flowers; maroon-colored flowers |
| **Japanese Themeda** | 2'-3' |  |  |  |
| *Tripsacum dactyloides*  **Eastern Gama Grass** | To 8' | ws | Full sun | Requires careful site selection, cultivation, and management |

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| **TABLE PG-NA Plants Not Acceptable for General Use** | | |
| **SCIENTIFIC NAME** | **COMMON NAME** | **CODE** |
| **TREES** |  |  |
| *Acer negundo* | Boxelder | D,L,W,R |
| *Acer platanoides* | Norway Maple | **R** |
| *Acer saccharinum* | Silver Maple | D,I,W,R |
| *Ailanthus altissima* | Tree of Heaven | W,NI |
| *Albizzia julibrissin* | Mimosa | D,W,NI |
| *Betula papyrifera* | Paper Birch | D,I |
| *Betula pendula* | European White Birch | D,I,W |
| *Betula populifolia* | Gray Birch | D,I |
| *Broussonetia papyrifera* | Paper Mulberry | NI |
| *Gingko biloba* | Female Ginkgo | F |
| *Gledistsia triacanthos* | Thorny Honeylocust | I, Thorns |
| *Maclura pomifera* | Osage Orange | F, Thorns |
| *Melia azedarach* | Chinaberry tree | NI |
| *Morusspp.* | Mulberry | W,F,NI |
| *Pauwlonia tomentosa* | Empress Tree | W,F |
| *Pinus strobus* | White Pine | D,W |
| *Populus deltoids* | Eastern Cottonwood | w |
| *Populus spp.* | Poplar | D,W,R |
| *Prunus serotina* | Black Cherry | D,I |
| *Pyrus calleryana* | Callery Pear | W,NI |
| *Quercus acutissima* | Sawtooth Oak | NI |
| *Salix spp.* | Willows | W,R |
| *Sorbus spp. (except S. alnifolia)* | Mountain Ash | D,I |
| *Triadica sebifera* | Tallowtree, Popcorntree | NI |
| *Ulmus pumila* | Siberian Elm | w |
| **SHRUBS** |  |  |
| *Azalea* - Japanese cultivars | Japanese Azalea | D,I |
| *Berberis thunbergii* | Japanese barberrry | NI |
| *Elaeagnus angustifolia* | Russian Olive | NI |
| *Eleagnus umbellatus* | Autumn Olive | NI |
| *Euonymus alata* | Burning Bush | **NI** |
| *Ligustrum (all species)* | Privet | NI |

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| *Lonicera maackii; L. x bella; L. xylosteum; L. fragrantissima; L. tatarica* | Bush honeysuckles | **NI** |
| *Nanadina domestica* | Sacred bamboo; Nandina | **NI** |
| *Pieris japonica* | Andromeda | I |
| *Pyracantha: coccinea* | Scarlet Firethom | NI, I |
| *Pyracantha angustifolia* | Narrow-leaf Firethom | **NI** |
| *Rosa multiflora* | Multiflora Rose | **NI** |
| *Rosa rugosa* | Rugosa Rose | **NI** |
| *Spiraea japonica* | Japanese Spiraea | **NI** |
| **GRASSES** |  |  |
| *Bambusa, Phyllostachys and Pseudosasa sp* | Bamboo | **NI** |
| *Microstegium* vimineum | Japanese Stiltgrass | **NI** |
| *Miscanthus sinensis* | Chinese Silver grass | NI |
| *Phragmites australis* | Comon Reed | NI |
| *Phalaris arundinacea* | Ribbon Grass | NI |
| *Polygonum cuspidatum* | Japanese Knotweed | NI |
| **PERENNIALS** |  |  |
| *Alliaria petiolata* | Garlic Mustard | **NI** |
| *Hemerocallis fulva* | Common Daylily | **NI** |
| *Iris pseudoacorus* | Water Iris | **NI** |
| *Lespedeza bicolor* | Shrubby Lespedeza | **NI** |
| *Lespedeza cuneata* | Chinese Lespedeza | **NI** |
| *Lythrum salicaria* | Purple Loosestrife | **NI** |
| *Rannunculus ficaria* | Lesser Celadine | **NI** |
| *Rubus phoenicolasius* | Wineberry | **NI** |
| **VINES** |  |  |
| *Akebia quinata* | Five-leaved Akebia | **NI** |
| *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata* | Porcelainberry | **NI** |
| *Celastrus orbiculatus* | Oriental Bittersweet | **NI** |
| *Euonymus fortunei* | Creeping Euonymus | **NI** |
| *Hedera helix* | English Ivy | **NI** |
| *Pueraria montana* | Kudzu | **NI** |
| *Wisteria floribunda* | Japanese Wisteria | **NI** |
| *Wisteria sinensis* | Chinese Wisteria | **NI** |