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#### Dear Parkies and Plant Lovers:

Cities are filled with people and New York City is getting ever more populated, with an estimated additional million residents expected in the next 20 years. No city of this size—a metropolis—can survive and prosper without robust green spaces helping to clean our air and water, cool temperatures, mitigate flooding and storm surges, and provide sanctuary from the pace of urban life.

New York City's 10,000 acres of natural areas—forests, wetlands, and grasslands—are our working lungs and resilient coastlines. The healthier these ecosystems, the healthier we are. Native plants and animals are the building blocks of biodiversity, which mark the health of ecosystems, and Local Law 11 has memorialized the preservation and increase of native plants to ensure that our wild spaces are as rich as possible.

New York City's unique biodiversity stems largely from the fact that we sit at the juncture of New England and the Mid-Atlantic, the Atlantic Ocean and the Hudson River, and two essential East Coast flyways. It is home to an incredible array of ecosystems that when thriving in their native homes create for complex biodiversity that benefits us all.

Parks' Natural Resources Group (NRG) is the oldest urban conservation division in the nation. Since 1984, NRG has been a pioneer in protecting natural areas and in 2008 it established the Forever Wild program as a way to preserve our most special natural habitats. The Greenbelt Native Plant Center has been growing native plants for use in ecological restoration projects for nearly two decades. In 2012, The Natural Areas Conservancy was started to advance Parks' conservation efforts. In compliance with Local Law 11, I present to you the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Native Species Planting Guide. This guide lists all the native plants of the City and their specific characteristics. If you are planting in a natural area as defined by this guide you must use the plants cataloged here. If you are planting outside these areas, please do your best to incorporate natives into your sustainable designs—but do not ever use any invasive species, a list of which is provided in this guide as well.

New York City, like our sister East Coast cities, faces the uncertainty of climate change. Superstorm Sandy made this real for all of us as it tore through neighborhoods, felling approximately 20,000 trees, and doing untold damage to both the built environment and our natural spaces. Intact and functioning ecosystems mitigate these threats. Local Law 11 ensures that we preserve our natural history for the sake of the future: healthy ecosystems will help us weather climate change by making us more resilient.

Happy planting!

Sincerely,

Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP

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# The Value of Native Plants

#### What is a 'Native' Plant? What is Biodiversity?

If one asks five different people "What is a native plant?", one is likely to get five different answers. Defining "native" in geographic terms is complicated and not necessarily suited to protecting indigenous flora. Since the 1970s with the creation of the Federal Endangered Species Act, the United States has attempted to save native flora, with mixed success. The standard approach has been to use geographic or political boundaries to conserve native plants; for example: New York State Environmental Conservation Law Section 9-1503.

New York City's Local Laws 10 and 11 of 2013 represent an evolving approach to protect our native plants by focusing on biodiversity, rather than individual plant species, and reflects an increased understanding of plant conservation. A focus on biology is a better way to understand what is native and how best to protect native populations. Seen through this lens, the protection of native plants is linked with the protection and sustainability of ecosystems.

Biological diversity, or biodiversity, is the richness of species, both animal and plant, that occupy a given ecosystem. Taken out of the context of the ecosystem, biodiversity has little biological meaning. This is recognized both in the present law, and in the commonly accepted definition of native species from Federal Executive Order 13112: ".......'native species' shall mean, with respect to a particular ecosystem, a species that, other than as the result of introduction, historically occurred or currently occurs in that ecosystem."

The more intact an ecosystem the more species richness there is, and the greater its resiliency its ability to recover from the minor and major perturbations of weather, biological invasion, and other disturbances. As species and their assemblages are lost, the ecosystem begins to unravel, and the ability of the ecosystem to endure and recover from disturbance is lessened. Unmitigated, the systems collapse, and even if the ecosystems appear superficially unchanged, their functionality - their ability to deliver ecological services, whether carbon sequestration, food and shelter for wildlife, retention and cleaning of stormwater, or lowering of the heat island effect - is compromised.

Seeking to increase the biodiversity, and thus resiliency of an ecosystem, is the primary and most effective means of protecting native plants. Conversely, biodiversity cannot be increased by randomly planting additional species of plants or introducing new animals into the ecosystems. Ecosystems are groupings of species that have evolved over time, often millennia. As the eminent biologist E.O. Wilson states in his defense of biodiversity:

"...diversity, the property that makes resilience possible, is vulnerable to blows that are greater than natural perturbations. It can be eroded away fragment by fragment, and irreversibly so if the abnormal stress is unrelieved. This vulnerability stems from life's composition as swarms of species of limited geographical distribution. Every habitat, from

Brazilian rain forest to Antarctic bay to thermal vent, harbors a unique combination of plants and animals. Each kind of plant and animal living there is linked in the food web to only a small part of the other species. Eliminate one species, and another increases in number to take its place. Eliminate a great many species, and the local ecosystem starts to decay visibly." (Wilson, E.O., *The Diversity of Life, 1985.*) [Emphasis added]

New York City Local laws 10 and 11 of 2013 serve the important purpose of requiring Parks to maximize its efforts to increase the biodiversity of functioning ecosystems in New York City. While planting native species outside of well-functioning ecosystems will not increase biodiversity it does not mean that those species cannot still provide habitat for bird, animal, and insect species as well as aesthetic value throughout the urban environment. Furthermore, it is the philosophy of Parks to enhance the proportion of native species throughout the built city when appropriate.

#### Natural New York

Understanding the current state of biodiversity in New York City's ecosystems requires an understanding of the historical natural forces that shaped these ecosystems and the effect that development of the built city has had on these ecosystems. With this knowledge we can formulate the best plans to save and increase species richness in our surviving ecosystems.

New York City is a coastal city, at the edge of a continent, and at temperate latitudes. These geographic and climatic conditions have been uninterrupted for thousands of years and have yielded a landscape of primarily forested ecosystems which give way at the continent's edge to coastal grasslands and salt marshes.

The last glacial ice age ended between ten to twenty thousand years ago. Before the retreat, however, glaciers had wiped clean the slate of local vegetation and forced plant species to retreat southward where they survived until the climate warmed. As the glaciers retreated and the climate warmed, plant species expanded their range northwards again, re-assembling into the ecosystems of the present day. We know that some species were still rebounding into modern times, expanding their ranges in an inexorable, slow, and methodical process.

The withdrawal of the glaciers left its physical mark on the future city as well. Chief among these events was the creation of ridges - terminal end moraines which formed high ground through portions of Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island. These moraines have characteristic soils that support specific ecosystems, remnants of which still exist in these boroughs. Similarly, to the east of these moraines, large glacial outwash plains formed, consisting to various degrees of gravels or sands, which also came to shape the natural city.

Climate has also played a significant role in shaping local plant populations. Many southern species find their present day northern limit here in New York City. Similarly, some species with

northern distributions find their southern limit here as well. In New York City there are many examples of species at the edges of their range.

New York City is a city of islands: Queens and Brooklyn (being the western extent of Long Island), Staten Island, and Manhattan (being virtually an island, although technically a peninsula). Only the Bronx is contiguous with the continental United States. Islands have a significant effect on biodiversity or species richness, both through physical isolation and by virtue of the island's size.

All of these factors, and more, have come together over evolutionary time to create the present day ecosystems that constitute New York City. However, development has left virtually all of these ecosystems as isolated remnants, far smaller than their original size. Utilizing *The Ecological Communities of New York State* by Carol Reschke, Parks' Greenbelt Native Plant Center (GNPC) staff has identified 28 natural ecosystems still distinguishable within New York City's borders. Many are fragmented and compromised, and only recognizable to trained botanists, but many others are intact.

#### Historical and Present Plant Surveys

New York City has always been a center of botanical exploration and expertise. Many of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century's leading botanists were either born or worked here and as a result we have detailed records of the species and overall numbers of species that once occurred here and good approximations of the present numbers. Many of these species were collected and preserved as dried specimens in herbaria at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and elsewhere. Based on these and other historic records we estimate that approximately 1,500 to 2,000 species likely occurred in the five boroughs of New York at the time of European colonization.

Since the early 1990s, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, through its Metro Flora Project, has been systematically resurveying the flora of New York City and the surrounding region. Their work has revealed that there are approximately 750 species still present within our boundaries.

Utilizing historic and present day records it is possible to frame the question of what degree of biodiversity is still possible for the surviving ecosystems of our city. Does the current number represent a maximum or can we hope to manage our ecosystems better and possibly restore some of the lost species, thus increasing their biodiversity as the law instructs us to do?

#### What is Biodiversity? How Biodiverse Can New York City Hope to Be?

As stated previously, biological diversity, or biodiversity, is the richness of species, both animal and plant, that occupy a given ecosystem. To know what is possible we need to be aware of the theoretical boundaries to species diversity that have been established by scientists. Much of the science that reveals the extent of local biodiversity comes from studying islands.

A few key principals of island biogeography are important to consider understanding the level of biodiversity possible for New York, our 'City of Islands'. The degree of biological diversity is limited by the size of an island -- the larger the island, the more species diversity is possible. All things being equal, and with some species always being lost and new species being recruited, a dynamic equilibrium is obtained in which the overall number of species is constant for a given island of a given size.

By the 1970s the world was awakening to the dramatic loss of habitat. These losses have turned vast tracts of ecosystems into small isolated islands of vegetation. It wasn't very long before the theories of island biogeography were seen to be of practical use in designing and setting aside bioreserves. Questions were being raised as to the optimal size for a reserve to sustainably maintain its biodiversity prior to fragmentation and isolation.

There are parallels to the bioreserve questions that are relevant to the management and sustainability of urban ecosystems. New York City ecosystems have become severely fragmented, reduced in size and biologically isolated by the development of the city. The number of species that can be contained in most of our parks is severely limited, and we cannot increase the number of species and hence the biodiversity of our ecosystems simply by cramming more species into New York City's parkland, even if those species once occurred there. Many of the ecosystems within the 5 boroughs, with good management, can move towards a new, lower dynamic equilibrium reflective of their present reduced size and isolation.

There are many critical factors promoting biodiversity that can be exploited through proper and well funded management of New York City's parkland, such as control of invasive plants and insect pests, eliminating or at least minimizing and mitigating further fragmentation of our ecosystems, protecting hydrologic regimes, and supporting healthy plant populations through sound management practices. Critical to this last point is the management of the genetic health of these remnant plant populations. Without the ability to exchange their genes between large numbers of individuals within their local population and to receive and transmit occasional novel genes with outside populations, evolution cannot proceed and much like a handful of surviving tigers managed in zoos, we will be confined to practicing sophisticated horticulture in elaborate "native" gardens, rather than land management of functioning natural ecosystems.

Parks can work in concert to manage the genetic health of New York City's remnant ecosystems by instituting a program to increase plant population size by planting additional individuals into the population. These plants must be carefully sourced to protect the genetics of the remnant population. In addition, Parks can seek to exchange and reintroduce genes from neighboring, now isolated populations. If population size can be optimized, genetic diversity increased, and ecosystem health reversed, it may be possible to reintroduce lost species to our ecosystems with a reasonable expectation that they will integrate, survive, and sustain themselves.

To paraphrase E.O. Wilson, every species is dynamically linked to a handful of other species. No species can be reintroduced without considering the complex interactions it has with other species.

#### A Role for Our Native Species in the Built Environment

Planting native plants outside of New York City's natural ecosystems cannot contribute to the biodiversity of those ecosystems, and is therefore not required by this manual. Indeed, outside of the Forever Wild and natural areas identified in the next chapter, emphasis will be placed on increasing the proportion of native plants used in Park plantings. We can seek to restore or increase ecosystem health and attempt to restore and expand ecosystems on their edges, but there is no scientific proof that planting out into the built city will benefit adjoining ecosystems.

However, it does not mean that native species cannot serve an important role in infrastructure improvements. A good example is the current experiment between Columbia University and Parks to establish green roof plantings utilizing regionally native plant species. Two regional ecosystems, Hempstead Plains and Rocky Summit ecosystems, were chosen for this experiment because they closely mimicked the conditions encountered on rooftops -- hot, well drained, and drought-prone. The project is not seeking to create extensions of Hempstead Plains and Rocky Summit ecosystems onto the roofs of New York City; it is impossible to successfully transplant the totality of these ecosystems in all their biological complexity. Rather, the project sought to exploit existing knowledge of these species as they function in their natural ecosystems to create beauty and ecosystem services on rooftops.

Parks will continue to increase its use of native species in ornamental plantings designs and in right-of-way areas as appropriate. Native species have evolved to local environmental and edaphic conditions, and many have utilitarian and aesthetic qualities that can be of service to those responsible for designing and maintaining the public landscape as well as to individual property owners who seek to enhance their own backyards or street tree pits.

Parks is fortunate to have at its disposal a facility dedicated to the propagation and production of the flora of New York City's native ecosystems – Parks Greenbelt Native Plant Center. This facility exists primarily in support of efforts to conserve, manage and restore the City's ecosystems. Furthermore, it produces plants only from locally sourced, genetically rich plant populations, which contributes significantly to maintaining the genetic integrity of New York City's surviving ecosystems- a critical factor in maintaining biodiversity. Over the twenty years of its existence, GNPC has learned to grow roughly two thirds of the species still to be found in New York City's ecosystems.

The GNPC welcomes the opportunity to make these species both better known and more available to meet the challenges we collectively face to build a sustainable and resilient city. This guide will be an excellent tool in advancing these goals.

#### Introduced and Naturalized Plant Species

Plant introductions have been conducted since the earliest period of Western colonization and Native American populations introduced edible and useful plants from other regions along their trade routes. However, these introductions were made into agricultural systems, or were introduced as garden ornamentals. While some introductions have reproduced aggressively

and can be considered invasive, many others have adapted to local conditions and have naturalized. Ecosystems are not static, but evolving and as mentioned earlier, ecosystems lose and gain species through evolutionary time. The issue for biodiversity and sustainability of ecosystems arises from the degree to which introductions disrupt functioning ecosystems. To again quote E. O. Wilson: "Eliminate one species, and another increases in number to take its place. Eliminate a great many species, and the local ecosystem starts to decay visibly."

Naturalized species perform valuable functions as ornamentals, provide habitat, shelter, and food for some bird, animal, and insect species. They have, however, decreased the overall diversity of the ecosystems they have colonized by displacing other species. Although they provide some ecological services, they will not function to the same degree as the species they displaced in intact ecosystems that have evolved over evolutionary time. In addition, if they have displaced specialist species that, for instance could only be pollinated by a particular bee species, then that loss will have cascaded through the ecosystem, with the potential loss of many other plant and animal species.

In highly disturbed sites, even within remnant ecosystems, introduced plants may prove better adapted to soil and hydrological conditions and this very well may merit their use, even though this is contrary to the goal of increasing the use of native plants in the city. Intelligent and informed planting design recognizes a number of complex characteristics that can't be confined to a narrow discussion of native vs. non-native origins.

#### Conclusion

Opportunities to increase biodiversity of New York City's existing ecosystems through planting practices will be carefully managed by New York City's land management professionals and landscape architects, and indeed we are now instructed to take concrete steps to do so. We can best meet this challenge by preserving the best of the remaining open space ecosystems that are as yet unprotected and through sound management and restoration of our surviving ecosystems.

Landscape architects and horticultural professionals exercise judgement in the specification of ornamental and native species to achieve a multitude of environmental and design goals. This guide, by presenting a selection of historically present native species, will further enhance the existing plant palette and serve to increase species diversity and the greater use of native species in various green spaces throughout the five boroughs.

"Biological diversity is the key to the maintenance of the world as we know it. Life in a local site struck down by a passing storm springs back quickly because enough diversity still exists. .......This is the assemblage of life that took a billion years to evolve. It has eaten the storms – folded them into its genes – and created the world that created us. It holds the world steady." (Wilson, E.O., 1985)

# How to Use This Guide

This manual is an information resource written to provide support for increasing biodiversity in our natural ecosystems. The guide contains detailed information for the tolerances, preferences, and value of over 430 native species. This information, where available, is intended to provide assistance in choosing the right plants to increase biodiversity in ecosystems, and to further aid in design for projects in these ecosystems. In addition to commercial nurseries, GNPC has plant material and seeds for the species listed in this guide and can be used as a resource on public projects. GNPC has an extensive propagation and growing operation for local native species and can be an valuable source of native plant material. The guide is organized by plant type to facilitate selection from a range of plant habits, from grasses to trees. It also consists of a bibliography of plants and planting design guides appropriate for use in the mid-Atlantic region and links to other helpful resources: lists of restricted and potentially invasive plants, guides to salt tolerances of a range of plants, a guide to plants best used for stormwater capture sites, and a list of plants appropriate for native landscape restoration, primarily in Forever Wild sites and natural areas identified within Parks' system. These lists provide suggestions for planting, and represent a near complete list of desirable or approved species. Specific site characteristics, the input of professionals, and other factors, will, as appropriate, dictate planting decisions. This information will be updated regularly, but it cannot substitute for the creative, innovative, careful, and conscious choices made by New York City's landscape architects, horticulturists, foresters, and other professionals.

Informed planting design involves a complex analysis and inventory of soils, hydrological conditions, light, and exposure. The consideration of existing plants on site may provide information on plant communities of native - and well adapted non-native - species best suited to a particular site. Many areas within the parks system, however, are extremely disturbed or degraded environments, and replication of native communities may not be the most effective means of establishing vegetative cover. Soils may be composed of highly alkaline building rubble, lack organic matter, or require remediation for various toxic substances before the establishment of new plantings. Most manufactured topsoils are neutral or alkaline pH and if they are introduced, this will also inform planting decisions. This guide provides information on especially urban-tolerant species that may be capable of thriving even in the toughest planting sites.

New Yorkers choosing plants for urban spaces are encouraged to learn about the way ecological communities establish and grow, so that designed plantings will have resiliency and ecological value, providing a full range of benefits to humans and other wildlife species. The ideal design intent is for every green space to support a sustainable, robust plant assemblage that gives value to the community.

### Forever Wild and Natural Areas

Dozens of sites within our park system, totaling thousands of acres, have been identified as the most ecologically valuable lands within the five boroughs, and as priority areas for protection and conservation. These Forever Wild preserves, in combination with additional natural areas, are displayed in the tables and maps below. When designing a project in one of these preserves, the use of native plants is required. Planting outside these areas may include a broader palette of native, adapted, or non-invasive ornamental species. Specific boundaries of the preserves can be found on the individual park maps located at <a href="http://www.nycgovparks.org/greening/nature-preserves/sites">http://www.nycgovparks.org/greening/nature-preserves/sites</a>. The intent of this guide is to promote the use of native plant material as appropriate to increase biodiversity in New York City's wild ecosystems.

## Edges and Landscaped Areas

When working on edges of ecosystems, introduced species can have ecological value in addition to improving aesthetics or restoring historical plant palettes. As appropriate, non-native, non-invasive plants may be used, taking care that they do not spread into the nearby ecosystem. Historic and cultural landscapes listed on, or potentially eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places and designated as local landmarks by the City of New York Landmarks Commission may call for appropriate ornamental or historically present non-native species. At these sites, planting choices shall conform to the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. Many of these sites contain remnant or re-created cultivated and domestic landscapes with a variety of non-native species contributing considerably to their value as historic cultural resources. At these locations, landscape architects and natural resource professionals must determine appropriate boundaries and buffer zones between ecological preserves and historic landscapes. Where historic and cultural landscapes fall within Forever Wild sites or natural areas, they are excluded from the native species only planting mandate.

### Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Areas

Local Law 10 of 2013 strongly encourages the New York City to maximize stormwater retentive plantings. Included in this guide is a list of relevant plants to use in stormwater capture sites. These sites have unique conditions that can be challenging for some native plants. Parks has spent the last three years researching and field testing these plants. The native plants that have performed well in these conditions are identified in the plant descriptions, and in a separate chapter.

# **Supporting Biodiversity**

The stated purpose of the enacted native species law is to increase biodiversity within the five boroughs of New York City. Research tells us that planting native species in our intact

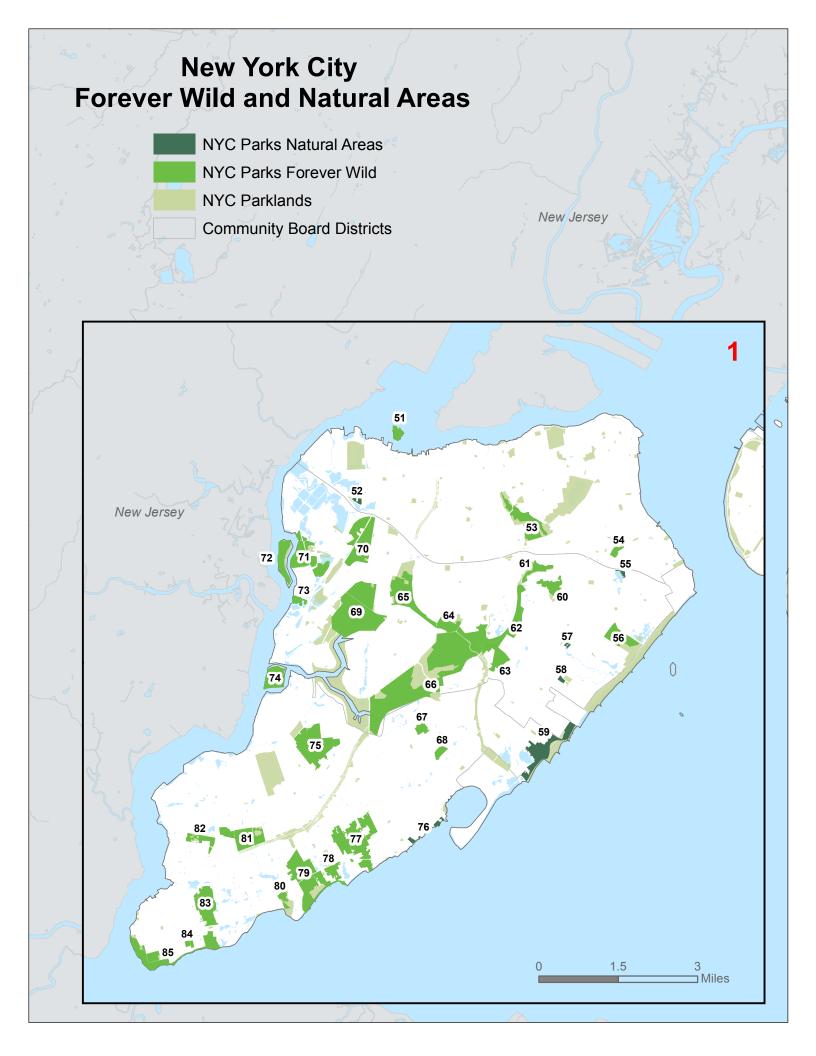
ecosystems – Forever Wild preserves and natural areas – will best support biodiversity. Though not required by the native biodiversity law, to the extent native plantings are used throughout New York City, they can improve overall habitat quality and resiliency. Curbside plantings and native plant gardens in landscaped areas can provide corridors for insects, birds, and other animals.

Increasing the use of native plants outside of intact ecosystems is an important value, and this guide aims to increase their prevalence in landscaped or non-natural settings. From a bird's eye view, New York City is a mosaic of green spaces, and even intermittent assemblages of native plant species can facilitate the movement of native pollinators and seed dispersers throughout our diverse landscape. Remnant nature in New York City is an irreplaceable element of our cultural heritage. Far from being merely of historic or archival interest, the increased use of native plants in appropriate settings creates a landscape vital to both contemporary and future New Yorkers.

# NYC Parks with Forever Wild and Natural Areas

\* These Parks Contain Portions that are Forever Wild Sites. Many of these parks also contain portions of historic designed landscapes. Please refer to the How to Use this Guide section of this manual for detailed information.

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1	City Island Wetlands	44	Fresh Creek Preserve*
2	Pelham Bay Park*	45	Canarsie Park
3	Givans Creek Woods	46	Paerdegat Basin Park Preserve *
4	Seton Falls Park*	47	Four Sparrow Marsh*
5	Pugsley Creek Park	48	Marine Park*
6	Soundview Park	49	Prospect Park*
7	Bronx Park*	50	Dreier-Offerman Park
8	Van Cortlandt Park*		
9	Riverdale Park*	State	n Island
10	Raoul Wallenberg Forest*	51	Shooters Island*
11	Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Park	52	Graniteville Swamp Park*
12	North Brother Island*	53	Clove Lakes Park*
13	South Brother Island*	54	Eibs Pond Preserve*
		55	Brady's Pond Park
Manhatta	an	56	Ocean Breeze Park*
14	Inwood Hill Park*	57	Last Chance Pond Park
15	Fort Washington Park	58	JHS Playground
16	Fort Tryon Park	59	Cedar Grove
17	Sherman Creek Park	60	Reed's Basket Willow Swamp*
18	Riverside Park	61	Deere Park*
19	Central Park*	62	Richmond Parkway*
20	Mill Rock Park*	63	High Rock Park*
20	Will Rook Fall	64	Blood Root Valley*
Queens		65	Willowbrook Park*
21	Powell's Cove Park	66	La Tourette Park*
22	Kissena Park	67	Islington Pond Park*
23	Kissena Corridor Park	68	Evergreen Park Preserve*
24	Flushing Meadows Corona Park*	69	Fresh Kills Park*
25	Forest Park*	70	
26	Highland Park*	70 71	Sweet Bay Magnolia Preserve* Saw Mill Creek Marsh*
27	Spring Creek Preserve*	71 72	Prall's Island*
28	Udall's Cove Preserve*	73	
29		13	Mezzacappa Property/Neck Creek*
	Alley Pond Park*	7.1	
30	Douglaston Park	74 75	Isle of Meadows
31	Cunningham Park*	75 76	Arden Heights Woods Preserve*
32	Grand Central Parkway*	76	Crescent Beach
33	Idlewild Park*	77	Blue Heron Park Preserve*
34	Brookville Park*	78 70	Bunker Pond Park*
35	Public Place*	79	Wolfe's Pond Park Preserve*
36	Hook Creek Wildlife Sanctuary*	80	Lemon Creek Preserve*
37	Jamaica Bay Park	81	Bloomingdale Park*
38	Seagirt Avenue Wetlands	82	Fairview Park*
39	Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk*	83	Long Pond Preserve*
40	Dubos Point Preserve*	84	Hybrid Oaks Woods*
41	Brant Point Wildlife Sanctuary	85	Conference House Park*
42	Vernam Barbadoes		
43	Broad Channel Park		





# Invasive Plants in New York

In 2012, the Governor of New York State signed into law the Invasive Species Prevention Act, which prohibits or regulates the transport and sale of certain invasive species<sup>1</sup>, including plants. This act requires the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to develop regulations concerning the sale, purchase, possession, introduction, importation, and transport of these species.

This Act also directs the agencies to develop both a permit process, and specific lists of species, which will be subject to varying degrees of regulation. Towards this end, protocols have been developed to determine the invasiveness of certain species, and the results of running a species through these protocols will determine how they are regulated.

For purposes of this guide, the City of New York expects to follow the species rankings as determined by the State. This list does not include all invasive or potentially invasive plant species, but does include those that are currently listed in the final regulations.

The plants on this list are effectively banned from planting on public land, and it is strongly suggested that gardeners and landscape professionals use alternative species.

The table in this chapter is excerpted from the list issued with the final adopted New York State regulations in September 2014. Cultivars of these species are regulated as the parent species until a separate cultivar assessment is performed.

# **Invasive Species**

An invasive species is defined as an organism that is not native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause harm to the environment, economy, or human health<sup>2</sup>. Invasive plants harm the environment by displacing native flora, which in turn, impacts wildlife and other species dependant on the flora. They impact ecological stability and biodiversity by disrupting such processes as hydrology, nutrient cycling, natural succession, wildfire regime and soil erosion.

Invasive plants have damaged more than a thousand acres of Parks natural lands. Research suggests that a number of these invasive plants, particularly vines, will be beneficiaries of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide, which could make them an even larger problem. By

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under the law, invasive species is defined as (a) nonnative to the ecosystem under the consideration; and (b) whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic harm or harm human health, Environmental Conservation Law §9-1709 as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ECL §9-1703 (10).

prohibiting the planting of invasive plants and promoting native biodiversity and functional ecosystems, the City's ecological resilience will be increased.

### **New York State Regulation**

Early attempts at regulation occurred in the neighboring states of Connecticut (2004) and Massachusetts (2006), and local laws were passed in Nassau and Suffolk counties (2007).

The New York State law was passed in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders including ecologists and the nursery and landscape industry. Under the regulatory framework, a given species is examined with both a scientific assessment and a socioeconomic assessment. Criteria including ecological impact, biological characteristics, dispersal ability, ecological amplitude and distribution, and difficulty of control are among those assessed. Cultivars of these species will be assessed separately.

Species exceeding certain thresholds as determined by the ranking protocols are placed in one of two categories.

<u>Prohibited</u> – Unlawful to possess with the intent to sell, import, purchase, transport, introduce, or propagate except under a permit for disposal, control, research, or education.

<u>Regulated</u> – Possession, sale, purchase, propagation, and transport are legal, but these species may not be introduced into a free-living state on public land or in natural areas.

Those species not listed in one of the above categories are considered unregulated.

### What Does This Mean for New York City?

This law is primarily intended to exclude listed plants from commerce, so they will no longer be available for purchase or planting. Ultimately, it will bar certain plants from use in public landscapes. Residents and agencies will no longer be able to specify these plants in capital project designs, plant them in ornamental beds on private or public property, grow them at greenhouses, or offer them for sale. A permit process will be created for disposal, control and research activities involving some of these species.

# **NYS Invasive Plant List**

### Floating & Submerged Aquatic

Scientific Name	Common Name	<b>NYS Designation</b>
Egeria densa	Brazilian Waterweed	Prohibited
Cabomba caroliniana	Carolina Fanwort	Prohibited
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae	Common Frogbit	Prohibited
Myriophyllum aquaticum	Parrot-feather	Prohibited
Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Broadleaf Water-milfoil	Prohibited
Myriophyllum heterophyllum	Broadleaf Water-milfoil hybrid	Prohibited
X M. laxum		
Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian Water-milfoil	Prohibited
Didymosphenia geminata	Rock Snot (diatom)	Prohibited
Trapa natans	Water Chestnut	Prohibited
Hydrilla verticillata	Water Thyme	Prohibited
Nymphoides peltata	Yellow Floating Heart	Prohibited
Potomogeton crispus	Curly Pondweed	Prohibited

### **Emergent Wetland & Littoral**

Scientific Name	Common Name	NYS Designation
Glyceria maxima	Reed Manna Grass	Prohibited
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Iris	Prohibited
Lepidium latifolium	Broad-leaf Pepper-grass	Prohibited
Ludwigia grandiflora spp.	Uruguayan Primrose-willow	Prohibited
hexapetala		
Ludwigia peploides	Floating Primrose Willow	Prohibited
Lythrum salicaria	Purple Loosestrife	Prohibited
Murdannia keisak	Marsh Dewflower	Prohibited
Phragmites australis	Common Reed Grass	Prohibited

### <u>Terrestrial – Herbaceous</u>

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	Silphium perfoliatum	Cup-plant	Prohibited

### Terrestrial - Vines

Scientific Name	Common Name	NYS Designation
Ampelopsis brevipedunculata	Porcelain Berry	Prohibited
Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental Bittersweet	Prohibited
Clematis terniflora	Japanese Virgin's-bower	Regulated
Lonicera japonica	Japanese Honeysuckle	Prohibited
Persicaria perfoliata	Mile-a-minute Weed	Prohibited
Pueraria montana	Kudzu	Prohibited

### Terrestrial - Shrubs & Trees

Scientific Name	Common Name	<b>NYS Designation</b>
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	Regulated
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore Maple	Prohibited
Aralia elata	Japanese Angelica Tree	Prohibited
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese Barberry	Prohibited
Elaeagnus umbellata	Autumn Olive	Prohibited
Euonymus alatus	Winged Euonymus	Regulated
Frangula alnus	European Buckthorn	Prohibited
Ligustrium obtusifolium	Border Privet	Prohibited
Lonicera maackii	Amur Honeysuckle	Prohibited
Lonicera morrowii	Morrow's Honeysuckle	Prohibited
Lonicera tatarica	Tatarian Honeysuckle	Prohibited
Lonicera x bella	Fly Honeysuckle	Prohibited
Phellodendron amurense	Amur Cork Tree	Prohibited
Phyllostachys aureosulcata	Yellow Groove Bamboo	Prohibited
Phyllostachys aurea	Golden Bamboo	Prohibited
Rhamnus cathartica	Common Buckthorn	Prohibited
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	Regulated
Rosa multiflora	Multiflora Rose	Prohibited
Rubus phoenicolasius	Wineberry	Prohibited
Salix atrocinerea	Rusty Willow	Prohibited
Vitex rotundifolia	Beach Vitex	Prohibited

There are a number of additional species that have demonstrated tendencies toward naturalizing, especially near natural areas. While use of these species is not likely to be regulated by State law, caution must be exercised when planting these near a Forever Wild or natural area. These species include, but are not limited to Wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda* and *W. sinensis*), Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*), Scholar tree (*Styphnolobium japonica*), European White Poplar (*Populus alba*), English oak (*Quercus robur*), Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), Siebold Viburnum (*Viburnum sieboldii*), Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*), and Arrow bamboo (*Pseudosasa japonica*).

# **Ecosystems of New York City**

The mid-Atlantic region boasts a rich and diverse indigenous flora. Abundant rainfall, fairly evenly distributed, promotes vigorous plant growth, though seasonal drought occurs frequently. All new plantings will require attention to weeding and supplemental watering during drought, especially during the one-to-two-year establishment period, but informed plant selection can ensure adaptation to environmental conditions.

Plant communities can be described as areas where associated species thrive in conditions they are best suited for. It represents an ecosystem of interrelated plants, animals, water, and soil. The right plant for the right place occurs naturally in response to environmental conditions such as light exposure, soil conditions, salt and drought tolerance. New York City is a highly altered landscape, yet many native plants have maintained their community structure in natural areas and even reclaimed some of the built landscape. Habitats within New York City will vary greatly from borough to borough and cannot be easily compared to the ideal habitats outside of the urban context. Through centuries of adaptation, many tough, native plant species have coevolved alongside the ever-increasing human population and the effects of pollution, compaction, urban rubble and fragmentation. The plant species listed within this manual make up the common plant communities that can still be found throughout the five boroughs. The native flora of New York City may not be what it used to be, but the species that still naturally exist in this urban center can be the plant palette from which we choose, for our restored and designed landscapes. It is imperative that we understand each plant species and the communities they can be found in; it is only then, when we can make educated decisions on how best to use these species in sustainable design.

Plants are grouped according to various associations found in the wild and these can direct appropriate plant combinations adapted to particular soil, light, and hydrologic conditions. Not all plants listed are commonly available from local nurseries, so availability should be confirmed prior to specification. As always, informed plant selection proceeds from familiarity with individual plants and their characteristics. Diversity and variety in planting can help encourage better establishment of successful vegetative cover and provide improved habitat and visual interest.

Close observation of established plant communities is often the best guide to planning successful plant associations. The lists provide suggestions, but not infallible guidelines. Consult recommended links and resources for additional information on appropriate plants for various designed and restored landscapes.

### A. Coastal Communities: Maritime and Wetland Communities

Coastal regions are characterized by dynamic landforms and processes because they are the juncture between the lands, oceans, and atmosphere. Features such as dunes and wetlands constantly undergo change due to driving processes such as storms, sediment supply, and sealevel change (Titus 2009). Urban coastal regions are even more significantly changed in the name of development and a high-density human population. The effects of hurricanes and other major storms combined with higher sea levels are putting New York City's low-lying coastlines at risk. Restoration of our coastal plant communities and an attempt to design with nature will determine the long-term success and protection of coastal property and economic investment.

#### **MARITIME**

Maritime beach/dune communities are dominated by salt-tolerant grasses and herbs. The sand is relatively unstable at the ocean-fronting beach and only a few plant species can survive in these harsh conditions. Stabilized back dunes transition into maritime grasslands and shrublands. These low-lying areas near the coast are subject to off-shore winds and occasional salt spray. These conditions will naturally stunt trees and support the shrubland community that will inhabit the dry, rolling outwash plains and moraine of the Atlantic coastal plain. The plant community lines naturally overlap in this maritime setting and can be of extraordinary floristic diversity. Diversity will decrease in areas that occur on coastal landfill sites where dredged sand was used as fill.

#### MARITIME BEACH/DUNE

Examples Include: Plumb Beach (BK), Far Rockaway (QU), and Conference House (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

Graminoids

Ammophila breviligulataBeach grassCenchrus longispinusCommon sandburCenchrus tribuloidesDune sandburCyperus grayiGray's flatsedgeEragrostis spectabilisPurple lovegrassPanicum virgatumSwitchgrass

Forbs

Atriplex mucronataSea-beach orachCakile edentulaAmerican searocketChamaesyce polygonifoliaSeaside sandmatKrigia virginicaVirginia dwarfdandelionLechea maritimaBeach pinweedPolygonella articulataJointweed

#### Solidago sempervirens

### Seaside goldenrod

#### <u>Vines</u>

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Strophostyles helvula Trailing wild bean

#### **Shrubs**

Hudsonia tomentosaFalse heatherMorella pensylvanicaNorthern bayberryPrunus maritimaBeach plumRosa carolinaPasture rose

#### **Trees**

Acer negundo Boxelder

Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Betula populifoliaGray birchIlex opacaAmerican hollyJuniperus virginianaEastern red cedar

Quercus velutina Black oak

Populus tremuloides Quaking aspen
Prunus serotina Black cherry

#### MARITIME GRASSLAND

Examples Include: Marine Park (BK), Arverne (QU), Ocean Breeze (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

#### <u>Graminoids</u>

Ammophila breviligulata Beach grass
Andropogon virginicus Broom-sedge

Aristida dichotomaChurchmouse threeawnAristida tuberculosaSeaside threeawnEragrostis spectabilisPurple love grassJuncus greeneiGreene's rush

Panicum virgatum Switchgrass

Schizachyrium littorale Coastal little bluestem
Schizachyrium scoparium Little bluestem

Indiangrass

Sorghastrum nutans

#### **Forbs**

Asclepias syriaca

Asclepias tuberosa

Desmodium paniculatum

Common milkweed

Butterfly weed

Panicled tick-trefoil

Eupatorium altissimum Tall boneset

Eupartorium hyssopifoliumHyssop-leaved bonesetEuthamia carolinianaSlender goldenrodEuthamia graminifoliaLance-leaved goldenrodIoncatis linariifoliusFlaxleaf whitetop asterKrigia virginicaVirginia dwarf dandelion

Lespedeza capitata
Round-headed bush-clover
Nuttalanthus canadensis
Blue toadflax

Oenothera biennis Common evening primrose

Oenothera fruticosaSundropsOpuntia humifusaDevil's tongue

Plantago aristata Largebracted plantain

Dwarf cinquefoil Potentilla canadensis Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium Rabbit-tobacco Rudbeckia hirta Black-eyed Susan Solidago canadensis Canada goldenrod Solidago nemoralis Gray goldenrod Solidago sempervirens Seaside goldenrod Symphyotrichum ericoides White heath aster Symphyotrichum novae-angliae New England aster Trichostema dichotomum Forked blue curls

<u>Shrubs</u>

Morella pensylvanica Rhus copallinum Rubus flagellaris Northern bayberry Winged sumac Dewberry

#### MARITIME SHRUBLAND

Examples Include: Plumb Beach (BK), Dubos Point (QU), Ocean Breeze (SI).

#### **Recommended Plants:**

#### Graminoids

Ammophila breviligulata Beach grass
Andropogon virginicus Broom-sedge

Aristida dichotoma

Aristida tuberculosa

Carex pensylvanica

Cyperus diandrus

Cyperus echinatus

Juncus tenuis Pathrush
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass
Schizacyrium scoparium Little bluestem

Scirpus pungensCommon threesquareScirpus validusSoft-stem bulrushSorghastrum nutansIndiangrassTridens flavusPurpletop Tridens

#### Forbs

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Euthamia graminifolia

Helenium flexuosum

Southern sneezeweed

Ionactis linariifolius

Lespedeza capitata

Maianthemum stellata

Lance-leaved goldenrod

Southern sneezeweed

Flaxleaf whitetop aster

Round-headed bush-clover

Star-flowered Solomon's seal

Nuttalanthus canadensis Blue toadflax

Oenothera biennis Common evening primrose

Oenothera fruticosaSundropsOpuntia humifusaDevil's tongue

Plantago aristata

Potentilla canadensis

Rudbeckia hirta

Largebracted plantain

Dwarf cinquefoil

Black-eyed Susan

Solidago rugosa

Solidago sempervirens

Seaside goldenrod
Suaeda linearis

Annual sea blite

Suaeda maritima Sea blite

Symphyotrichum ericoides White heath aster Symphyotrichum novi-belgii New York aster

**Vines** 

Celastrus scandens American bittersweet

Menispermum canadenseMoon seedParthenocissus quinquefoliaVirginia creeperStrophostyles helvulaTailing wild bean

**Shrubs** 

Clethra alnifolia Sweet pepperbush Gaylussacia baccata Black huckleberry Hudsonia tomentosa False heather Morella pensylvanica Northern bayberry Photinia melanocarpa Black chokeberry Photinia pyrifolia Red chokeberry Prunus maritima Beach plum Rhus copallina Winged sumac Rhus glabra Smooth sumac Rhus typhina Staghorn sumac Rosa carolina Pasture rose Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

Sambucus canadensis Elderberry

Vaccinium corymbosum Highbush blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrow-wood

Trees

Acer rubrum Red maple

Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Ilex opaca American holly

Juniperus virginiana Eastern red cedar

Pinus rigidaPitch pinePrunus serotinaBlack cherrySalix nigraBlack willowSalix eriocephalaStiff willowSassafras albidumSassafras

#### **WETLANDS**

Tidal wetland habitats occur in low-lying areas along the coast where plants can tolerate periodic soil saturation. The twice-daily tides allow soil to drain and become aerated for a period of time. The low salt marsh community lies in a zone from mean sea level up to mean high tide tolerating the saline waters. The high salt marsh community lies in a zone from mean high tide up to the limit of spring tides tolerating brackish waters. Only about 4,000 acres of salt marsh still exist around New York City. By 1950, over 20,000 acres were destroyed after wetlands were filled with trash and construction debris (Luttenberg et al 1993).

#### LOW SALT MARSH

A tidal marsh zone characterized by daily flooding. The term "low" refers to the elevation of the land which occurs between the mean sea level and mean high tide.

<u>Examples Include:</u> Pelham Bay Park (BX), Marine Park (BK), Four Sparrow Marsh, (BK), Inwood Hill Park (MN), Alley Pond Park (QU), Sawmill Creek (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

**Graminoids** 

Spartina alternifolia

Smooth cordgrass

#### HIGH SALT MARSH

The transition from the low marsh to the high marsh occurs approximately at the mean high water mark. The high marsh will only being flooded during spring tides or storm surges.

Graminoids

Bolboschoenusrobustus Salt marsh bulrush

Distichlis spicata

Juncus gerardii

Panicum virgatum

Salt grass
Black grass
Switchgrass

Schoenoplectus pungens Common threesquare

Spartina cynorsuroides Big cordgrass

Spartina patens Salt-meadow cordgrass

Forbs **Forbs** 

Hibiscus moscheutosRose mallowLimonium carolinianumSea lavenderSalicornia depressaVirginia glasswortSolidago sempervirensSeaside goldenrod

Suaeda linearis Tall sea blite
Suaeda maritima Sea blite

Symphyotrichum novi-belgii New York aster Symphyotrichum tenuifolium Salt marsh aster Shrubs Baccharis halmifolia Iva fructescens

Groundsel bush Marsh elder

#### **EMERGENT MARSH**

A non-tidal, freshwater wetland occurs in low-lying areas along rivers and other fresh bodies of water that are subject to flooding, isolated depressions that collect surface water, as well as areas with high groundwater tables. Water levels fluctuate seasonally and usually drop in mid to late summer. A shallow emergent marsh occurs on mineral soils that are more well-drained than a deep emergent marsh with water depths from 6" to 3.3'. Shallow emergent marshes can be considered wet meadows, gradually sloping shores of ponds, lakes, and streams, and temporarily flooded drainage swales. A deep emergent marsh occurs on mineral soils or fine-grained organic soils (muck or well-decomposed peat) with water depths that may reach 6" to 6.6'. Only 2,000 acres of freshwater wetlands remain with the five boroughs from the expansive 224,000 acres that date back to the Industrial Revolution (Luttenberg et al 1993).

#### SHALLOW EMERGENT MARSH

<u>Examples Include</u>: Seton Falls (BX), Prospect Park (BK), Central Park –Belvedere (MN), Flushing Meadows-Willow Lake (QU), Blue Heron (SI), High Rock (SI)

#### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive fern
Osmunda cinnamomea Cinnamon fern
Osmunda regalis Royal fern
Thelypteris palustris Marsh fern

Graminoids

Andropogon virginicus Broom-sedge Carex annectens Yellow-fruit sedge Carex comosa Bottlebrush sedge Carex crinita Fringed sedge Carex lupulina Hop sedge Carex Iurida Shallow sedge Carex stipata Awlfruit sedge Carex stricta Tussock sedge Carex vulpinoidea Fox sedge Juncus canadensis Canadian rush Juncus effusus Soft rush Leersia oryzoides Rice cut-grass

Rhynchospora capitellata
Schoenoplectus pungens
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani
Scirpus atrovirens
Scirpus cyperinus
Scirpus cyperinus
Scirpus da grade
Brownish beaksedge
Common threesquare
Soft stem bulrush
Green bulrush
Wool grass

Sparganium eurycarpum Tripsacum dactyloides Giant bur-seed
Eastern gamagrass

**Forbs** 

Alisma subcordatum Water plantain
Asclepias incarnata Swamp milkweed

Chelone glabra Turtlehead

Desmodium canadenseShowy tick-trefoilDoellingeria umbellataFlat top asterEupatorium perfoliatumBoneset

Eutrochium maculatumSpotted Joe-pye weedHelenium autumnaleCommon sneezeweed

Helianthis giganteusTall sunflowerHibiscus moscheutosRose-mallowIris prismaticaSlender blue irisIris versicolorLarge blue flagLobelia cardinalisCardinal flowerLobelia siphiliticaGreat lobeliaLudwigia alternifoliaSeedbox

Peltandra virginica Green arrow arum

Polygonum arifolium Halberd-leaved tearthumb
Polygonum sagittatum Arrowleaf tearthumb

Pontederia cordata Pickerelweed

Sagittaria latifoliaBroadlead arrowheadSisyrinchium angustifoliumBlue-eyed grassSymphyotrichum novae-angliaeNew England aster

Symphyotrichum novi-belgii New York aster

Tradescantia virginiana Spiderwort

Verbena hastata

Vernonia novaboracensis

Viola cucullata

Swamp verbena

New York ironweed

Marsh blue violet

**Shrubs** 

Baccharis halmifoliaGroundsel bushCephalanthus occidentalisButtonbushRosa palustrisSwamp rose

#### DEEP EMERGENT MARSH

<u>Examples Include</u>: Van Cortlandt Lake (BX), Canarsie Beach Park (BK), Central Park-Belvedere (MN), Baisley Pond (QU), Wolfe's Pond (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

#### Graminoids

Carex comosaBottlebrush sedgeSchoenoplectus tabernaemontaniSoft stem bulrushSpartina pectinataPrairie cordgrass

#### **Forbs**

Hibiscus moscheutos
Impatiens capensis
Lobelia cardinalis
Peltandra virginica
Pontederia cordata
Rumex verticillatus
Rose-mallow
Cardinal flower
Cardinal flower
Green arrow arum
Pickerelweed
Swamp dock

Sagittaria latifoliaBroadlead arrowheadTypha angustifoliaNarrowleaf cattailTypha latifoliaBroadleaf cattail

#### Shrubs

Alnus serrulata
Cephalanthus occidentalis
Buttonbush
Cornus amomum
Silky dogwood
Viburnum dentatum
Arrowwood

### B. <u>Herbaceous Communities</u>

Herbaceous communities are plant communities characterized by a tree canopy cover of less than 25%. Herbaceous plants make up the majority of the cover.

#### SERPENTINE BARRENS

The plant communities of the serpentine barrens are a state and globally ranked habitat because of the geographically restricted serpentine bedrock they are found on. Serpentine bedrock is light green bedrock that is thought to have been forced from the earth's core 450 million years ago during plate shifting activity. The green color is due to the high concentration of magnesium in the rock (NYNHP 2011). Staten Island is the only borough where you can find remnants of this unique habitat. The open grass-savanna communities thrive in the nutrient poor soils but most sites have been obliterated by forest succession in the absence of wildfire and later, by conversion to urban uses (Kiviat and Johnson 2013).

Examples Include: Seaview Meadow (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

**Graminoids** 

Aristida oligantha Prarie threeawn

Aristida purpurascens Arrowfeather threeawn

Danthonia spicata Poverty oatgrass

Dichanthelium clandestinum Deertongue

Eragrostis spectabilis Purple lovegrass

Juncuis tenuis Path rush
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass
Schizzebyrium scaparium Little bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

Little bluestem

Sorghastrum nutans

Indiangrass

**Forbs** 

Eupatorium serotinum Late eupatorium

Lespedeza capitata Round-headed bush-clover

Potentilla simplex Common cinquefoil

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium Narrow-leaved mountain mint

Solidago nemoralis Gray goldenrod
Symphyotrichum ericoides White heath aster
Symphyotrichum laeve Smooth blue aster

Symphyotrichum pilosum Hairy white old field aster

<u>Vines</u>

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper

Shrubs

Rhus aromatica Fragrant sumac

Rhus copallina Winged sumac Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

**Trees** 

Betula populifolia Gray birch
Quercus velutina Black oak

Populus tremuloidesQuaking aspenPrunus serotinaBlack cherrySassafras albidumSassafras

#### SUCCESSIONAL OLD FIELDS/URBAN LOT

Successional old fields/urban lots are home to some of the toughest native plants that New York City can claim. These plants can thrive in areas with low nutrient levels, low permeability, a minimal amount of organic matter, and high salinity levels resulting from urban fill and runoff. Many may see these plants as "weeds" growing out of concrete cracks, but these pioneer species can find their way in the most severe landscapes, providing important ecosystem services. Many non-native species thrive in these communities as well. Native plants that can compete with these non-native species are key players in maintaining a balance in the constant battle of invasive plant control.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Van Cortlandt-Vault Hill (BX), Marine Park (BK), Central Park-North Woods (MN), Idlewild (QU), Mount Loretto (SI).

#### Recommended Plants:

Graminoids

Andropogon virginicus Broom-sedge
Aristida oligantha Prarie threeawn

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Eragrostis spectabilis Purple lovegrass

Juncus tenuis Path rush

Tridens flavus Purpletop tridens
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass
Schizachyrium scoparium Little bluestem

Forbs

Apocynum cannabinum Indian hemp

Asclepias syriaca Common milkweed

Bidens frondosa Beggarticks

Desmodium paniculatum Panicled tick-trefoil Eupatorium serotinum Late eupatorium

Euthamia graminifoliaLance-leaved goldenrodKrigia virginicaVirginia dwarfdandelionOenothera biennisCommon evening primrose

Plantago aristata Largebracted plantain

Potentilla canadensisDwarf cinquefoilPotentilla simplexCommon cinquefoilSolidago canadensisCanada goldenrodSolidago junceaEarly goldenrodSolidago nemoralisGray goldenrod

Solidago rugosaWrinkleleaf goldenrodSolidago sempervirensSeaside goldenrodSymphyotrichum ericoidesWhite heath asterSymphyotrichum laeveSmooth blue aster

Symphyotrichum pilosum Hairy white oldfield aster

Verbena urticifolia White vervain

Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Strophostyles helvula Tailing wild bean

**Shrubs** 

Baccharis halmifoliaGroundsel bushRhus copallinaWinged sumacRhus glabraSmooth sumacRhus typhinaStaghorn sumac

Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

**Trees** 

Acer negundo Boxelder
Betula populifolia Gray birch

Celtis occidentalis Common hackberry

Juglans nigra Black walnut

Juniperus virginiana Eastern red cedar

Populus deltoidesCottonwoodPopulus grandidentataBigtooth aspenPrunus serotinaBlack cherry

Quercus palustris Pin oak

#### **OAK OPENING**

These communities were originally characterized as openings that occurred as gaps within extensive oak-hickory forests. A grass-savanna community would flourish on these very well-drained sites, on knobs or hilltops with shallow soil over rock outcrops or sandy to gravelly soils. Fragmentation throughout New York City's remaining forests restricts areas where this plant community still naturally occurs. Woody species will continue to creep in from the surrounding tree and shrub lines, unless maintained to keep a meadow-like open character.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Pelham Bay-Orchard Beach Meadow (BX), Central Park-North Woods (MN), Clove Lakes (SI).

### Recommended Plants:

<u>Ferns</u>

Dennstaedtia punctilobula Hay-scented fern Thelypteris novaboracensis New York fern

Graminoids

Agrostis perennansAutumn bent-grassAndropogon gerardiiBig bluestemAristida oliganthaPrarie threeawn

Aristida purpurascens Arrowfeather threeawn
Carex pensylvanica Pennsylvania sedge

Dichanthelium clandestinum Deertongue

Elymus hystix Bottlebrush grass
Eragrostis spectabilis Purple lovegrass
Panicum virgatum Switchgrass

Schizachyrium scoparium

Sorghastrum nutans

Tridens flavus

Little bluestem
Indiangrass
Purpletop tridens

Tripsacum dactyloides Eastern gamagrass

<u>Forbs</u>

Allium canadense Wild garlic

Asclepias syriacaCommon milkweedAscelpias tuberosaButterfly weedDesmodium canadenseShowy tick-trefoilDoellingeria umbellataFlat top aster

Eupatorium hyssopifolium Hyssop-leaved boneset

Eupatorium serotinum Late eupatorium

Euthamia graminifoliaLance-leaved goldenrodEutrochium purpureumSweet Joe-pye weed

Geranium maculatum Wild geranium

Helianthus decapetalus Thin-leaved sunflower
Helianthus divaricatus Woodland sunflower

Iris prismaticaSlender blue irisIris versicolorBlue flag iris

Lespedeza capitata Round-headed bush-clover

Monarda fistulosaWild bergamotOenothera fruticosaSundrops

Potentilla simplex Common cinquefoil

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium Narrow-leaved mountain mint

Rudbeckia hirta Black-eved Susan Sllene stellata Starry campion Early goldenrod Solidago juncea Solidago nemoralis Gray goldenrod Solidago odora Sweet goldenrod Solidago rugosa Wrinkleleaf goldenrod Solidago speciosa Showy goldenrod Trichostema dichotomum Forked blue curls

**Shrubs** 

Cornus racemosa Grey dogwood Gaylussacia baccata Black huckleberry Morella pensylvanica Northern bayberry Rhododendron periclymenoides Pinkster azalea Rhus copallina Winged sumac Rhus glabra Smooth sumac Rhus typhina Staghorn sumac Rosa virginiana Virginia rose Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

Red raspberry

Spiraea alba var. latifolia

Vaccinium angustifolium

Vaccinium pallidum

Meadowsweet

Lowbush blueberry

Early low blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

<u>Trees</u>

Rubus idaeus

Prunus serotinaBlack cherryPopulus grandidentataBigtooth aspenPopulus tremuloidesQuaking aspenQuercus albaWhite oakQuercus palustrisPin oakQuercus velutinaBlack oak

# **Upland Shrubland Communities**

Upland shrublands are plant communities characterized by a shrub canopy of at least 50%.

#### SHRUB SWAMP

An inland, freshwater wetland, that is dominated by woody plant species less than 20 feet tall. These swamps occur along the shores of ponds, lakes or rivers and in wet depressions and valleys. The substrate is usually a mineral soil or muck. Seasonal fluctuations in the water levels support a diverse flora and fauna.

Examples Include: Seton Falls (BX), Alley Pond (QU), High Rock (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Dryopteris cristataCrested woodfernOnoclea sensibilisSensitive fernOsmunda cinnamomeaCinnamon fernOsmunda regalisRoyal fernThelypteris palustrisMarsh fern

Woodwardia areolata Netted chain fern

Graminoids

Carex annectens Yellow-fruit sedge Carex atlantica Prickly bog sedge Carex comosa Bottlebrush sedge Carex crinita Fringed sedge Carex Iupulina Hop sedge Carex Iurida Shallow sedge Awlfruit sedge Carex stipata Carex stricta Tussock sedge Carex vulpinoidea Fox sedge

Dulichium arundinaceumThree-way sedgeJuncus canadensisCanadian rush

Juncus effuses Soft rush
Leersia oryzoides Rice cut-grass

Rhynchospora capitellata Brownish beaksedge

Scirpus atrovirens Green bulrush

Forbs

Asclepias incarnata Swamp milkweed Bidens frondosa Beggarticks

Doellingeria umbellata Flat top aster Chelone glabra Turtlehead

Decodon verticillatus Swamp loostrife

Desmodium canadense Showy tick-trefoil

Eupatorium perfoliatum **Boneset** Rose-mallow Hibiscus moscheutos Jewelweed Impatiens capensis Iris prismatica Slender blue iris Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal flower Lobelia siphilitica Great lobelia Seedbox Ludwigia alternifolia

Lysimachia ciliata Fringed loosestrife Green arrow arum Peltandra virginica

Polygonum arifolium Halberd-leaved tearthumb

Polygonum hydropiperoides Swamp smartweed Polygonum sagittatum Arrowleaf tearthumb Sisyrinchium angustifolium Blue-eyed grass New England aster Symphyotrichum novae-angliae Thalictrum pubescens Tall meadow-rue Vernonia novaboracensis New York ironweed Viola cucullata Marsh blue violet

Vines

Clematis virginiana Virgin's bower

Mikania scandens Climbing hempweed

Shrubs

Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush

Clethra alnifolia Sweet pepperbush Cornus amomum Silky dogwood Cornus racemosa Grey dogwood Eubotrys racemosa Fetterbush llex glabra Inkberry

llex verticillata Winterberry Lindera benzoin Spicebush Lyonia lingustrina Male-berry

Photinia floribunda Purple fruit chokeberry

Photinia pyrifolia Red chokeberry Rhododendron viscosum Pinkster azalea Rosa palustris Swamp rose Sambucus canadensis Elderberry Spiraea alba var. latifolia Meadowsweet

Spiraea tomentosa Hardhack

Vaccinium corymbosum Highbush blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

Trees

Acer rubrum Red maple

#### SUCCESIONAL SHRUBLAND

A shrubland that occurs on sites that have been cleared or otherwise disturbed. This plant community has at least a 50% shrub cover. Pioneer tree species, such as the gray birch (*Betula populifolia*) and the red maple (*Acer rubrum*) are usually mixed in with this young habitat. Herbs, grasses, and ferns provide a great ground cover for a diverse fauna.

Examples Include: Marine Park (BK), Mariner's Marsh (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Dennstaedtia punctilobula Hay-scented fern Thelypteris novaboracensis New York fern

<u>Graminoids</u>

Andropogon gerardiiBig bluestemAndropogon virginicusBroom-sedgeAristida oliganthaPrarie threeawnCarex scopariaPointed broom sedge

Dichanthelium clandestinumDeertongueJuncus tenuisPath rushPanicum virgatumSwitchgrass

Rhynchospora capitellata Brownish beaksedge

Schizachyrium scopariumLittle bluestemScirpus atrovirensGreen bulrushScirpus cyperinusWool grassSorghastrum nutansIndiangrass

**Forbs** 

Asclepias syriaca Common milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa Butterfly weed
Desmodium paniculatum Panicled tick-trefoil

Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset

Eupatorium serotinum Late eupatorium

Eutrochium maculatumSpotted Joe-pye weedEutrochium purpureumSweet Joe-Pye weedKrigia virginicaVirginia dwarfdandelionLespedeza capitataRound-headed bush-clover

Monarda fistulosaWild bergamotMonarda punctataSpotted beebalmPlantago aristataLargebracted plantainPotentiila simplexCommon cinquefoilPseudognaphalium obtusifoliumRabbit-tobacco

Pseudognaphalium obtusifoliumRabbit-tobaccoRudbeckia hirtaBlack-eyed SusanSolidago odoraSweet goldenrod

Solidago nemoralis Gray goldenrod

Solidago rugosa Wrinkleleaf goldenrod Solidago sempervirens Seaside goldenrod

<u>Vines</u>

Menispermum canadenseMoon seedParthenocissus quinquefoliaVirginia creeperStrophostyles helvulaTailing wild beanVitis vulpinaFrost grape

<u>Shrubs</u>

Cornus racemosa Grey dogwood Gaylussacia baccata Black huckleberry Photinia melanocarpa Black chokeberry Rhus copallina Winged sumac Rhus glabra Smooth sumac Rhus typhina Staghorn sumac Rosa carolina Pasture rose Rosa virginiana Virginia rose Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

Red raspberry

Sambucus canadensis Elderberry Spiraea tomentosa Hardhack

Vaccinium angustifolium Lowbush blueberry
Vaccinium pallidum Early low blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

Trees

Rubus idaeus

Acer rubrumRed mapleAcer saccharinumSilver maple

Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Betula populifolia Grey birch

Juniperus virginiana Eastern red cedar

Populus deltoidesCottonwoodPopulus grandidentataBigtooth aspenPopulus tremuloidesQuaking aspenPrunus serotinaBlack cherry

## C. Wetland Forest Communities

Wetland forests are plant communities which occur in poorly drained depressions on inorganic soils throughout the New York City area.

#### FLOODPLAIN FOREST

This hardwood forest community occurs on mineral soils in low–lying areas near river floodplains. These areas are flooded regularly in the spring and intermittently on more upland areas. Small stream floodplain forests will be less disturbed than river floodplain forests where river currents flowing through these areas can scour the landscape.

Examples Include: Bronx River Corridor (BX), Willowbrook (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Athyrium felix-feminaLady fernOnoclea sensibilisSensitive fernOsmunda cinnamomeaCinnamon fernOsmunda claytonianaInterrupted fern

<u>Graminoids</u>

Carex crinitaFringed sedgeCarex intumescensBladder sedgeCarex lupulinaHop sedge

Carex radiata Eastern star sedge

Carex roseaRosy sedgeCarex vulpinoideaFox sedgeCinna arundinaceaStout woodreedDanthonia compressaFlattened oatgrassGlyceria striataFowl mannagrass

Juncus tenuis Path rush
Juncus canadensis Canadian rush

Rhynchospora capitellata Brownish beaksedge

Scirpus atrovirens Green bulrush

Forbs

Ageratina altissima White snakeroot

Allium canadense Wild garlic

Arisaema triphyllum Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Bidens frondosa
Beggarticks
Bohmeria cylindrica
False nettle
Chelone glabra
Turtlehead
Claytonia virginica
Spring beauty
Collinsonia canadensis
Horse balm

Erythronium americanum Trout lily Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset

Eutrochium maculatum Spotted Joe-pye weed

Geranium maculatum Wild geranium Geum canadense White avens

Helianthus decapetalus Thin-leaved sunflower Hydrophyllum virginianum Virginia waterleaf

Impatiens capensisJewelweedIris versicolorBlue flag irisLobelia cardinalisCardinal flowerLycopus americanusWater horehoundLysimachia ciliataFringed loosestrifeOsmorhiza longistylesLongstyle sweetrootPolygonum hydropiperoidesSwamp smartweed

Polygonum virginianum Jumpseed

Thalictrum pubescens Tall meadow-rue Symplocarpus foetidus Skunk cabbage

**Vines** 

Clematis virginianaVirgin's bowerSmilax herbaceaCarrion flowerVitis labruscaFox grapeVitis ripariaRiver grape

Shrubs

Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush

Clethra alnifolia

Cornus amomum

Silky dogwood

Cornus racemosa

Eubotrys racemosa

Fetterbush

Ilex verticillata

Inkberry

Lindera benzoin

Sweet pepperbush

Silky dogwood

Grey dogwood

Fetterbush

Inkberry

Spicebush

Photinia pyrifoliaRed chokeberryRhododendron viscosumSwamp azaleaRosa palustrisSwamp roseRubus occidentalisBlack raspberrySambucus canadensisElderberrySpiraea alba var. latifoliaMeadowsweet

Highbush blueberry

Spiraea tomentosa Hardhack

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

Trees

Vaccinium corymbosum

Acer negundoBoxelderAcer rubrumRed maple

Betula nigra
Carya cordiformis
Carya ovata
Carya tomentosa
Celtis occidentalis

Liquidambar styraciflua

Nyssa sylvatica

Platanus occidentalis Populus deltoides Quercus bicolor Quercus palustris

Salix nigra

Ulmus americana

River birch
Bitternut hickory

Shagbark hickory Mockernut hickory Common hackberry

Sweetgum Black tupelo

American sycamore Eastern cottonwood Swamp white oak

Pin oak Black willow American elm

#### **BOTTOMLAND FOREST**

A deciduous forested wetland community occurs along rivers and streams. These river swamps are seasonally flooded and considered a broad floodplain forest with varying elevations and land forms. The changing soil elevations and hydrological conditions support diverse vegetation (USDA 2008).

Examples Include: Bucks Hollow (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Athyrium felix-femina Lady fern

Dennstaedtia punctilobulaHay-scented fernDryopteris carthusianaSpinulose woodfernOsmunda cinnamomeaCinnamon fernOsmunda claytonianaInterrupted fern

Graminoids

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Carex lupulina Hop sedge

Carex radiata Eastern star sedge

Carex rosea Rosy sedge

Carex scoparia Pointed broom sedge

Carex stipataAwlfruit sedgeCarex swaniiSwan's sedgeCinna arundinaceaStout woodreedDanthonia spicataPoverty oatgrassGlyceria obtusaCoastal mannagrass

Juncus tenuis Path rush

Rhynchospora capitellata Brownish beaksedge

Forbs

Ageratina altissima White snakeroot
Allium canadense Wild garlic

Bidens frondosa Beggarticks

Cryptotaenia canadensis

Canada honewort

Decodon verticillatus

Swamp loostrife

Eutrochium maculatum Spotted Joe-pye weed

Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset

Eurybia divaricataWhite wood asterGeranium maculatumWild geraniumMitchella repensPartridge berryPenthorum sedodiesDitch stonecrop

Polygonum arifolium Halberd-leaved tearthumb

Polygonum hydropiperoides Swamp smartweed

Polygonum sagittatum Arrowleaf tearthumb
Ranunculus arborvitus Small-flowered crow-foot

Sanicula canadensisCanada sanicleSolidago caesiaWreath goldenrodSmilacina racemosaFalse Solomon's sealSymphyotrichum cordifoliumBlue wood aster

Symplocarpus foetidus Skunk cabbage

Triadenum virginianum Virginia marsh St. Johnswort

Thalictrum pubescensTall meadow-rueViola cucullataMarsh blue violetViola x primulifoliaPrimrose-leaved violet

Viola sororia Common violet

**Vines** 

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Vitis labrusca Fox grape

Vitis riparia River grape

<u>Shrubs</u>

Chimaphila maculataStriped prince's pineClethra alnifoliaSweet pepperbushCornus amomumSilky dogwoodCorvlus americanaAmerican hazel-nut

Lindera benzoin Spicebush

Pyrola rotundifolia American wintergreen

Rubus occidentalis Black raspberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

Rubus hispidus Bristly dewberry
Vaccinium corymbosum Highbush blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrrowwood

Trees

Acer rubrumRed mapleBetula allegheniensisYellow birchBetula lentaBlack birch

Carya ovata Shagbark hickory
Carya tomentosa Mockernut hickory

Diospyros virginianaPersimmonFagus grandifoliaAmerican beechJuglans nigraBlack walnutLiquidambar styracifluaSweetgum

Liriodendron tulipifera

Populus tremuloides

Prunus serotina

Quaking aspen

Black cherry

Quercus alba

Sweetgum

Tulip poplar

Quaking aspen

Black cherry

White oak

Quercus bicolor Quercus coccinea Quercus rubra Ulmus americana Swamp white oak Scarlet oak Red oak American elm

#### RED-MAPLE HARDWOOD SWAMP

This broadly-defined community has the red maple (*Acer rubrum*) as the dominant canopy tree or as a co-dominant species with other mixed hardwoods. A common community throughout the five boroughs, it occurs in poorly drained depressions, usually on inorganic soils (Edinger et al 2002). The landscapes can vary in elevation and the amount of time they are flooded throughout the year.

Examples Include: Bronx Park (BX), Alley Pond (QU), Clay Pit Ponds (SI), Bloomingdale (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Athyrium felix-femina Lady fern

Dryopteris carthusianaSpinulose woodfernDryopteris cristataCrested woodfernOnoclea sensibilisSensitive fernOsmunda cinnamomeaCinnamon fernOsmunda regalisRoyal fern

Woodwardia areolata Netted chain fern

Graminoids

Carex crinitaFringed sedgeCarex debilisWhite-edge sedgeCarex folliculataNorthern long sedge

Carex intumescens

Bladder sedge

Carex radiata

Bladder sedge

Carex vulpinoideaFox sedgeCinna arundinaceaStout woodreedElymus ripariusRiverbank wild ryeElymus virginicusVirginia wild rye

Glyceria canadensis

Glyceria obtusa

Coastal mannagrass

Glyceria striata

Fowl mannagrass

Juncus effusesSoft rushLeersia virginicaWhite grassScirpus atorvirensGreen bulrush

Forbs

Arisaema triphyllum
Bohmeria cylindrica
Claytonia virginica
Chelone glabra
Jack-in-the-Pulpit
False nettle
Spring beauty
Turtlehead

Erythronium americanum Trout lily

Eupatorium dubium Three-nerved Joe-pye weed

Eupatorium perfoliatum Boneset

Geum canadense White avens Impatiens capensis Jewelweed Turk's cap lily Lilium superbum Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal flower Lysimachia ciliata Fringed loosestrife Mimulus ringens Monkey flower Saururus cernuus Lizard's tail Skunk cabbage Symplocarpus foetidus Thalictrum pubescens Tall meadow-rue Uvularia sessilifolia Sessileleaf bellwort

Vines

Clematis virginianaVirgin's bowerVitis labruscaFox grapeVitis ripariaRiver grape

**Shrubs** 

Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush

Clethra alnifolia Sweet pepperbush

Eubotrys racemosaFetterbushIlex verticillataInkberryLindera benzoinSpicebushLyonia lingustrinaMale-berry

Photinia floribunda Purple fruit chokeberry
Photinia melanocarpa Black chokeberry

Photinia pyrifoliaRed chokeberryRhododendron viscosumSwamp azaleaVaccinium corymbosumHighbush blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

**Trees** 

Acer rubrum Red maple

Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Betula nigra River birch
Diospyros virginiana Persimmon
Liquidambar styraciflua Sweetgum

Magnolia virginiana Sweet-bay magnolia

Nyssa sylvatica Black tupelo

Platanus occidentalis American sycamore

Quercus bicolor Swamp white oak

Quercus palustris Pin oak

Ulmus americana American elm

# D. Upland Forest Communities

Upland forest communities are plant communities characterized by a tree canopy cover of at least 60%. The majority of the forests in the New York City area occur on moist, well-drained soils.

### MIXED OAK-HICKORY FOREST

This hardwood forest occurs on well-drained sites with loam or sandy loam soils. These communities can be found on ridgetops, upper slopes, or south- or west-facing slopes in the coastal lowlands. The tree canopy cover is at least 60% with a moderate density of hickories mixed with a two or more species of oaks.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Pelham Bay-Hunter Island (BX), Prospect Park (BK), Inwood Hill (MN), Forest Park (QU), High Rock (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Adiantum aleuticumMaidenhair fernAsplenium platyneuronEbony SpleenwortDennstaedtia punctilobulaHay-scented fernPolypodium virginianumCommon polypodyPolystichum acrostichoidesChristmas fern

Graminoids

Andropogon gerardii Big bluestem

Carex appalachica Appalachian sedge

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Carex communis Fibrousroot sedge

Carex pensylvanica Pennsylvania sedge

Carex swanii Swan's sedge

Carex virescensRibbed sedgeDanthonia compressaFlattened oatgrassDanthonia spicataPoverty oatgrassDeschampsia flexuosaCommon hairgrass

Dichanthelium latifolium Broadleaf rosette grass Elymus hystrix Bottlebrush grass

Schizachyrium scoparium Little bluestem

Forbs Forbs

Aquilegia canadensisWild columbineArabis canadensisSicklepodCorydalis sempervirensRock harlequinEurybia divaricataWhite wood asterFragaria virginianaWild strawberry

Helianthus divaricatus
Ionactis linariifolius
Lespedeza hirta
Lysimachia quadrifolia
Monarda fistulosa
Ozmorhiza claytonii

Pycnanthemum incanum

Sllene stellata Solidago bicolor Solidago caesia

Symphyotrichum cordifolium

Thalictrum dioicum Verbena urticifolia

<u>Shrubs</u>

Comptonia peregrina Sweetfern

Gaylussacia baccata
Black huckleberry
Gaylussacia frondosa
Tall huckleberry
Hamamelis virginiana
Witch hazel
Kalmia latifolia
Mountain laurel
Rhododendron periclymenoides

Woodland sunflower Flaxleaf whitetop aster

Hairy bush clover

Whorled loostrife

Hoary mountain mint

Wild bergamot

Starry campion

White goldenrod Wreath goldenrod

Blue wood aster

White vervain

Early meadow-rue

Sweet cicely

Rhododendron periclymenoides Pinkster azalea
Rhus glabra Smooth sumac
Rhus typhina Staghorn sumac

Rhus typhina Staghorn sumac Rosa virginiana Virginia rose

Rubus allegheniensis

Common blackberry
Rubus flagellaris

Dewberry

Rubus idaeus Red raspberry

Rubus odoratusPurple-flowered raspberryVaccinium angustifoliumLowbush blueberryVaccinium corymbosumHighbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberry

Vaccinium stamineum Deerberry

Viburnum acerifolium Maple-leaaved viburnum

Viburnum prunifolium Black-haw

Trees

Acer rubrumRed mapleAcer saccharumSugar maple

Amelanchier arborea Common serviceberry

Betula lenta
Betula populifolia
Gray birch
Carya glabra
Pignut hickory
Carya cordiformis
Bitternut hickory
Carya ovata
Shagbark hickory
Carya tomentosa
Black birch
Pignut hickory
Shagbarut hickory

Cornus florida

Liriodendron tulipifera Ostrya virginiana Pinus strobus Prunus serotina Prunus virginiana

Quercus alba
Quercus coccinea
Quercus ilicifolia
Quercus marilandica

Quercus prinus Quercus rubra Quercus velutina Tilia americana Flowering dogwood

Tulip poplar Hop hornbeam Eastern white pine

Black cherry

Common chokecherry

White oak Scarlet oak Bear oak Blackjack oak Chestnut oak Red oak Black oak

American linden

#### RICH MESOPHYTIC FOREST

This diverse mixed forest is home to some of New York City's most stunning plant communities. The rich, seasonally-moist, well-drained soils are favorable to spring ephemerals and the culturally significant sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*). The acidic qualities of the soils are maintained by the variety of occurring oak species.

Examples Include: Van Cortlandt (BX), Inwood Hill (MN), Cunningham (QU), Bloodroot Valley (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Athyrium felix-femina Lady fern

Deparia arcrostichoidesSilvery glade fernDryopteris marginalisMarginal woodfernOnoclea sensibilisSensitive fernOsmunda claytonianaInterrupted fernPolystichum acrostichoidesChristmas fernThelypteris novaboracensisNew York fern

Graminoids

Carex swanii Swan's sedge
Carex radiata Eastern star sedge

Carex roseaRosy sedgeJuncus tenuisPath rushLeersia virginicaWhite grass

Luzula multiflora Common wood-rush

**Forbs** 

Actaea pachypodaDoll's eyesActaea racemosaBlach cohoshAgeratina altissimaWhite snakeroot

Allium tricoccum Wild leek

Anemone quinquefoliaWood anemoneAralia nudicaulisWild sarsaparillaAralia racemosaAmerican spikenard

Asarum canadense Wild ginger Caulophyllum thalictroides Blue cohosh

Dicentra cucullariaDutchman's breechesEurtrochium purpureumSweet Joe-pye weedGeranium maculatumWild geranium

Helianthus decapetalus Thin-leaved sunflower

Impatiens capensis Jewelweed

Maianthemum canadenseCanada mayflowerMitchella repensPartridge berryPodophyllum peltatumMayapple

Smooth Solomon's seal Polygonatum biflorum Polygonatum pubescens Hairy Solomon's seal

Polygonum virginianum Jumpseed

Rubus odoratus Purple-flowered raspberry

Sanguinaria canadensis **Bloodroot** 

False solomon's seal Smilacina racemosa Tall meadow-rue Thalictrum pubescens Yellow forest violet Viola pubescens Viola sororia Common violet

Vines

Lonicera sempervirens Trumpet honeysuckle

Vitis aestivalis Summer grape

Shrubs

Corylus americana American hazel-nut Euonymus americanus Strawberry bush

Lindera benzoin Spicebush Witch hazel Hamamelis virginiana Rhododendron periclymenoides Pinkster azalea

Staphylea trifolia Bladder-nut

Vaccinium corymbosum Highbush blueberry Maple-leaved viburnum Viburnum acerifolium

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood Viburnum prunifolium Black-haw

Trees

Acer rubrum Red maple Acer saccharum Sugar maple

Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Betula lenta Black birch

Carpinus caroliniana American hornbeam Carva ovata Shagbark hickory Cornus florida Flowering dogwood

Juglans nigra Black walnut Liquidambar styraciflua Sweetgum Liriodendron tulipifera Tulip poplar Nyssa sylvatica Black tupelo

Platanus occidentalis American sycamore

Prunus serotina Black cherry Quercus alba White oak Scaarlet oak Quercus coccinea Pin oak Quercus palustris Quercus rubra Red oak

Quercus velutina Black oak Sassafras albidum Tilia americana Sassafras American linden

#### SUCCESSIONAL MIXED HARDWOODS

Succession is a natural process that occurs on the landscape after a major disturbance such farming, logging, fire or flood. This never-ending process is shaped by the environment of the site and the species available in the natural seed bank or by seed dispersal. A successional mixed hardwood forest is dominated by pioneer tree species such as poplars, birches, maples, and cherries. These wind-dispersed, sun-loving species grow fast and will colonize a disturbed area. As the canopy closes, more shade tolerant species will move into the understory and tree seedlings of the climax forest, such as oak or hickory, may appear.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Seton Falls (BX), Prospect Park (BK), Central Park (MN), Kissena Park (QU), Heyerdale Hill (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Dennstaedtia punctilobulaHay-scented fernOnoclea sensibilisSensitive fernOsmunda cinnamomeaCinnamon fern

<u>Graminoids</u>

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Carex roseaRosy sedgeCinna arundinaceaStout woodreedDichanthelium clandestinumDeertongue

Luzula multiflora Common wood-rush

Panicum virgatumSwitchgrassSchizachyrium scopariumLittle bluesstemSorghastrum nutansIndian grass

Forbs

Ageratina altissima White snakeroot

Cryptotaenia canadensis Canada honewort

Desmodium paniculatum Panicled tick-trefoil

Eurtrochium purpureum Sweet Joe-pye weed

Helianthus decapetalus Thin-leaved sunflower

Impatiens capensis Jewelweed

Smilacina racemosa False Solomon's seal Penthorum sedodies Ditch stonecrrop

Vines

Lonicera sempervirens Trumpet honeysuckle

Vitis aestivalis Summer grape
Vitis vulpina Frost grape

**Shrubs** 

Clethra alnifoliaSweet pepperbushCornus amomumSilky dogwoodCornus racemosaGray dogwoodGaylussacia baccataBlack huckleberryGaylussacia frondosaTall huckleberryHamamelis virginianaWitch hazelLindera benzoinSpicebushRhododendron periclymenoidesPinkster azalea

Rhododendron periclymenoidesPinkster azaleaRhus glabraSmooth sumacRhus typhinaStaghorn sumacRubus allegheniensisCommon blackberry

Rubus idaeus Red raspberry
Rubus occidentalis Black raspberry

Rubus pensilvanicus Pennsylvania blackberry

Sambucus canadensis Elderberry

Vaccinium angustifoliumLowbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberryViburnum acerifoliumMaple-leaved blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

<u>Trees</u>

Acer rubrumRed mapleAcer saccharinumSilver maple

Amelanchier arborea Common serviceberry
Amelanchier canadensis Canadian serviceberry

Betula lenta Black birch
Betula populifolia Grey birch

Celtis occidentalis

Fagus grandifolia

Common hackberry

American beech

American holly

Iuniparus virginians

Factors red ander

Juniperus virginianaEastern red cedarLiquidambar styracifluaSweetgum

Liriodendron tulipiferaTulip poplarPopulus deltoidesCottonwoodPopulus grandidentataBigtooth aspenPopulus tremuloidesQuaking aspenPrunus serotinaBlack cherrySassafras albidumSassafras

#### OAK-TULIP TREE FOREST

This mesophytic forest is a mixture of hardwoods and softwoods. The dominant species of oak and tulip poplar are usually joined by the black birch, beech or red maple. Moist, well-drained soils will support a diverse understory of shrubs and herbaceous flora. Tulip poplars, with their very straight trunks, can reach over 100 feet tall. Their magnificent form helps to bring a natural giant to the famed New York City skyline.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Pelham Bay-Hunter Island (BX), Prospect Park (BK), Inwood Hill (MN), Forest Park (QU), Bloomingdale (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Athyrium felix-femina Lady fern

Deparia acrostichoides Silvery glade fern Thelypteris novaboracensis New York fern

Graminoids

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Carex roseaRosy sedgeCarex swaniiSwan's sedgeDanthonia spicataPoverty oatgrassDichanthelium clandestinumDeertongue

Juncus tenuis Deertongue
Path rush

<u>Forbs</u>

Geranium maculatum

Actaea racemosaBlach cohoshAnemone quinquefoliaWood anemoneAralia racemosaAmerican spikenardArisaema triphyllumJack-in-the-PulpitEurybia divaricataWhite wood aster

Helianthus decapetalusThin-leaved sunflowerMainanthemum canadenseCanada mayflowerMitchella repensPatridge berry

Wild geranium

Polygonatum biflorumSmooth Solomon's sealPolygonatum pubescensHairy Solomon's sealSmilacina racemosaFalse Solomon's sealSymplocarpus foetidusSkunk cabbageUvularia sessilifoliaSessileleaf bellwortViola x primulifoliaPrimrose-leaved violet

Viola sororia Common violet

Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Vitis aestivalis Summer grape

**Shrubs** 

Hamamelis virginiana Witch hazel

Pyrola rotundifolia American wintergreen

Rubus occidentalis Black raspberry

Rubus pensilvanicusPennsylvania blackberryVaccinium angustifoliumLowbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberry

Maple-leaved viburnum

Viburnum prunifolium Black-haw

**Trees** 

Viburnum acerifolium

Acer rubrum Red maple
Betula lenta Black birch

Cornus florida
Flowering dogwood
Fagus grandifolia
Liriodendron tulipifera
Prunus serotina
Quercus alba
Quercus coccinea
Quercus rubra
Black cherry
White oak
Scarlet oak
Red oak

Quercus velutina Black oak
Sassafras albidum Sassafras

#### CHESTNUT OAK FOREST

This hardwood forest that occurs on the coastal plain is situated on well-drained sites. The canopy is limited to two or three oak species and red maples. Historically, the American chestnut thrived in these habitats until the chestnut blight decimated the populations. American chestnut sprouts can still be found in the understory today. The understory will consist of ericaceous shrubs such as black huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*) and blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*).

Examples Include: Van Cortlandt Park (BX), Forest Park (QU), Deere Park (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

<u>Ferns</u>

Asplenium platyneuron Ebony Spleenwort
Osmunda claytoniana Interrupted fern
Thelypteris novaboracensis New York fern

Graminoids

Carex pensylvanica Pennsylvania sedge Carex swanii Swan's sedge

<u>Forbs</u>

Eurybia divaricata White wood aster Prenanthes trifoliata Gall-of-the-Earth

**Shrubs** 

Gaylussacia baccataBlack huckleberryHamamelis virginianaWitch hazelKalmia latifoliaMountain laurelMorella pensylvanicaNorthern bayberryRhododendron periclymenoidesPlnkster azaleaVaccinium corymbosumHighbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberry

Vaccinium stamineum Deerberry

Viburnum acerifolium Maple-leaved viburnum

Trees

Liriodendron tulipiferaTulip poplarPrunus serotinaBlack cherryQuercus albaWhite oakQuercus prinusChestnut oakQuercus rubraRed oakQuercus velutinaBlack oakSassafras albidumSassafras

#### MARITIME OAK FOREST

This oak-dominated forest is in general proximity of a marine community such as a salt marsh or the edge of a back dune. These plant communities are heavily influenced by the coastal processes including salt spray, high winds, flooding and sand deposition. The canopy may be stunted due to these processes and the understory will be thick with a dense shrub layer and vines.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Pelham Bay Park-Hunter Island (BX), Paerdegat Preserve (BK), Conference House (SI), Clay Pit Ponds (SI).

### **Recommended Plants:**

Ferns

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken fern

Graminoids

Carex annectensYellow-fruit sedgeCarex albicans var. emonsiiEmmons SedgeChasmanthium laxumSlender woodoatsCarex pensylvanicaPennsylvania sedgeDanthonia compressaFlattened oatgrassDanthonia spicataPoverty oatgrassDeschampsia flexuosaCommon hairgrass

**Forbs** 

Baptisia tinctoriaYellow wild indigoHelianthemum canadenseLongbranch frostweedHieracium venosumRattlesnake weedHypericum hypercoidesSt. Andrew's cross

Lechea mucronata Pinweed

Lespedeza capitata Round-headed bush-clover

Lespedeza hirtaHairy bush cloverTephrosia virginianaVirginia tephrosiaTrichostema dichotomumForked blue curls

Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Vitis vulpina Frost grape

**Shrubs** 

Arctostaphylos uva-ursiBearberryComptonia peregrinaSweetfernEpigaea repensTrailing arbutusGaultheria procumbensEastern teaberryGaylussacia baccataBlack huckleberry

Gaylussacia frondosaTall huckleberryKalmia angustifoliaSheep laurelKalmia latifoliaMountain laurel

Ilex glabra Inkberry

Vaccinium angustifolimLowbush blueberryVaccinium corymbosumHighbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberry

**Trees** 

Acer rubrumAcer rubrumBetula populifoliaGray birchDiospyros virginianaPersimmon

Magnolia virginiana Sweet-bay magnolia

Nyssa sylvatica Black tupelo Pinus echinata Shortleaf pine Pinus rigida Pitch pine Pinus virginiana Virginia pine Quercus alba White oak Quercus prinus Chestnut oak Quercus velutina Black oak Sassafras albidum Sassafras

#### SUCCESSIONAL MARITIME OAK FOREST

A maritime forest will naturally succeed a maritime shrubland if it is left undisturbed. A minimal amount of herbaceous material at ground-level will be able to survive. The dense shrub layer, with a closing canopy, will shade out many of the herbaceous species.

<u>Examples Include</u>: Pelham Bay Park-Hunter Island (BX), Paerdegat Preserve (BK), Idlewwild Park (QU), Saw Mill Creek (SI).

### Recommended Plants:

<u>Ferns</u>

Pteridium aquilinum Bracken fern

<u>Graminoids</u>

Andropogon gerardii Big bluestem

Aristida dichotoma Churchmouse threeawn

Aristida tuberculosa

Agrostis perennans

Carex pensylvanica

Eragrostis spectabilis

Purple lovegrass

Panicum virgatum

Schizachyrium scoparium

Seaside threeawn

Autumn bent-grass

Pennsylvania sedge

Purple lovegrass

Switchgrass

Little bluestem

Forbs

Agalinus purpureaPurple false foxgloveBaptisia tinctoriaYellow wild indigoChrysopsis marianaMaryland goldenaster

Eupatorium album White boneset

Lespedeza capitata Round-headed bush-clover

Nuttallanthus canadensis Blue toadflax

Plantago aristataLargebracted plantainSolidago odoraSweet goldenrodTephrosia virginianaVirginia tephrosiaTrichostema dichotomumForked blue curls

Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper Vitis vulpina Frost grape

**Shrubs** 

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi Bearberry
Comptonia peregrina Sweetfern
Hudsonia ericoides Heather

Gaylussacia baccata Black huckleberry

Gaylussacia frondosa Tall huckleberry

Ilex glabraInkberryLyonia marianaStaggerbushRhus copallinaWinged sumacRubus hispidusBristly dewberryVaccinium angustifoliumLowbush blueberryVaccinium pallidumEarly low blueberry

**Trees** 

Acer rubrum Red maple
Quercus ilicifolia Bear oak

Querucs marilandicaBlackjack oakQuercus prinoidesDwarf chestnut oak

Quercus stellata Post oak Sassafras albidum Sassafras

# E. <u>Urban Plant Communities</u>

Urban plant communities are those that occur in developed, landscaped, or built up areas. They occur on a wide variety of soils, and are the most frequently encountered plant community for most people.

The palette of our natural plant communities can be used to help select the right plant species for the right urban place. Understanding the conditions that these plants naturally occur in will reveal the compatibility of a particular species to a projects site conditions.

### Urban Landscapes

Urban landscapes can be some of the most challenging sites to work within. Many times this type of landscape becomes an excuse to use the same tried and true palette of plants because "nothing else will grow there". In reality, many native pioneer species have found and will thrive in abandoned lots and rail lines, cracks in the concrete and roadsides.

- Many of the species found in the Successional Communities Old Fields and Urban Lots, are the ideal species to consider for challenging sites. Designers should consider these species for many types of urban parks. For more natural areas, straight species are preferred, but there are many commercially available cultivars of these species for more manicured areas, to meet habitat and aesthetic goals. Many of these species are successful in phyto-remediation.
- O Poor soils with low nutrients, or other soils with high content of magnesium or other metals, where remediation or restoration is not possible or desired, can be a difficult site to work with. Plants from the Serpentine Barrens community may be appropriate, given their adaptations to thrive in low-nutrient soils close to bedrock. Their native soil conditions are only found on Staten Island, however, these plants can be considered for use in other disturbed soils.
- For new parks or sites with minimal canopy, Successional Mixed Hardwoods
  provide a range of species that are hardy, establish quickly and tolerate a range
  of soils. Creating the proper framework for your desired climax habitats is the
  necessary first step for the long term sustainability of a healthy ecosystem.

### Established Parks

Many established parks have a dense tree canopy that can limit the amount of sun and nutrients that reach the forest floor. In projects where understory species are being expanded and green space increased, there are a range of opportunities to increase species diversity and habitat value. Knowing the habitat your project is situated within can help guide you to species that will be suitable for the existing conditions.

- In openings in the established canopy that are being expanded into planting beds, the species of the *Oak Opening* community would be appropriate and most beneficial to the fauna traveling in between the fragmented forest.
- In areas within the established canopy, the species of Rich Mesophytic Forest, Oak-Tulip Tree Forest and Chesnut Oak Forest are well suited to topsoil specified in Parks projects and provide a wide range of understory and herbaceous diversity.
- For areas with greater salt exposure, species from *Maritime Oak Forest and Successional Maritime Oak Forest* may be well suited, though this community is dominated by a shrub layer and offers few herbaceous selections.
- For greater drought tolerance, Mixed Oak-Hickory Forest species have adapted well to shallow soils, low water and exposure.

#### • Green Infrastructure:

Green Infrastructure sites place specific demands on the species used within them. A tolerance of large volumes of water is an obvious one, but this is coupled with periods of drought amplified by the well-draining sandy soil used in these installations. Sediment and road salt are found within the runoff directed towards these plants as well. When used in the right-of-way, there are often limitations placed on maximum heights, due to the need to maintain site lines. Overall, these specific criteria translate to a select group of plants that are well-suited to thrive in this environment. When the right plant is used, they can be quite successful.

- Floodplain Forest, Bottomland Forest, Red-Maple Hardwood Swamp and Wetland Communities can provide a range of suitable species for green infrastructure projects, though attention to the salt and drought tolerance of individual species should be considered. These species are best used in the lowest areas of rain gardens that will receive the most runoff. Many of these companion plants offer quality resources for pollinator habitat throughout every season
- Maritime communities are often a good starting point for urban green infrastructure sites, due to their tolerance of salts, high sand content in soils and saturated soils. Take note that green infrastructure site can also be dry during non-rainy seasons, and so plants selected should also have a range of drought tolerance.
- Shrub Swamp and Succesional Shrubland offer a range of species that tolerate seasonal fluctuations in soil moisture, making them ideally suited to rain gardens and other stormwater capture installations. Successional Shrubland species often exhibit greater urban tolerance, and so are especially suited to road runoff projects.

 Grasses and herbaceous species from Mixed Oak-Hickory Forest and Maritime Grasslands communities work well on green roofs, due to their tolerance of winds, shallow soils and drought.

#### Cultural Communities:

Cultural communities are either created or maintained by human activities. Many of our urban disturbed areas were once fill or dump sites that drastically changed the soil makeup, permeability, and the natural plant communities that once existed there. Reforestation and restoration claim a unique definition in a densely populated city and require plant species that must thrive in areas with low nutrient levels, low permeability, a minimal amount of organic matter, and high salinity levels resulting from urban fill and runoff.

WETLANDS: Many of New York City's shallow and deep emergent marshes
have been invaded by Phragmites, the common reed grass, or purple loosestrife.
Restoration in these high nutrient, fill/dump wetlands is a long-term process and
requires multiple methods. A number of native plant species can be gradually
introduced during the treatment process to help colonize newly disturbed land,
remediate the soil, and compete with the aggressive invasives.

### **Recommended Plants**:

### Graminoids

Carex atlantica
Prickly bog sedge
Carex crinita
Fringed sedge
Carex stricta
Tussock sedge
Juncus canadensis
Canadian rush
Juncus effusus
Soft rush
Panicum virgatum
Switchgrass
Scirpus cyperinus
Wool grass

Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani Soft stem bulrush Tripsacum dactyloides Eastern gamagrass

#### **Forbs**

Decodon verticillatus Swamp loostrife
Hibiscus moscheutos Rose-mallow

Solidago rugosa Wrinkleleaf goldenrod

#### Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefoliaVirginia creeperVitis labruscaFox grapeVitis ripariaRiver grape

### **Shrubs**

Baccharis halmifolia Groundsel bush
Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush

Iva frutescens Rubus pensilvanicus Sambucus canadensis Marsh elder Pennsylvania blackberry Elderberry

STREET TREES have become part of the fabric of New York City. A tree-lined street improves the overall health of a neighborhood and helps to beautify a concrete landscape. The conditions that street trees grow in are harsh and although the design of tree pits are improving, there are critical characteristics that a species must have to survive. Trees on the roadside have to endure salt spray and drought conditions. The open surface area on the ground that is permeable to water is limited in a tree pit, but with the addition of planted herbs and grasses, soil and moisture will be retained in the pit. Even trees that have a larger surface area of lawn, in a median or a Greenstreet, will still benefit from being drought tolerant considering the runoff that occurs and the contained planting bed.

Examples Include: Numerous streets throughout the city.

### **Recommended Plants**:

### Graminoids

Carex blanda Eastern woodland sedge

Eragrostis spectabilis Purple lovegrass

Juncus tenuisPath rushPanicum virgatumSwitchgrassSchizachyrium scopariumLittle bluestem

**Forbs** 

Ageratina altissima White snakeroot

Asclepias syriaca Common milkweed

Geum canadense White avens

Oenothera biennis Common evening primrose

Solidago sempervirens Seaside goldenrod

Symphyotrichum pilosum Hairy white oldfield aster

Shrubs

Gaylussacia baccata Black huckleberry

Ilex glabra Inkberry

Morella pensylvanicaNorthern bayberryPhotinia pyrifoliaRed chokeberryPrunus maritimaBeach plumRhus copallinaWinged sumacRhus glabraSmooth sumacRhus typhinaStaghorn sumac

Rosa carolina Pasture rose
Rosa virginiana Virginia rose
Sambucus canadensis Elderberry

Vaccinium angustifolium Lowbush blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood

**Trees** 

Amelanchier arborea Common serviceberry

Betula populifolia Grey birch

Carpinus caroliniana American hornbeam
Celtis occidentalis Common hackberry

Nyssa sylvaticaBlack tupeloPopulus deltoidesCottonwoodPrunus serotinaBlack cherryQuercus albaWhite oak

Quercus bicolor Swamp white oak

Quercus coccineaScarlet oakQuercus palustrisPin oakQuercus phellosWillow oakQuercus prinusChestnut oakQuercus rubraRed oakQuercus stellataPost oakQuercus velutinaBlack oak

 TREE LAWNS can be considered high maintenance due to the amount of fertilizer, water and mowing required to keep them aethestically pleasing. Incorporating perennial layers in a naturalized design will help cut costs and improve the habitat value of the landscape.

Examples Include: Numerous streets and parkways throughout the city.

#### Recommended Plants:

#### Ferns

Dennstaedtia punctilobulaHay-scented fernPolystichum acrostichoidesChristmas fernPteridium aquilinumBracken fern

#### Graminoids

Andropogon virginicus Broom-sedge

Carex blandaEastern woodland sedgeCarex pensylvanicaPennsylvania sedgeDeschampsia flexuosaCommon hairgrassElymus canadensisCanada wild ryeElymus hystrixBottlebrush grassEragrostis spectabilisPurple lovegrass

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Tridens flavus Purpletop

#### Forbs

Ageratina altissima

Asclepias incarnata

Asclepias tuberosa

Baptisia tinctoria

Chrysopsis mariana

Euthamia caroliniana

Euthamia graminifolia

Futrophium purpuroum

White snakeroot

Swamp milkweed

Butterfly weed

Yellow wild indigo

Maryland goldenaster

Slender goldentop

Lance-leaved goldenrod

Eutrochium purpureumSweet Joe-pye weedHelianthus divaricatusWoodland sunflowerIonactis linariifoliusFlaxleaf whitetop aster

Lobelia siphilitica Great lobelia

Monarda fistulosa Wild bergamot

Oenothera biennis Common evening primrose

Pityopsis falcataAtlantic golden asterPotentilla canadensisDwarf cinquefoilPotentilla simplexCommon cinquefoil

Solidago canadensisCanada goldenrodSolidago nemoralisGray goldenrodSolidago odoraSweet goldenrodSolidago rugosaWrinkleleaf goldenrodSolidago sempervirensSeaside goldenrodSolidago speciosaShowy goldenrodSymphyotrichum ericoidesWhite heath aster

Vines

Clematis virginiana Virgin's bower

Lonicera sempervirens Trumpet honeysuckle
Parthenocissus quinquefolia Virginia creeper

Shrubs

Alnus serrulata
Common alder
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
Bearberry
Comptonia peregrina
Cornus racemosa
Grey dogwood
Corylus americana
Gaultheria procumbens
Gaylussacia baccata
Common alder
Bearberry
Sweetfern
Grey dogwood
American hazel-nut
Eastern teaberry
Black huckleberry

Ilex glabraInkberryKalmia angustifoliaSheep laurelKalmia latifoliaMountain laurelLyonia marianaStaggerbush

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Rubus allegheniensis

Rubus occidentalis

Sambucus canadensis

Spiraea alba var. latifolia

Common blackberry

Black raspberry

Elderberry

Meadowssweet

Spiraea tomentosa Hardhack

Vaccinium angustifolium Lowbush blueberry
Vaccinium pallidum Low early blueberry

Viburnum dentatum Arrowwood
Viburnum lentago Nanny-berry

Trees

Acer rubrumRed mapleAcer saccharumSugar maple

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Diospyros virginiana Persimmon

Juniperus virginiana Eastern red cedar

Liquidambar styracifluaSweetgumLiriodendron tulipiferaTulip poplarNyssa sylvaticaBlack tupeloOstrya virginianaHop hornbeamPinus echinataShortleaf pinePinus rigidaPitch pinePinus virginianaVirginia pine

Platanus occidentalis American sycamore

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# **Plant Descriptions**

Successful plant communities are usually composed of a combination of various woody and herbaceous species. Proportions of each species characterize the various ecological communities described in the guide. For instance, trees are largely absent from coastal dune communities, but form the dominant vegetation in bottomland forest. Effective planting strategies can be based on supplementing existing vegetation to replicate these communities, depending on careful analysis of soils, light conditions, and hydrologic resources. Carefully consider the mature sizes of specified plants to best determine the appropriate spacing.

Following are descriptions of the many native species suitable for planting in New York City. There are several variables listed for each species, based on the research completed and available at time of publication. Some plants are more well-studied than others, and as a result, for certain species, there may be information that is simply not known.

Some of the information presented is technical in nature and to assist the reader the following tables are provided to clarify the data.

### Wetland Indicator Status:

OBL = >99% probability, plants always found in wet soil or standing water.

FACW = 67-99% probability, plants usually found in wet to moist soil.

FAC = 34-66% probability, plants occurring in both wetlands and moist upland soil.

FACU = 1-33% probability, plants sometimes occur in wetlands and tolerate moist to dry soil.

UPL = 0% probability, plants that almost never occur in wetlands and tolerate dry soil.

NI=No Indicator.

Salt Tolerance Level	<u>Explanation</u>
Moderate salt tolerance	The plant can tolerate some salt, but does not necessarily do well in a coastal flood. If the plant is ever inundated with salt water, thoroughly rinse it with fresh water as soon as possible.
High salt tolerance	The plant lives in/very close to salt water and can tolerate being flooded with salt water either occasionally or all the time.

Soil pH Soil Category

<3.0 Severely acidic
3.01 – 4.0 Strongly acidic
4.01 – 5.5 Moderately acidic

5.51 to 6.8 Slightly acidic (optimum for many plants)
6.81 – 7.2 Near neutral (optimum for many plants)
7.21 – 7.5 Slightly alkaline (optimum for many plants)

7.51 – 8.5 Moderately alkaline >8.5 Strongly alkaline

<u>Shade Tolerance Class</u> <u>Percentage of Full Sunlight Needed During</u>

**Growing Season** 

Very intolerant>50%Intolerant25 - 50%Moderately tolerant10 - 25%Tolerant5 - 10%

Very tolerant 2 – 5%

<u>Drought tolerance level</u> <u>Explanation</u>

Low drought tolerance The plant needs moist soil to thrive and/or

survive.

Moderate drought tolerance The plant generally needs moist soils, but can

survive short periods without water.

Drought tolerant The plant does not need additional water once

it is established.

Flood Tolerance Length of Flood Conditions during growing

<u>season</u>

Very intolerant A few days.

Intolerant 1 – 2 weeks.

Moderately tolerant 30 consecutive days.

Tolerant One full growing season.

## **Urban Tolerance**

Tolerant of concrete debris

The plant can grow in soil containing up to

30% concrete debris.

Tolerant of fill soils This plant can tolerate man-made soils such

as construction debris or dredge spoil.

Low anaerobic tolerance This plant cannot tolerate low/no oxygen

conditions such as compaction or flooding.

Performs well in the right of way

This plant tolerates stormwater, and is suitable

for use in bioswales, greenstreets, and other

urban stormwater applications.

## Trees:

Trees are the dominant landscape elements and perform a number of functions in a park setting. Give consideration to the mature size of species specified, as well the ornamental qualities of fruit, form, bark, floral display, and fall color.

**Boxelder** Acer negundo

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 6.5-7.5

Form/Color Woody wetland tree, grows from 35' to 50',

35' to 50' spread, yellow green to lime green in mid April, green to tan brown fruit

in July-September, fast grower.

Urban

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Resistant of soil compaction and demolition debris, pollution tolerant,

intolerant of shade.

Habitat: Forest, lowland wet, river channel, lake

edge, floodplain depressions, wet

ravines, roadsides.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Seeds, buds, flowers eaten by songbirds, waterbirds, small and

large mammals.

Tolerant of drought, flooding, saturated Hydrology:

soil 75% of growing season.

**Ornamental** Value:

Odd pinnate compound leaves with larger

vellow samaras.

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Other:

Host of the Asian longhorn beetle and boxelder bug, may be poisonous to livestock; light and soft wood;

short lifespan.

Acer rubrum **Red Maple** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color 75' to 100', 50'-75' wide spread; ovoid to

globular form; winter red, knobby flower buds; flowers in March; fruit May-June,

medium to fast grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerates soil compaction, pollution, ozone and sulfur dioxide, performs

well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist woods to swampy forests.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Seeds, buds, flowers, and twigs eaten

by birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, saturated soil 25%

growing season

**Ornamental** Value:

Early spring red flowers before leafing

out, red leaves in fall.

Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

A host of the Asian longhorn beetle, attacked by various fungi; used as street tree, and in parks, natural areas Acer saccharinum Silver Maple

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.0-7.0

Form/Color Irregular and globular form; 75' to 100',75'

to 100' wide spread; red to orange twigs; winter reddish, brownish flowerbuds; dull green flowers February to March; fruit

April- May.

Habitat: Forest, savanna, low open areas,

floodplains, streamside, low lakeshore

and swamp.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, saturated soil 25%

growing season

Ornamental

Green bell-shaped flowers.

Value:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance: Compatibility:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Ecosystem

Compatibility:

Other:

Services:

Urban

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Ecosystem

Services:

Urban

Other: Fast grower, 130 year lifespan, host

by birds and mammals.

of the Asian longhorn beetle; used in restoration of swamp forests, flood

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Does not tolerate soil compaction,

Seeds, buds, flowers eaten by upland

performs well in the right of way.

songbirds, small mammals.

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerates soil compaction, sensitive

Seeds, buds, flowers, and twigs eaten

tolerance.

to ozone.

plains, wetland mitigation.

Acer saccharum **Sugar Maple** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.5-7.3

Form/Color Oval to rounded form; 75' to 100', 35' to 50'

wide spread; pale yellow green bellshaped flowers April- early May; green to

tan brown samara fruit in September.

Forest, mesic ravines, coves, north and

east facing slopes, floodplains.

Intolerant of flooding; grows well in

limestone soils

**Ornamental** 

Hydrology:

Range of yellow to orange to red fall color.

Value:

Habitat:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

to Verticillium wilt; host to sugar maple borer, Asian longhorn beetle;

foliage susceptible to gypsy moth.

Slow grower, to 150 years; suceptible

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## Amelanchier arborea

**Common Serviceberry** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU, FAC Regional Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Rounded crown; 12' to 30'; dark green

foliage; white flowers April-May; red-

purple fleshy fruit June.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Tolerates concrete debris, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Upland woods,rich limestone soil; rocky

soils on open slopes, wood edges, and

stream banks.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds and mammals;

host to larvae of some butterfly species.

Hydrology: Grows best in medium well-drained

acidic soils

Ornamental Red-orange fall color, fragrant white

flowers April-May. Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

## Amelanchier canadensis

Canadian Serviceberry

Edible fruit; used for forest restoration.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Low shrubby and multi-stemmed; 25';

white flowers April-May; purple fleshy fruit

June-July; moderate growth rate.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Intolerant of soil compaction, sensitive Tolerance: to ozone, performs well in the right of

way.

Habitat: Shrub swamp, moist, sterile sandy soil of

back dune thickets

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds and mammals;

host to larvae of some butterfly

species.

Hydrology: Moist to dry soil; intolerant of drought;

saturated soil 25% growing season.

**Ornamental** 

Red-orange fall color, white flowers April-

Value:

Compatibility: May.

Salt Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Used for back dune woodland, shrub

swamps, moist woodland, and

swamp forest.

Amelanchier laevis

**Allegany Serviceberry** 

Tolerant of stormwater.

Sensitive of soil compaction, sensitive

to ozone, performs well in the right of

High wildlife value for songbirds,

small mammals, and humans.

Medium lifespan.

Native To: Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: pH 6.1-6.5 Regional

Form/Color Globular or obovoid; to 25' tall; 25'-35'

wide spread; red to maroon green in spring, blue green in summer, orange to dull red in fall; deciduous early May to mid

October.

Habitat: Mesic coves, north and east slope

aspects, cool rich woods.

Hydrology: Well to moderately well drainage; very

intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Orange, red fall color.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Very tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Betula alleghaniensis

Yellow Birch

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.6-6.9

Form/Color Grows to 80'; blooms April-May; yellowish

silvery bark; fruits August-October, catkins

egg-shaped and upright.

Stormwater

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Other:

Services:

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of urban conditions.

Habitat: Northern forest with well drained, fertile

loam soils.

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Other:

Seeds, sap, and bark eaten by birds

Minor element in forest restorations

north of New York City.

Services: and mammals.

Intolerant of flooding; moist well drained, Hydrology:

fertile loam soils.

**Ornamental** 

Yellow fall color.

Value:

Salt Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Shade** 

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Betula lenta Black Birch

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Urban

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.0-6.8

Form/Color Grows to 70'; blooms April-May; pale

yellow color in fall; young bark marked by thin horizontal lenticels, older bark often

cracked.

forest soil.

Moist to dry, well-drained, upland, acid

rest soil.

**Hydrology:** Moderately tolerant of drought

Ornamental

Habitat:

Yellow fall color.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Also known as sweet birch and

cherry birch. Broken twigs give off

Insufficient information to determine

Sensitive to soil compaction.

Seeds eaten by birds.

tolerance.

wintergreen odor.

Betula nigra River Birch

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.0-6.5

**Form/Color** Columnar and globular form; 50'-75';30'-

50' wide spread; clear yellow in fall; green to pale yellow, drooping catkins; green to

tan-brown strobiles.

Tolerance:

Stormwater

**Urban** Resistant to soil compaction, prefers **Tolerance:** acidic soils, performs well in the right

Tolerant of stormwater.

of way.

**Habitat:** Floodplain depression, swampy

bottomlands, low open sites along

streamsides.

Ecosystem Services:

Compatibility:

Other:

n Seeds eaten by birds, waterfowl, and

Short lifespan 50-75 years; weak-

wooded, fast grower.

: small mammals.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought, flooding, saturated

soil 25% of growing season.

Ornamental

Clear yellow fall color, white bark.

Value:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

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Betula populifolia Gray Birch

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-7.5

**Form/Color** 30'; white bark at maturity with black

horizontal lines and chevron-shaped markings; light green to yellow green catkins in April; medium green to tan brown strobiles September-December.

Wetland edges; lowland wet, upland dry;

swamp edges; low lake edges; dry steep

rocky land.

**Hydrology:** Tolerates flooding, saturated soil 75%

growing season.

**Ornamental** Yellow fall color; smooth white bark. **Value:** 

Salt

Habitat:

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

**Urban** Tolerant of soil compaction, prefers acidic soils, performs well in the right

of way.

Ecosystem Services:

Seeds and fruit eaten by birds and mammals; leaves eaten by various

moth species.

Compatibility:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Urban

Other: Used for vegatation restoration on

Tolerant of stormwater.

water fowl.

Sensitive to soil compaction.

Performs well in the right of way.

Low wildlife value for songbirds and

open, bare mineral soil; park tree; common lifespan 15 to 30 years, fast

grower.

Carpinus caroliniana

**American Hornbeam** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Obovoid to globular form; 35'-50'; 35'-50'

wide spread; red/reddish green catkin late April to early May; orange to red drooping 3-winged samara clusters mid

June to October.

**Habitat:** Lowland or upland wet mesic; understory

forest edges; closed canopy woodlands. in moist, undisturbed woods; swamp forest edges, closed canopy woodlands.

Sensitive to drought and flooding, poor to excessive drainage.

Ornamental Value:

Hydrology:

Green to yellow, hanging fruit. Good fall color. Trunk has a distinctive muscular

appearance.

Compatibility:

Salt

**Shade** 

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

**-** ...

Other: Medium lifespan, mature at about

150 years; susceptible to fire, slow grower. Also known as blue beech,

musclewood and ironwood.

Carya cordiformis

**Bitternut Hickory** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU+ **New York City** Soil: pH 5.5-8.5

Form/Color Globular form; 75'-100'; 75'-100' wide

spread; yellow green catkins bloom May; round yellow green to brown nut late

August to mid October.

Tolerance:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of concrete debris.

Habitat: Lowland wet mesic, upland mesic and

mesic dry; flood plain; moist or dry slopes

and uplands.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Moderate value.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance of drought and

flooding.

Ornamental

Globular form, yellow-green catkins.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Medium to long lifespan, shortest Other:

lived 200 years; increases diversity and aesthetics in upland forest; park tree, street tree, slow grower.

Carya glabra **Pignut Hickory** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-**New York City** Soil: pH 6.1-7.5

Form/Color Irregular obovoid; 75'-100'; 35'-50' wide;

yellow green catkins mid May, pear shaped yellow green nut in early September to late October.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction.

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Habitat: Upland dry, steep rocky land, sandy hills,

upland ridges and ravines, warm south

facing slopes.

**Ecosystem** 

Intermediate value to songbirds and

Long lifespan, can live to 300 years,

Services: small mammals.

slow grower.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Obovoid, yellow-green catkins.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade **Tolerance:**  Moderately tolerant of shade.

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**Shagbark Hickory** Carya ovata

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 6.1-6.5 **New York City** 

Form/Color Irregular ovoid and obovoid; 75'-100'; 35'-

50 wide spread; yellow green catkins in mid May; globular brown nut in early

September to mid October.

Urban Intermediate tolerance of soil

tolerance.

Tolerance: compaction.

Habitat: Upland moist to dry undisturbed forests;

upland mesic dry; dry south and west

facing slopes.

Nuts, flowers, bark eaten by birds and Ecosystem

Insufficient information to determine

Services: mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately poor to well drained soil;

intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Shreddy bark when older, yellow-green

Value: catkins, yellow fall color. Compatibility:

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Carya tomentosa

**Mockernut Hickory** 

Long lifespan, 300 years; susceptible

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Irregular-obovoid; 75'-100'; 35'-50' wide

spread; yellow green catkins in mid May; globular brown nut in early September to

mid October; slow grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

to fire damage.

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

**Tolerance:** 

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Upland moist to dry forests.

> **Ecosystem** Nuts, flowers, bark eaten by birds and

Services: mammals.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Shade

Tolerance:

Irregular obovoid, yellow-green catkins.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** Other: Long lifespan; susceptible to fire;

> park and street tree; increases diversity and aesthetics in upland

forest.

## Celtis occidentalis

## Common Hackberry

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU **New York City** Soil: pH 6.5-8.5

Form/Color Globular form; 75'-100 tall', 75'-100' wide

spread; light blue green in summer; pale yellow in autumn; purple brown berry

September to February.

Habitat: Lowland wet-mesic, upland dry mesic,

drainage basins, mature floodplains,

wooded slopes, windbreaks.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of flooding and

saturated soil 25% growing season.

Ornamental Value:

Pale yellow color in fall.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of concrete debris; intolerant of soil compaction, performs well in

the right of way. Tolerant of pollution.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by humans, songbirds, and small mammals. Host to numerous butterflies and moths including the hackberry emperor and

American snout.

Compatibility:

Other: Medium to long lifespan; frequently

infected by witches' broom, powdery mildew, leaf spots, moderately fast

growers.

## Chamaecyparis thyoides

#### **Atlantic White Cedar**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL Regional **Soil:** pH 3.0-5.5

Form/Color Grows to 75'; evergreen tree; small bluish

cones turn brown; moderate grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerance:

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Found growing on hummocks in acid

bogs and acid muck soils.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Moderate wildlife value.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding; saturated soil almost

100% of the growing season.

**Ornamental** 

Attractive, feathery evergreen foliage.

Value:

Tolerance:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Compatibility:

Other: Minor species for restoration of

marshes edges; evergreen screen in full sun; good species for raingarden

installations.

Cornus florida

Flowering Dogwood

Insufficient information to determine

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-**Soil:** pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Globular form; 35'-50'; 35'-50' wide

spread; light green or yellow green in spring, bright green in summer, scarlet red in fall; yellow flowers April- early May; red berry clusters early September-mid

November.

Wooded slopes, ravines, bluffs. Habitat:

**Ecosystem** 

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

Seeds, fruit, and twigs eaten by Services: migratory birds and deer.

tolerance.

Hydrology: Moist well-drained soil; intolerant of

flooding.

Ornamental White flowers early April-June. Clusters of Value:

showy red fruit and red-purple fall leaf

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Other: Medium lifespan, mature at about

150 years; park tree; secondary species used in diversifying and restoring forest understories.

## Crataequs crus-galli

Cockspur Hawthorn

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH 4.5-7.2

Form/Color Grows to 20'-35'; 20'-35' wide spread;

globular; bright green in spring, dark green in summer, bright orange to red foliage in fall; white flowers bloom in May;

orange to red fruit from August to January.

Habitat: Dry and rocky places; on slopes of low

woods.

hills in rich soils; floodplains; borders of

Urban

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerant of compacted soil and various soil pH levels, performs well Tolerance:

in the right of way.

Services:

**Ecosystem** 

Intermediate wildlife value; fruit eaten by songbirds, upland ground birds,

large and small mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental Value:

Orange to red fall color, attractive fruit.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance: Other:

Susceptible to fire blight, powdery mildew, scab; host toaphids, borers, lace bugs; short lifespan, moderate

grower.

Diospyros virginiana

Persimmon

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC-Soil: pH 6.0-6.5

Form/Color Ovoid; 50'-75'; 35'-50'; green or yellow

orange in fall; yellow flower through mid June; yellow orange globular berry

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

tolerance.

September - late November.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Habitat: Rocky fields, pastures, waste ground, rich

alluvial bottomlands, hillside woods.

Ecosystem Fruit eaten by humans, birds, and

Services: small mammals.

Hydrology: Moist to wet swamp edge soil; moderate

tolerance of flooding.

**Ornamental** Yellow flowers through mid June,

Value: attractive fruit.

Compatibility:

Intolerant of salt. Salt Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Used for stabilizing slopes. Minor

species for diversifying and restoring forest understories, slow grower.

Fagus grandifolia

**American Beech** 

Wetland Indicator: FACU Native To: **New York City** Soil: pH 4.1-6.5

Form/Color Conical/ovoid; 75'-100';50'-75' wide

spread; blue green in summer, yellow to brown in fall; yellow green hanging globe flower clusters in April-May, tan nut

September-mid November.

Tolerance:

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Floodplain knolls, elevated terrace, mesic ravines, cool air drainage areas, north

and east slope aspects.

**Tolerance:** 

Ecosystem

Services:

Urban

Stormwater

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Nuts eaten by wildlife.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding, well to moderately

well drainage.

Ornamental

Habitat:

Silver bark.

Value:

Compatibility: Known to sucker vigorously.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Slow to medium grower; sometimes

> infected by beechbark disease; bark susceptible to frost and fire damage

and fungi attack.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

White Ash Fraxinus americana

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW-Soil: pH 6.1-7.5

Form/Color Stormwater Tolerance:

Due to the potential for

Habitat: infestation by Emerald Ash Borer

(Agrilus planipennis), Parks does

not recommend planting Fraxinus

species at this time.

Salt

Tolerance: Other: Vulnerable to Emerald Ash Borer.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Fraxinus pennsylvanica

**Green Ash** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.1-7.5

Form/Color Stormwater

Tolerance:

Due to the potential for

Habitat: infestation by Emerald Ash Borer

(Agrilus planipennis), Parks does

not recommend planting Fraxinus

species at this time.

Salt

Hydrology:

**Ornamental** Value:

Tolerance: Other: Vulnerable to Emerald Ash Borer

**Shade Tolerance:**  llex opaca **American Holly** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU+ **Soil:** pH. 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Evergreen, green shiny, pointed leaves;

40'; small white flowers May - June, red fruit October- November into winter.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Urban

Intolerant of concrete debris, Performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Coastal; sterile, sandy soils, back-dune

forests.

**Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by birds, wintercover for

Services: birds.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought; prefers

well-drained moist soil.

**Ornamental** Small white flowers in May-June.

Value: Evergreen leaves with red fruit persistant

throughout the winter.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for in back dune holly forests

and scrub. Attacked by leafminer and

tortricid moth leaf rollers.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Juglans nigra **Black Walnut** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH.4.6-8.2

Form/Color Irregular form; 75'-100'; 75'-100' wide

spread; golden yellow in fall; yellow green catkins May-June; yellow green nut turns black from August to late September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Alluvial floodplain, stream banks, upland

in open or abandoned fields.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction. **Tolerance:** 

**Ecosystem** Low wildlife value. Edible for humans

Services: and small mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of flooding; grows on

deep well-drained soil.

Ornamental Golden yellow color in fall. Large green-

Value: yellow fruit. Compatibility: Allelopathic.

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

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## Juniperus viginiana

#### **Eastern Red Cedar**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.1-8.0

Form/Color Evergreen; conical; blue green in spring,

dark olive green in summer and fall; red purple and yellow flowers through late May, gray/blue green cone of berries July-

late March.

Habitat: Dry hillsides, semi-barren land,

calcareous cliffs, steep rocky land, abandoned farmland, occasionally in

open alluvial woods.

Hydrology: Moderately poor to excessive drainage;

moist conditions; tolerates drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Red purple and yellow flowers through

late May.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Intolerant of soil compaction; tolerant of concrete debris, performs well in

the right of way.

**Ecosystem** 

Cones eaten by birds and mammals.

Services: winter cover for birds.

Compatibility:

Other:

Long lifespan, slow grower, grows in

old fields and back dune coastal woodlands; used for vegetation of

sandy dredge spoil.

## Liquidambar styraciflua

## **American Sweetgum**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC **New York City Soil:** pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Conical to ovoid; 75'-100'; 50'-75' wide

spread; scarlet red to purple in fall; deciduous in late April to late October. Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of soil compaction, performs

well in the right of way, minimal

tolerance of pollution.

Habitat: Alluvial floodplain, stream edges, moist

forests, swamp forests.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Low wildlife value.

Well to poor drainage, tolerant of flooding Hydrology:

and poorly drained soil.

**Ornamental** 

Scarlet red color in fall. Globe-like

Value:

hanging fruit with spines that may persist

into the winter.

Compatibility:

Salt

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Other:

Slow to medium grower; long

lifespan, used for wetland mitigation;

street and park tree.

Liriodendron tulipifera

**Tuliptree** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.0-6.5

Form/Color Columnar form; 75'-100'; 35'-50' wide

spread; lemon yellow in summer; yellow green with orange splotched flowers in early to mid June; medium lifespan.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater. Tolerance:

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction,

Habitat: Sheltered coves, lower slopes and hills,

stream valleys.

Tolerance: performs well in the right of way.

Low wildlife value for small mammals Ecosystem

Services: and songbirds.

Hydrology: Well to moderately well drainage, moist to

average moisture; intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Very showy large yellow flowers and tulip

shaped leaves. Tall straight trunk. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Other: Used for reforestation of sites with

good quality moist soil, very fast

grower.

Magnolia virginiana

Sweet-bay Magnolia

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW+ **New York City** Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color White fragrant flowers May-July; red fleshy

fruit August to October. Foliage whitish

beneath.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Understories of coastal plain red maple

swamp forests and Atlantic white cedar

bogs.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

White flowers May-July, red fruits.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Minor species for swamp forest

reforestation and wetland

mitigations.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Nyssa sylvatica **Black Tupelo** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Broad conical form; 50'-75'; 35'-50' wide

> spread; scarlet red in fall; greenish white small flower clusters May- early June; blue berry clusters Sept through mid

October.

Habitat: Low ridges or second bottoms, alluvial

flats, dry upper and middle flats.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater. **Tolerance:** 

Urban

Compatibility:

Performs well in the right of way. Tolerance:

Intermediate wildlife value for Ecosystem Services: songbirds and small mammals.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Scarlet red to purple leaf color in fall. Value:

Purple fruit. Horizontal branching pattern.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for swamp reforestation,

floodplains, and wetland mitigation.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Ostrya virginiana **Hop Hornbeam** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 4.2-8.0

Form/Color Conical form; 35'-50'; 20'-35' wide spread;

maroon green in spring, yellow green in summer, pale golden yellow in fall; red brown catkins early through mid May; tan

brown samara late June-late October.

Moist to dry upland slopes, coves and

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction; tolerant Tolerance:

of concrete debris, performs well in

the right of way.

ravines, rocky stream edges, moist to dry forest understory. **Ecosystem** Low wildlife value for songbirds and

> Services: small mammals.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding.

Habitat:

**Ornamental** Green to yellow hanging fruit. Fine peeling

Value: bark. Pale golden yellow leaf color in fall. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Slow grower.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Picea rubens **Red Spruce** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-5.0

Form/Color Evergreen; oval shape; 50'-70'; medium

green color in spring; remains green in

Tolerance:

tolerance.

fall; light brown, ovoid cone; yellow flower.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, rocky woods, hillsides, uplands.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Stormwater

Low provider of food for small mammals and terrestrial birds;

Medium drought tolerance; medium Hydrology:

moisture usage.

provides moderate cover for small mammals; provides high cover for

Insufficient information to determine

terrestrial birds.

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellow flowers bloom mid Spring,

evergreen foliage.

Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Long lifespan, medium grower.

Pinus echinata

**Shortleaf Pine** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen; conical form; 80'-100';

produces red to brown 2 inch long egg-

shaped cones; moderate grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Tolerance:

Urban

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry, sandy, or rocky soil; south-facing or

west-facing slopes; old agricultural fields.

**Ecosystem** Services:

High-quality wildlife habitat.

Hydrology: Deep, well-drained sandy soil. Drought

tolerant once established.

**Ornamental** 

Pale golden yellow color in fall, persisting

Value: cones, evergreen foliage. Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Minor species in restoring forests in

sandy soil of south Staten Island, Long Island, and New Jersey coastal

plain.

Pinus resinosa Red Pine

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color Evergreen; conical to ovoid; 75'-100'; 50'-

75' wide; bright green to dark green foliage by midsummer; reddish purple cone mid May- early June; tan brown to silvery gray cone from mid August- late

October.

**Habitat:** Dry sandy or rocky soil; low ridges

adjacent to lakes, ridgetops, outwash

plains.

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of flooding; prefers moist

conditions but tolerates dry conditions.

Ornamental Reddish-brown, scaly bark, evergreen

Value: foliage.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Sensitive to soil compaction.

Ecosystem Services:

Very high wildlife value for songbirds,

upland ground birds, small mammals, hoofed browsers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Long lifespan, medium grower.

<u>Pinus rigida</u> Pitch Pine

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.6-6.5

**Form/Color** Evergreen; irregular and globular form;

50'-75' wide spread; dark

yellow green; red purple cone in May.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Intolerant of soil compaction, sensitive

Tolerance: to ozone.

Habitat: Sterile sandy soil; shallow soil on steep

rocky land, ridges, south or west facing

slopes, windbreak.

Ecosystem

Very high wildlife value for songbirds,

Services: upland birds, and small birds.

**Hydrology:** Tolerates drought; intolerant of flooding

and saturated soil for more than 25%

Ornamental Value:

Irregular globular form, persisting cones,

evergreen foliage.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Able to tolerate fire. Used for restoring rocky or pine barren habitats, short lifespan, fast grower.

**Eastern White Pine** Pinus strobus

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.0-6.5

Form/Color Evergreen; conical to ovoid; 75'-100'; 50'-

75'; light green spring and bright green

summer, fall, and winter; medium grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction, sensitive

**Tolerance:** to ozone.

Habitat: North-facing slopes, sheltered coves,

rocky stream edges, steep rocky land.

**Ecosystem** Very high wildlife value for songbirds,

Services: upland birds, and small birds.

Hydrology: Moderately poor to well drainage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Conical form, evergreen foliage.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Typical roosting place for owls; long

lifespan.

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Pinus virginiana Virginia Pine

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.6-7.9

Form/Color Evergreen; irregular form; reaches 30'.

Cones egg-shaped and numerous

remaining on the tree a long time.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction,

Tolerance: wounding, and fill.

Habitat: Dry, sandy, or sterile soil.

> **Ecosystem** High wildlife value for white-tailed Services: deer and other small mammals.

> > Moderate lifespan, fast grower.

Hydrology: Drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** 

Irregular form, persisting cones,

Value: evergreen foliage. Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Shade Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

**Tolerance:** 

## Platanus occidentalis

**American Sycamore** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.5-8.5

Form/Color Distinctive mottled brown bark flakes off in

puzzle like pieces exposing yellow and white patches underneath; blooms April-

May; fast grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerant of concrete debris and soil Tolerance: compaction, performs well in the right

of way.

Habitat: Flood plains, moist fill soil.

> Ecosystem Services:

Low wildlife value.

Tolerant of flooding or saturated soil 25% Hydrology:

of growing season.

**Ornamental** Value:

Brown and chalky white, bark. Hanging globe-like fruit persisting into winter.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Other: Used for floodplain forest restoration.

> rivers, streambanks, wetland mitigation. Fast grower.

## Populus deltoides

Eastern Cottonwood

Wetland Indicator: FAC Native To: New York City **Soil:** pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Reaches 150'; reddish catkins bloom

March- April; produces egg-shaped fruit

May-June.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction and

> Tolerance: disturbed soil.

Habitat: Moist fill soils; disturbed sites on bare

soil, old fields.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Buds, catkins, eaten by birds; twigs

and leaves eaten by rabbits and deer.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

White bark, early flower, reddish catkins.

Value:

Compatibility: Fluffy white seeds considered a

nuisance.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Susceptible to fire damage; attacked

by many insects and fungi; short

lifespan, fast grower.

Shade Intolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

Populus grandidentata

**Bigtooth Aspen** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 5.0-6.3

Form/Color Columnar; 50'-75' tall; 20'-35' wide

spread; golden yellow in fall; silvery gray catkin in late April; yellow green capsules

May-mid June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urhan

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Lower slopes with northeast aspects or

high terraces, mesic shoulder of upland

ridges.

High wildlife value for songbirds, **Ecosystem** Services: upland groundbirds, and small

mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately well to excessively drained:

wet to moist soils; intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Early flower, golden yellow leaves in fall,

Value: white bark. Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt

**Shade** 

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Hydrology:

Populus tremuloides

**Quaking Aspen** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH 4.8-6.5

Form/Color Columnar; 35'-50'; 20'-35' wide spread;

light green spring, bright green in summer, bright yellow in fall; silvery gray catkins March - April; yellow green conical

capsuls May.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Habitat: Seeps; slopes with cool air drainage;

rocky streams; north- and east-facing

slopes; disturbed sites.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction, sensitive

and hoofed browsers.

High wildlife value for songbirds,

upland groundbirds, small mammals,

**Tolerance:** to ozone.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Moderately well to excessively drainage;

moderately tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Early flower, yellow color in fall, white bark. Value:

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Short lifespan, fast grower;

Susceptible to canker, leaf spot, Shade Intolerant of shade. shoot blight, poplar borer, poplar fall, Tolerance: scale, and red humped caterpillar.

**American Plum** Prunus americana

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 6.6-7.5

Form/Color Globular; 20'-35'; 20'-35' wide spread;

pale golden yellow in fall; deciduous late May- late September; white flat-topped clusters of flowers early through mid May;

large fleshy plum-like red to purplish berry. Tolerance:

Habitat: Upland pastures, margins of woods,

fencerows, steep rocky hillsides, streambanks, open oak woods.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

Urban

Ecosystem

Services:

Other:

Stormwater

**Tolerance:** 

Urban

Very low wildlife value.

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Sensitive to soil compaction.

Hydrology: Very intolerant of flooding; moderately well

to excessive drainage; tolerates drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Pale golden yellow fall color.

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

Short lifespan. Intolerant of shade.

Prunus serotina **Black Cherry** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Columnar to ovoid; 35'-50' wide spread;

maroon green in spring; dark green in summer: vellow to orange in fall: white flowers May- early June. Bark resembles

burnt cornflakes.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

and small mammals.

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Very high wildlife value for songbirds

Common early succssional species of open areas, eroded, open slopes,

burns, wildlife corridors.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rocky hillside, fence rows; borders of

wooded areas, abandoned fields, alluvial bottomlands; found on sandy, acid back

Well to moderately well drainage; very

dunes soil and concrete debris.

Tolerance:

intolerant of flooding.

Value: purple fruit in summer.

White flowers in spring, long raceme of

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt. **Tolerance:** 

**Shade** Intolerant of shade. Tolerance:

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Prunus virginiana

Common Chokecherry

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

performs well in the right of way and in

Very high wildlife value for songbirds,

small mammals, and large mammals.

Intolerant of soil compaction,

well-drained fill soils.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Urban

Services:

Urban

Form/Color Oboviod; 35;-50'; 20'-35' wide spread;

golden yellow to orange in fall; white fragrant flower in early May; red fleshy fruit

edible in August to October.

Open-wooded slopes, wood edges, open

woods, open fields, fencerows.

Moderately well to well drainage; prefers

moist to dry moisture conditions.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Ornamental Value:

Hydrology:

Habitat:

Long raceme of red fruit in summer.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Used for vegetation of open areas,

slope stabalization, wildlife corridors.

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Very intolerant of soil compaction,

the right of way.

sensitive to ozone, performs well in

Very high wildlife value for songbirds,

upland ground birds, small

mammals, hoofed browsers.

White Oak Quercus alba

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 6.1-7.5

Form/Color Globular; 75'-100'; 75'-100' wide spread;

bright red to silvery gray in spring, medium green to blue green in summer, burgundy in fall; yellow green catkins late

May; acorns September- early October.

Habitat: Moist, warm south and west facing

slopes, upland flats, rocky hillsides.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Burgundy fall color.

Value:

Salt Tolerance: Tolerant of salt.

Shade

Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Other: Long lifespan.

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Quercus bicolor **Swamp White Oak** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Ovoid; 75'-100'; 50'-75' wide spread;

purlish green in spring, dark green in

summer; golden yellow brown in fall.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater Tolerance:

Services:

Urban Resistant to soil compaction, Tolerance: performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Maturing or older swamp forests; edges

of swamp forests and Phragmites marsh.

**Ecosystem** Very high wildlife value for waterbirds,

> upland birds, songbirds, small mammals, hoofed browsers.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding; wet to moist moisture

levels.

**Ornamental** Yellow green catkins early through mid

Value: May. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Other: Oak anthracose outbreaks can kill

tree; medium lifespan, medium to

fast grower.

Quercus coccinea Scarlet Oak

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Globular form; 50'-75 tall';50'-75' wide

spread; green in spring, bright green in

summer, scarlet red in fall.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Services:

Urban Sensitive to soil compaction, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Steep rocky land, ridgetops, warm upper

and middle slopes, south and west slope

aspects.

Very high wildlife value for songbirds, **Ecosystem** 

> upland ground birds, small mammals, and hoofed browsers.

Hydrology: Very intolerant of flooding; well to

excessive drainage; average to dry.

**Ornamental** 

Scarlet red color in fall. Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Long lifespan 200-300 years,

medium to fast grower.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade. Quercus marilandica

Blackjack Oak

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.0-5.0

Form/Color Ovoid; 35'-50' tall; 35'-50' wide spread;

bright red to yellow green in spring; yellow green in summer; red in fall; yellow green or pale orange red catkins mid May-early

June; ripe acorns Sept.

Habitat: Rocky sandy ridgetops, edges of woods,

sand terrace.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

Very high wildlife value for upland ground birds, songbirds, hoofed

Intolerant of soil compaction,

performs well in the right of way.

tolerance.

browsers, and small mammals.

Long lifespan 200-300 years.

Insufficient information to determine

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding; tolerant of dry

droughty soils.

**Ornamental** Value:

Red leaf color in fall.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

**Quercus palustris** 

Pin Oak

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW **Soil:** pH 5.5-6.5

Form/Color Conical; 50'-75' tall; 50'-75' wide spread;

maroon green in spring; dark green in

summer; deep scarlet red in fall.

Stormwater

Tolerant of stormwater.

Swamp and floodplains forests, second

forest.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

Sensitive to soil compaction, tolerant of sulfur dioxide, performs well in the

right of way.

bottoms, alluvial flats, rich mesophytic

**Ecosystem** Services:

Very high wildlife value for songbirds, waterbirds, upland groundbirds, small

mammals, and hoofed browsers.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding and saturated soil up

to 25% of growing season.

**Ornamental** 

Scarlet red color in fall.

Value:

Salt

Habitat:

Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

**Shade** 

Other:

Compatibility:

Used for in swamp forest

reforestation, flood plains, wetland mitigation, street tree; medium

lifespan 125-175 years, fast grower.

Quercus phellos Willow Oak

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color 80'; blooms in May; thin un-lobed leaves

are shiny above; seeds ripe in

September-November; moderate grower.

**Stormwater** Tolerant of stormwater. **Tolerance:** 

**Urban** Intolerant of soil compaction, tolerant

**Tolerance:** of air pollution and wide range of

soils, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamp forests.

Ecosystem Services:

Acorns eaten by small mammals.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of flooding and saturated soil up

to 25% of growing season.

Ornamental Conical to oblong, willow-like leaves.

Value: Yellow fall color. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Secondary species in restoring

swamp forests and wetland

**Shade** Intolerant of shade. mitigation.

Tolerance:

**Quercus prinus** Chestnut Oak

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 3.5-6.5

Form/Color 70'; bark is dark, deeply ridged, and Stormy

distinctive; blooms in May; ripe acorns

September-November.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction,

**Tolerance:** performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Dry, rocky, sandy soil; rocky slopes;

upland forests.

**Ecosystem** Very high wildlife value; acorns eaten

**Services:** by birds and small mammals.

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of flooding; drought tolerant.

Tolerant of salt.

Ornamental Massively ridged gray-brown bark.

Salt

Shade

Value:

Tolerance: Other: Used for forest restoration in old

fields and parks; host to some

Moderately tolerant of shade. butterfly larvae species; long lifespan;

Compatibility:

Tolerance: slow grower.

Quercus rubra Red Oak

Stormwater

Tolerance:

**Tolerance:** 

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

**Tolerance:** 

Urban

Services:

Urban

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU- Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color 50'-75'; 75'-100' wide spread; distinctive

bark with shallow furrows often compared to ski trails; blooms in May; ripe acorns

September-October.

Common in New York City forests; Appalachian oak-hickory forest; rich

mesophytic forest.

**Hydrology:** Deep, moist, well-drained soils;intolerant

of flooding.

Ornamental

Habitat:

Yellowish to red fall color.

Value:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Quercus stellata

**Shade** 

**Tolerance:** 

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Insufficient information to determine

Very high wildlife value; acorns eaten

Intolerant of soil compaction.

lifespan; slow grower.

Used for restoring upland decidous forests; park tree; street tree; long

Tolerant of stormwater.

way.

Tolerant of soil compaction, tolerant of

pollution, performs well in the right of

High wildlife value: acorns eaten by

birds and small mammals.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.6-6.5

Form/Color Globular form; 35'-50'; 35'-50' wide

spread; dark red in spring, deep dark green in summer, yellow green catkins May-early June; acorns ripe September-

early October.

Habitat: Sandy ridges, dry rocky hillsides,

southern slopes.

ern slopes.

Ecosystem

Services: by birds and small mammals, host to

tolerance.

larvae of some butterfly species.

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of flooding; tolerant of drought.

Intolerant of shade.

Ornamental Dark red color in spring, golden yellow

Value: brown in fall. Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Shade

**Tolerance:** Other: Long lifespan of 200-300 years; slow

grower. Used to reforest woodlands in sandy soils of coastal, back dune oak barrens or rocky uplands

**Tolerance:** oak barrens, or rocky uplands.

Post Oak

**Black Oak** Quercus veluntina

Stormwater

**Tolerance:** 

**Tolerance:** 

**Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Urban

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Oviod and commonly globular; 75'-100';

75'-100' wide spread; bright crimson red in spring; yellow green catkins mid through late May; light red brown acorn

ripen September.

Habitat: Clay and gravelly ridges, sand dunes,

middle and upper slope forests with low

nutrient soils.

Hydrology: Very intolerant of flooding; moderately well

to excessive drainage; tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Crimson red in spring, yellow to golden

Value: brown in fall.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for reforestation of upland

forest.

tolerance.

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Stiff Willow Salix eriocephala

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.0-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 12';catkins April-May; fruit May-

June; fast grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Very high wildlife value for upland

ground birds, songbirds, hoofed browsers, and small mammals.

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open, wet soil, pond edges, ditches.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Low wildlife value.

Hydrology: Low tolerance for drought conditions; high

moisture use.

Value:

Shade

Dark gray, scaly bark.

Tolerant of shade.

**Ornamental** 

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for wetland reforestation and

mitigation in open habitats, pond edges, stream banks, and flood

plains.

**Tolerance:** 

**Black Willow** Salix nigra

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 6.5-7.5

Form/Color Columnar form; 35'-35'; 20'-35' wide

> spread; yellow green in fall; yellow green catkins mid March- early April; green yellow strobiles late April-mid May.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of fill soils, concrete debris, Tolerance:

and soil compaction.

Habitat: River margins, low lying lakeshore,

swamps, swales, gullies.

Ecosystem Services:

High wildlife value for songbirds, waterfowl, and small mammals.

Hydrology: Very poor to moderately poor drainage;

wet to moist; very tolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Yellow green fall color.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Very fast grower, used for restoring

flood plain and riverbank restoration;

wetland mitigation.

Intolerant of shade. Shade

Tolerance:

Sassafras Sassafras albidum

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-**Soil:** pH 3.8-7.0

Form/Color Conical and irregular form; 35'-50'; 35'-50'

wide spread; yellows, oranges, reds, and purples in fall, small clusters of bright yellow and sweet fragrant flowers late

April-early May.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Found in frequently burned open areas;

open woods, abandoned fields, dry

ridges and upper slopes.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction. Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Low wildlife for songbirds, host for

Short lifespan 50-75 years.

Services: some butterfuly larvae.

Hydrology: Very intolerant of flooding; well to

excessive drainage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Varying colors of yellow, orange, red, and purple in fall, foliage = 3 kinds of leaves.

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

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Taxodium distichum

**Bald Cypress** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Conical; 75'-100'; 20'-35' wide spread;

blue green in summer, maroon purple to chocolate brown in fall; drooping deep

purple to brown cones.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Intolerant of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamp, along rivers, oxbows, flat alluvial

bottoms.

Ecosystem Services:

Very low wildlife value.

Hydrology: Very flood tolerant; very poor to moderately

well drainage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Feather-like needles turn copper.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Long lifespan.

Shade Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of shade.

Thuja occidentalis

**Eastern Arborvitae** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Conical; 50'-75'; 35'-50' wide spread;

small red brown cone early through late May; tan brown to silvery gray egg-shaped

cone early August- February.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Swampy areas, bogs, margins of lakes,

mesic coves, open rocky hillsides, open

rocky pastureland.

Tolerance:

Urban

Intolerant of soil compaction.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Low wildlife value for songbirds,

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding; poor to well drainage;

wet to dry moisture levels.

waterfowl, and small mammals; browsed by small mammals and

white-tailed deer.

Ornamental

Dark green foliage turns yellow-green to

Value:

Habitat:

brown in winter.

Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Long lifespan, fast to medium grower.

Tilia americana American Linden

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Services:

Urban

Services:

Urban

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Very low wildlife value.

Tolerant of concrete; intolerant of soil

compaction, performs well in the right of way, minimal tolerance of pollution.

Insufficient information to determine

Intolerant of soil compaction, sensitive

Intermediate wildlife value for

songbirds, small mammals, and hoofed browsers; good winter cover

tolerance.

to ozone.

for wildlife.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.5-7.5

Form/Color Ovoid;75'-100';50'-75' wide spread;

> golden yellow in fall; clusters of pale yellow flowers late June-early July; tan brown samara September-October;

medium grower.

Habitat: Mesic ravines, coves, north and east

slope aspects, floodplain knobs, areas of

cool air drainage.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding; moderate to well

drainage; average moisture levels.

**Ornamental** 

Golden yellow leaves in fall.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Susceptible to Verticillium wilt,

powdery mildew, leaf blight, canker.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Tsuga canadensis Hemlock

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Regional **Soil:** pH 4.6-6.5

Form/Color Broadly conical; 75'-100'; 35'-50' wide spread; coniferous evergreen; light yellow male cone and pale green female cone

late May- early June; tan brown cone

September - January.

Habitat: Protected coves, mesic ravines, moist

> cool valleys, north and east slope aspects, benches, hollows under cliffs.

Hydrology: Very intolerant of flooding; well to poor

drainage; wet to average moisture levels.

Ornamental Dark green foliage year round. Value:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance: Other: Very susceptible to drought and heat:

susceptible to wooly adelaid: long Shade Tolerant of shade. lifespan; medium to slow grower. Tolerance:

Ulmus americana **American Elm** 

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Urban

Tolerant of stormwater.

compaction.

Intermediate tolerance of soil

Intermediate wildlife value for

birds, small mammals.

waterfowl, songbirds, upland ground

**Native To:** New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW-Soil: pH 6.6-8.0

Form/Color Globular; 75'-100'; 75'-100' wide spread;

golden yellow in fall; small clusters of red brown flowers early-mid April; tan brown

samara May.

Alluvial flats; mesic ravines, moist forest

slopes.

Habitat:

Value:

Salt

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Intermediate tolerance of flooding;

Moderately tolerant of salt.

moderate to well drainage; moist to dry.

Ornamental Golden yellow fall color.

Tolerance: Other: Susceptible to diseases: Dutch elm

disease, cankers, Verticillium wilt; Shade frequently susceptible to gypsy moth, Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance: bark beetles, elm borer, etc.

# **Shrubs**

Shrubs can provide various ornamental characteristics, shelter and food sources for wildlife, and add spatial definition to the landscape. Careful selection can ensure a long season of ornamental interest and abundant food and nectar sources for wildlife.

Common Alder Alnus serrulata

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, forms thickets, fast to 20', 12-

20' wide, flowers red to purple catkins in March-April, fruit dry, cone-like in August-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction and poor

Tolerance: soil.

Habitat: Swamp, spring, pond or lake edges,

meadow, forest.

Wildlife value high, host to some Ecosystem Services:

butterfly larvae, seeds eaten by some

songbirds, twigs and leaves eaten by

rabbits and deer.

Ornamental

Hydrology:

Flowers, catkins, conelike fruit.

Tolerant of flooding and drought.

Value:

Intolerant of salt.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Tolerance:

Other: Nitrogen fixer, susceptible to borers,

> tent caterpillars, and other insects. weakened plants susceptible to

canker and other fungi.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Bearberry

Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.5-6.0 Native To: New York City

Form/Color Evergreen, low-growing, groundcover,

pink flowers in spring, red fruits, slow

grower to 6-12" tall, 2-4' wide or more.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Tolerance:** 

Urban

Sensitive of soil compaction.

Habitat: Forest, dune, bald, barrens.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife and birds eat fruits.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Small pink flowers, glossy green leaves

turn reddish brown in winter, bright red fruits, great ground cover.

Compatibility:

Salt

Tolerance:

Tolerant of salt.

Other:

**Shade** 

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Baccharis halimifolia** 

**Groundsel Bush** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.5-8.5 **New York City** 

Form/Color Semievergreen, rounded shrub, upright

branches, cottony fruits in fall, fast grower

to 5-12' tall, 5-12' wide.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, concrete

Mostly pest free.

Tolerance: debris.

Coastal, salt marsh edges, usually Habitat:

upland of Iva. spp.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Cover for wildlife, nectar for bees, butterflies, moths, nsects, birds eat

seeds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Deep green to gray-green leaves, cottony

fruits.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Ceanothus americanus

Tolerance: Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**New Jersey Tea** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, slow to moderate grower to 3'

tall, , flowers white in June-July, fruit dry in

August-October.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open, dry, oak woods.

> Ecosystem Services:

Host to some butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Value:

White flowers in summer.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Nitrogen fixer. Exceptionally deep

roots make it well adapted to persist

after fires.

Shade Tolerance:

Cephalanthus occidentalis

**Buttonbush** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **Soil:** pH 6.0-8.5 **New York City** 

Form/Color Deciduous, grows to 12' tall, flowers white

in July-August, fruit dry in September-

January.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, concrete Tolerance:

debris, performs well in the right of

way.

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes,

pond edges, shallow standing water.

Seeds eaten by ducks and other Ecosystem Services:

birds, twigs eaten by deer and rabbits.

Tolerant of flooding. Intolerant of drought. Hydrology:

Ornamental Value:

Flowers in white, ball-shaped clusters.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Low tolerance of salt. Salt

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance: Other:

Dispersed by water, dies in closed

canopy swamp forest.

Chimaphila maculata

**Spotted Wintergreen** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI **Soil:** pH 5.1-6.5

Form/Color Evergreen, grows to 1' tall by 1'8" wide,

usually smaller, flowers white-pinkish in

June-August, waxy, whorled.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Intolerant of soil compaction and

disturbance.

Habitat: Rich, dry woods, sandy soils.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Edible leaves, good ground cover.

Requires consistently moist soil. Hydrology:

Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

Fragrant white-pinkish flowers in small

Value: clusters at top of stem. Compatibility:

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Also known as striped wintergreen or

striped Prince's pine.

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Clethra alnifolia **Sweet Pepperbush** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC+ **New York City** Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, grows to 8' tall, flowers white

in July-August, fruit dry September-

October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of soil compaction, performs

well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist to wet woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value low, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae, twigs eaten by rabbits

and deer.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding. Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

White flowers in summer, fragrant.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Tolerates shade but better in gaps

and edges.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Comptonia peregrina

Sweetfern

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, dense, rounded shrub, slow

grower to 2-4' tall, 4-8' wide, flowers

catkins in May-June.

Tolerance:

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Intolerant of soil compaction, tolerant

Tolerance: of poor soils, performs well in the right

of way.

Habitat: Grassland, meadows, fields, open

woodlands.

Ecosystem Services:

Wildlife value low.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

Lustrous leaves, resemble fern frond,

Value: fragrant. Compatibility: Suckers can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Other: Can be difficult to establish, nitrogen

fixer. Sexes on separate plants.

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Cornus alternifolia

**Pagoda Dogwood** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.5-7.5 Regional

Form/Color Small, deciduous, stratified branching, to

15-25' tall, 20-30' wide, white/yellow and green foliage, off-white flowers in May-June, dark blue fruits in July-September.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance:

Rich woods, stream and pond banks, prefers moist soil.

Ecosystem Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Services:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of flooding, intolerant

of drought.

**Ornamental** Small cluster of off-white flowers, dark

Value: blue fruits, fragrant.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Cornus amomum

Habitat:

cottony scales.

Susceptible to dogwood borer and

Silky Dogwood

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, sprawling, grows to 9' tall,

flowers white in May-July, blue-white fruit

in August-September.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Services:

Other:

Tolerant of concrete debris, moderate Urban

disturbance, performs well in the right Tolerance:

of way.

Habitat: Open freshwater tidal and nontidal

marshes, pond edges, flood plain forests,

wet habitats.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, host to some

> butterfly larvae, fruit eaten by birds, raccoons, skunks, leaves and twigs

eaten by deer and rabbits.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** Flowers in white, showy clusters in Value:

Shade

Tolerance:

summer, fleshy blue-white fruit in late

summer and fall.

Intolerant of shade.

Compatibility: Branch tips rooting.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: NYC, can be infected by leaf spot

in cool, wet summers, wounded plants

Most common Cornus species in

may be infected by cankers.

Cornus racemosa **Gray Dogwood** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC **New York City** Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower to 15',

flowers white in May-July, white fruit with

red stems in July-September.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater. Tolerance:

Urban

Should tolerate concrete debris, Tolerance:

alkaline fill, soil compaction; performs

well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

many bird species.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

White, showy, flower clusters in summer,

fleshy white fruit with red pedicels.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Other: Roots fairly well from cuttings. Also

known as Red-Panicled Dogwood.

Shade Tolerance:

Form/Color

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Cornus sericea

**Red-Osier Dogwood** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Deciduous, grows to 8', flowers white in

May-August, white fruit in August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerant of concrete debris, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Pond and marsh edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds, raccoons, skunks, twigs and leaves eaten by

rabbits and deer, host to some

butterfly larvae.

**Ornamental** 

Hydrology:

Value:

Flowers white in showy clusters, fleshy

Tolerant of swampy conditions, wet soils.

white fruit in late summer and fall. Red

stems add winter interest.

Compatibility: Branch tips rooting.

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance: Other:

Does not reproduce well in New York

City, roots well from cuttings.

Corylus americana

**American Hazel-Nut** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-**Soil:** pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate to fast grower to 9',

flowers yellow catkins in March-April, fruit

in September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist woods, thickets.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value moderate, nuts eaten by

birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought, intolerant

of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellow catkins in spring, fruit in

September.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Dasiphora fruticosa

**Shrubby Cinquefoil** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW Regional Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, rounded shrub, yellow

flowers from June until frost, slow grower

to 2-4' tall, 2-4' wide.

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Should tolerate concrete debris, tolerant of poor soils, performs well in

the right of way.

Habitat: Open areas, wet to moist soil.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Very few pests.

Tolerant of flooding, drought. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

Bluish-green leaves, bright yellow, white,

Value:

pink, or red flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

#### Diervilla Ionicera

#### **Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle**

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, short-lived, fast grower to 3',

flowers yellow to red in June-July, fruit dry

in August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry woods, rocky soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value low, flowers attractive to

humingbirds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Yellow to red flowers in summer.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Shade Tolerance:

Epigaea repens

**Trailing Arbutus** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI **Soil:** pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, creeping mat, grows to 4-6",

Tolerant of shade.

flowers white or pink in March-May, white

fruit, dioecious.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Intolerant of soil compaction, roots easily injured, human disturbance

causes leaf browning and rot.

Habitat: Sandy to peaty woods or clearings.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Wildlife value low, attracts butterflies.

Exploitably vulnerable in New York state, does not tolerate disturbance.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Aromatic, leathery leaves, trumpet-

shaped white-pale pink flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

<u>Eubotrys racemosa</u> Fetterbush

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.4-6.0

**Form/Color** Deciduous, grows to 12', flowers white in

May-June, fruit dry September-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Swamp forests, margins of woodland

ponds, vernal pools, moist to wet oak

woodlands understory.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low, eaten by deer.

Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Wet soil conditions; medium moisture

usage.

Ornamental Value:

Small, white flowers in summer.

**Compatibility:** Colonial from root sprouts.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Euonymus americanus

**Strawberry Bush** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower to 7', green

twigs, flowers greenish-purple in May-

June, fruit a warty capsule.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

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Tolerance:

ance:

**Habitat:** Moist woods.

Ecosystem Wildlife value low. Services:

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Moderately tolerant of flooding, intolerant of drought.

Ornamental Beautiful red seed capsules burst open to

reveal shiny orange seeds. Green stems

add interest all winter long.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: It's showy fruits give rise to its other

common name bursting-heart.

Tolerance:

Shade

Hydrology:

Value:

Tolerant of shade.

#### Gaultheria procumbens

## **Eastern Teaberry**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-6.5 **New York City** 

Form/Color Slow grower to 6", stoloniferous with

creeping horizontal rhizomes, forms a mat, dark green foliage, flowers white to

pinkish in spring, red fruit.

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Habitat: Bog, swamp, barrens, dune, forest, old

field.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value low, limited use by large

and small mammals, and birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

White flowers, red fruit.

Compatibility: Can slowly form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade, demands partial

Tolerance: shade. Other:

Difficult to transplant.

#### Gaylussacia baccata

Black Huckleberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 3.9-4.8

Form/Color

Deciduous, very slow grower to 3', flowers white-pinkish in May-June, black fruit in

August-September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Dry, sandy, or rocky oak woods, pine

barrens.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds and mammals, host to some butterfly

larvae.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

White flowers, fleshy black fruit.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Gaylussacia frondosa

Tall Huckleberry

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC **New York City** Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, very slow grower to 6', flowers

white in May-June, blue fruit in August-

September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse soils, intolerant of

anaerobic conditions. Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist to dry open oak or pine woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds and mammals, host to some butterfly

larvae, pollinated by bumble bees and

smaller bees.

Ornamental

Hydrology:

White flowers, fleshy blue fruit. Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Sandy, wet soil conditions.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Hamamelis virginiana

Witch Hazel

Wetland Indicator: FAC-Native To: **New York City** Soil: pH 6.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 25', flowers

yellow in September-November, fruit dry

in autumn of the following year.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way. Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist, rich, open woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Seeds eaten by wild turkeys, squirrels, twigs eaten by deer and rabbits; leaves fed on by several

Susceptible to leaf spot and blight.

insects.

Hydrology: Intolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Lemon yellow fall foliage, yellow flowers in fall and interesting fruits that release

seeds explosively.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Value:

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

**Hudsonia ericoides** 

**Golden Heather** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL **Soil:** pH 5.1-7.5

Form/Color Evergreen, mound or mat-forming to 1' or

less, flowers yellow in May-June, fruit dry

July-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Sandy soil of pine barrens, acid, rocky

outcrops.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to bees, butterflies, and

Services: birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow showy flowers.

Compatibility: Cannot compete with weedy

vegetation in good quality soil.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Hudsonia tomentosa

**False Heather** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.5-6.9

Evergreen, shrubby, less than 1', flowers Form/Color

yellow in May-June, fruit in June-August.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban

Tolerant of coarse soil, intolerant of

anaerobic soils. Tolerance:

Habitat: Coastal, open sandy soil, back dunes.

**Ecosystem** 

Attractive to bees, butterflies, and

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of moderate drought, sandy,

moist soil conditions; low moisture usage.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

# Hypericum prolificum

## **Shrubby St-John's Wort**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Regional Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Deciduous, grows to 3', flowers yellow in Form/Color

June-August, fruit dry.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, should

tolerate concrete debris. Tolerance:

Habitat: Swamp margins, cliffs, sandy or rocky soil.

> Ecosystem Services:

Wildlife value moderate.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Showy yellow flowers in summer.

Compatibility: Easily shaded out by competing

vegetation.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Ilex glabra Inkberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, slow grower to 6', flowers

white in June-July, black fruit in

September-November, dioecious.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Margins of bogs, swamps of coastal plain

and pine barrens, Atlantic white cedar

swamps.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds, Services: winter cover for small birds, seeds

eaten by small mammals, twigs eaten

by deer.

Ornamental Value:

Hydrology:

Small, white flowers in summer, black

Tolerant of flooding, intolerant of drought.

fleshy fruit in the fall.

Compatibility: Eventually colonial.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Ilex verticillata Winterberry

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW **New York City Soil:** pH 4.5-6.0,

tolerates to 8.0

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 15', flowers

white in June-July, red fruit in September-

October, dioecious.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Other:

Urban Tolerates soil compaction, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Freshwater tidal marshes, shrub

swamps, swamp forest, flood plain

forests.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds Services: throughout winter, also eaten by small

mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

drought.

Ornamental Small white flowers in summer, red fleshy

Value: fruit in fall, perisisting into the winter.

Compatibility: Males often colonial.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Marsh Elder Iva frutescens

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.0-7.5

Form/Color Grows to 9', usually dies back in winter,

flowers greenish in August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Coastal, high salt marsh, salt marsh

edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Urban

Attractive to song birds. Habitat for Services: generalist wetland birds. Secondary

nesting habitat for Saltmarsh

Tolerant of concrete debris.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Sparrows.

Ornamental

Greenish flowers and fruits.

Value:

Habitat:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Juniperus communis

**Common Juniper** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-8.5

Form/Color Evergreen, columnar, slow grower to 6',

no true flowers, fruit berry-like blue-black

cone in October.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Tolerates concrete debris.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Sterile, dry, open rocky soil.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, evergreen

Services: cover and food for small birds, fruit

eaten by birds.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Berry-like cone of blue-black fruit.

Value: Evergreen foliage.

Compatibility: Does not tolerate competition from

weedy vegetation.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: It has the most extensive worldwide

native range of any conifer. Sexes on

separate plants.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

Kalmia angustifolia

Sheep Laurel

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, slow grower to 3', flowers pink

in May-June, fruit dry in August-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry to moist, acid, sterile sandy soil, oak

or pine woods, barrens, bog edges.

Ecosystem Services:

Wildlife value low.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental

Pink showy flowers in early summer.

Value:

Compatibility: Gradually colonial.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Other:** Adapted to fire, attacked by very few

insects, leaves infected by several

fungi.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of open shade.

Kalmia latifolia **Mountain Laurel** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, slow grower to 9', flowers Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

> white in May-July, fruit dry in August-Tolerance: tolerance.

October.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction. Tolerance:

Habitat: Sandy or rocky, oak or pine woods, north-

facing slopes, oak forests, pine barrens.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low. Services:

Moderately tolerant of drought, intolerant

of flooding.

Hydrology:

Salt

Tolerance:

Lindera benzoin

Ornamental White showy flowers in early summer.

Value: Compatibility:

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Foliage toxic but eaten by deer.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-7.7

Form/Color Tolerant of stormwater.

Deciduous, slow grower to 15', flowers Stormwater vellow in March-April, red fruit September-Tolerance: October, yellow fall foliage, dioecious.

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, Tolerance: performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamp forests, understory of moist

forests. **Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value very high, oily fruit good Services: for migrating birds, host to some

butterfly larvae, such as the Spicebush Swallowtail. Hydrology: Moderately tolerant flooding, intolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** Aromatic leaves, small yellow flowers in Value: early spring before leafing out, red fleshy Compatibility:

fruit in fall, fall foliage clear yellow.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt. Tolerance: Other: A common plant in New York City,

does not grow well in heavy clay soils.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

**Spicebush** 

<u>Lyonia ligustrina</u> Male-Berry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

**Form/Color** Deciduous, moderate grower to 12',

flowers white in May-July, fruit dry

September-October.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Tolerates soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Swamps, moist to wet open woods, pond

edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value low.

Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental

Small white flowers in summer.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Lyonia mariana Staggerbush

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC- Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

**Form/Color** Grows to 6', flowers white in May-June,

fruit dry in September-October into winter.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist sandy soil, open oak or pine woods,

needs acid soil.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

Attractive to bees.

**Hydrology:** Moist to wet soil conditions.

Ornamental

White flowers in early summer.

Value: Interesting seed heads.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Morella pensylvanica

Northern Bayberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.5-7.8

Form/Color Deciduous, irregular shrub, upright

branches, blue-gray fruits in late summer through winter, fast grower to 5-12' tall, 5-

8' wide.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban **Tolerance:**  Tolerant of infertile soils.

Habitat: Coastal regions.

Ecosystem

Attracts birds. Primary winter food of

Services: yellow-rumped warbler.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Deep green leaves, blue-gray fruits,

fragrant.

Compatibility: Tends to sucker and form colonies.

Nitrogen fixer.

Salt

Shade

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Photinia floribunda

Purple Fruit Chokeberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, somewhat colonial grower to

12' tall, fall red foliage, flowers white in April-May, dark purple fruit in August-

Stormwater Tolerance:

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

September.

Urban **Tolerance:**  Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Swamps, wet woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Wildlife value moderate, host to some

butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

White showy flowers in spring, fleshy dark purple fruit in late summer and fall, red

fall foliage.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other: Probably hybrid between P. pyrifolia

and P. melanocarpa.

Photinia melanocarpa

Black Chokeberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC **Soil:** pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 6' tall, flowers

white in April-May, black fruit in July-

October.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater. Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction, performs Urban

well in the right of way. Tolerance:

Habitat: Swamps, wet woods.

> Wildlife value moderate, host to some **Ecosystem**

Services: butterfly larvae, birds eat fruit,

pollinated by native bees and European honeybees.

Not attacked by many insects, infected by quince rust, powdery

mildew, leaf spot fungi.

Hydrology:

Tolerant of flooding and drought.

Ornamental White showy flowers in spring, fleshy

Value: black fruit in summer and fall. Compatibility: Slow colonization rate.

Salt Tolerant of salt. Tolerance:

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Photinia pyrifolia Red Chokeberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW **Soil:** pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, upright, multi-stemmed

shrub, white flowers in spring, bright red to reddish-purple in fall, red fruits, to 6-10'

Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

tall, 3-5' wide.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Other:

Urhan Tolerant of soil compaction, performs

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamps, wet woods, salt marsh edges,

back dune swales.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value moderate, fruit eaten by Services:

birds, twigs eaten by deer and rabbits, seeds eaten by mice, host to some butterfly larvae. Host of rare precious

underwing (Cataoola pretiosa) moth.

drought.

Delicate white flowers in spring, red fall colors, glossy red fruits. Compatibility: Can form suckering colony.

Tolerance: Other: Susceptible to Japanese beetles and

leaf spots. Fruit persists in winter.

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Hydrology:

Ornamental

Value:

Salt

Prunus maritima **Beach Plum** 

Wetland Indicator: NI Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.8-7.7

Form/Color Deciduous, irregular shrub, upright

branches, flowers pink in spring, plum colored fruits in August, fast grower to 4-

15' tall, 4-15' wide.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of coarse, medium soils, moderately tolerant of anaerobic soils,

performs well in the right of way.

Dunes; sandy soil. Ecosystem

Services:

Attracts bees, fruit is edible.

Tolerant of drought. Hydrology:

Ornamental Value:

Habitat:

Pink flowers, plum colored fruit.

Compatibility: Tends to sucker and form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Pest problems include brown rot,

plum curculio, tent caterpillar, and

black knot.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Prunus pumila Sand Cherry

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.9-7.0

Deciduous, branches ascending, grows Form/Color

to 3', flowers white in May-June, black fruit

July-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of coarse, medium soils, intolerant of anaerobic soils.

Habitat: Dry, rocky woods, acid soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts bees.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought; well-drained, sandy,

clay, loamy soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers in summer, black fruit in

Value: summer and early fall.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Quercus ilicifolia **Bear Oak** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower to 15',

blooms May, acorns ripen September of

the following year.

Intolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Other:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry rocky or sandy, sterile acid soil in oak

and pine barrens, coastal scrub, dry,

sandy sterile soil.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, acorns eaten

Services: by birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Blooms in May.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Quercus prinoides** 

**Dwarf Chinkapin Oak** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City Soil:** pH 5.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 9', blooms in

May, acorns ripen September-October of

the following year.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Should tolerate concrete debris, Tolerance: intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry rocky rich soils, slopes, oak barrens.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value very high.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Blooms in May.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance:

tolerance.

Other:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Rhododendron periclymenoides

Pinkster Azalea

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC New York City Soil: pH 4.2-5.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 6', flowers Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

pink in April-May, fruit dry in September. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist oak woods, acid soil.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value low.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

drought.

Ornamental Pink showy flowers in spring.

Value: Compatibility: Gradually colonial.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

## Rhododenron maximum

**White Laurel** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, grows to 30', flowers white in Stormwater Insufficient information to determine June-July, fruit dry September-November. Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance: disturbance.

Habitat: Wet to moist woods, Atlantic white cedar

bogs, cool, moist, high shade.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low, winter cover for

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Services: birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant flooding, intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** White showy flowers in summer.

Value: Compatibility: Gradually colonial.

Salt Very intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Damaged by various fungi and insects.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Rhododenron viscosum

Swamp Azalea

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL New York City Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower to 6',

flowers white in June-July, fruit dry

September-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction.

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Open swamp forests, bogs.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Wildlife value low.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

White, showy, fragrant flowers in summer.

Compatibility: Slow colonization rate.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Rhus aromatica **Fragrant Sumac** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color Deciduous, low-growing, spreading plant,

to 2' tall, 6-8' wide, soft red fruit in late summer into winter, often dioecious.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

**Tolerance:** 

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Wooded edges in acid soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies and bees.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Fragrant trifoliate leaves, fiery red autumn

color, yellow catkin-like flowers, small red

fruits.

Compatibility: Spreads by root suckers.

Salt Tolerance: Tolerant of salt.

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Rhus copallina Winged Sumac

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 25', fall foliage

red, flowers greenish in July-September, red fruit clusters in August-October

through winter.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Open, sandy, sterile soil, fill, back dune

shrublands.

Ecosystem

Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Fall foliage bright red, flowers greenish, showy pink fruit clusters, winged leaves.

Compatibility: Tolerates weedy vegetation. Can

form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Common in New York City. Sexes on

separate plants.

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Rhus glabra **Smooth Sumac** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Deciduous, grows to 15', red-orange fall

foliage, flowers greenish in June-July, red

fruit clusters in July-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Urban

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open areas, rich soils, fill, soils.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Other:

Fruit eaten by some birds.

Sexes on separate plants.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Fall foliage orange-red, flowers greenish,

Value:

red fruit clusters.

Compatibility: Tolerates weedy vegetation. Can

form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Rhus typhina Staghorn Sumac

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Deciduous, coarse, low spreading

branches, moderate grower to 15-25' tall, 15-30' wide, flowers greenish in June-

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

July, red fruit clusters in July-September. Urban

Tolerance:

Intolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open, rocky areas, edges, fill.

> Ecosystem Fruits eaten by gamebirds, songbirds,

Services: large and small mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Some cultivars have golden foliage, fiery

autumn color, bright crimson upright fruits. Compatibility: Tolerates weedy vegetation. Can

Other:

form colonies.

Sexes on separate plants.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance:

**Pasture Rose** Rosa carolina

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, multistemmed, prickly, fast

grower to 3', flowers pink in June, red fruit.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerance:

Should tolerate concrete debris, some

tolerance of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Dry, open areas, old fields, sandy or rocky

soil.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Wildlife value moderate, fruit eaten by

Services: birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental Value:

Pink showy flowers in June, fleshy red

fruit.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Tolerance:

Intolerant of salt.

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Rosa palustris Swamp Rose

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.6-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, multistemmed, prickly stems,

grows to 6', flowers pink in June-July, red

fruit in September-October.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Urban Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes,

pond edges.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Pink showy flowers, red fleshy fruit.

Value: Compatibility: Aggressively colonial.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Shade Tolerance:

Habitat:

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Rosa virginiana Virginia Rose

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-7.0 **New York City** 

Form/Color Deciduous, multi-stemmed, dense shrub,

flowers pink with yellow centers in summer, red rose hips throughout winter,

to 4-6' tall, 4-6' wide.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Performs well in the right of way.

Very disease resistant.

Tolerance:

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Open areas, moist to dry soil, especially sandy areas, back dune scrub.

Ecosystem Eaten by birds.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Pink flowers with yellow centers, red rose

Value:

Compatibility: Will sucker and spread quickly. hips.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Rubus allegheniensis

Common Blackberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-7.5

Form/Color Stout, curved, sharp prickles, fast grower

stems to 6', flowers white in May-July,

black fruit in August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction,

Tolerance: tolerates poor soil.

Habitat: Wide tolerance in soils and moisture,

grows in fill soils.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Services: birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental

White flowers in summer, black fruit in

Value: summer and early fall. Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of open, partial shade.

Rubus flagellaris Dewberry

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City** Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Deciduous, grows to about 1', stems

arching, prickles stout, sharp, flowers white in June-July, black fruit in July-

Stormwater Tolerance:

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

August.

Urban **Tolerance:**  Tolerant of concrete debris.

Roots well from cuttings.

Habitat: Open soil, fill, weedy sites.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Fruit and seeds eaten by birds and

Services: small mammals.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Trailing vine or groundcover. Flowers white in summer, black fleshy fruit in late

summer.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerance: Intolerant of salt.

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Rubus hispidus **Bristly Dewberry** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Moderate grower to 2', flowers white, gray-

green foliage, black fruit.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to coarse, medium and fine

soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist thickets, open woods, clearings.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Food for songbirds, game birds, and

mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Trailing delicate vine or ground cover.

White flowers, red to black fruit.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Rubus idaeus Red Raspberry

Wetland Indicator: UPL Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.0-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower, stems to 2',

slender-based prickles, flowers white-

greenish, red fruit.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Swamps, bogs, recently disturbed sites.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Compatibility:

Other:

Food and cover for birds, mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

White-greenish flowers.

Value:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Rubus occidentalis

Black Raspberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 4', prickly,

bluish stems, flowers white in May-June,

black fruit in June-July.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Other:

Stormwater

Habitat: Open areas, edges, part shade, open

woodlands, rich acid soil.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Services: birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, moderately tolerant of

flooding.

**Ornamental** Bluish-purple stems providing good Value:

winter color, white flowers in early

summer, black fruit in summer.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Rubus odoratus Flowering Raspberry

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 6', unarmed,

flowers purple in July-August, red fruit in

August-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Other:

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Grows poorly in full shade, not as common as Rubus allegheniensis.

Habitat: Moist part shade, rocky woodland edges.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Services: birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought, intolerant

of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Purple showy flowers, red fleshy fruit.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

## Rubus pensilvanicus

# Pennsylvania Blackberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.7-7.6

Form/Color Purple canes to 10' long, stout prickles,

flowers white in May-June, black fruit in

July-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Thickets, woodland edges, successional

habitats.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds and mammals.

Moderately tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Canes can be reddish in color, white

Value: flowers, black fleshy fruit. Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Hydrology:

Other:

## Sambucus canadensis

**Elderberry** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW New York City Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 12', flowers

white in June-July, black fruit in July-

September, forms thickets.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, probably

Tolerance: tolerant of concrete debris.

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes,

wet edges, shrub swamps.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Will not bloom or fruit in dense shade.

Services: birds, mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** 

White, showy, clusters of flowers, black

Value: fleshy fruit. Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Moderately tolerant of partial shade.

Spiraea alba var. latifolia

Meadowsweet

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 6.6-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 6', flowers

white in June-August, fruit dry September-

October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist wet open uplands, rocky slopes,

meadows.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value moderate, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental

Shade

Tolerance:

White, showy, clusters of flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Roots fairly well from cuttings,

attacked by the Spiraea aphid, Spiraea leaf roller moth, and the

Spiraea scale.

Hardhack Spiraea tomentosa

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, fast grower to 5', flowers pink

Intolerant of shade.

in July-September, fruit dry in September-

October.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction, performs

> Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Open swamps, wet meadows, rocky,

acid, sterile soil.

Ecosystem Wildlife value moderate, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental

Tolerance:

Pink, showy, clusters of flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Colonial from root sprouts.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Roots fairly well from cuttings,

affected by same insects and fungi of **Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Spiraea alba.

**Bladder-Nut** Staphylea trifolia

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Deciduous, moderate grower to 15',

striped bark, flowers white in May, fruit dry

in September-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Forest understories, edges in moist, often

rocky soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value low.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought, flooding.

Ornamental Striped bark. Yellow, balloon-like hanging

Value: fruit. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

#### Symphoricarpos albus

**Common Snowberry** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-Regional Soil: pH 6.0-7.8

Form/Color Deciduous, grows to 3', shreddy bark,

flowers white in May-July, white fruit in

August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of coarse, medium, and fine soils, intolerant of anaerobic soil.

Habitat: Edges, degraded woodlands.

**Ecosystem** 

Food and shelter for birds, mammals.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers and fruit.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Infected by a powdery mildew, leaves

attacked by leafmining fly larva.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

## Symphoricarpos orbiculatus

Coralberry

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, to 5', shreddy bark, dark

blue/green foliage, flowers greenishpurplish in June-August, fruit red to

purplish.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban **Tolerance:**  Tolerant of urban pollution.

Habitat: Edges of woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Attractive to birds.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

Dark bluish green leaves, red to purplish

fruit, greenish and purplish flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt

Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Also known as indiancurrant.

Shade Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Vaccinium angustifolium

**Lowbush Blueberry** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 2', flowers

white in May-June, blue fruit in August-

September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance:

Intolerant of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Sandy or rocky soil, open oak woods,

needs acid soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds and mammals, twigs eaten by many birds and

mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Low-growing shrub. White flowers in

summer, blue fleshy fruits in late summer.

Compatibility: Eventually colonial.

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Susceptible to blueberry witches'-

broom rust.

Shade

Tolerant of light shade.

Tolerance:

#### Vaccinium corymbosum

#### Highbush Blueberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 3.5-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 9', flowers

white in May-June, blue fruit in July-

August, red foliage in fall.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Swamps edges, moist upland forests,

shrub swamps.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, host to some Services:

butterfly larvae, fruit eaten by birds and

mammals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, moderately tolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** Red fall foliage, fleshy blue fruit in July-Value:

August, white, small flowers in May-June. Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Grown commercially for fruit,

susceptible to canker and dieback

disease.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

#### Vaccinium pallidum

Tolerance:

### Early Low Blueberry

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 3.9-5.0

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 3', flowers

white in May-July, blue fruit in August-

September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Other:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, oak woods, sandy, acid soil,

prefers deep humus.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value very high, fruit eaten by

Services: birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Moist to droughty soil conditions; medium

moisture usage.

**Ornamental** 

Low-growing shrub. White flowers in

Value: summer, blue fleshy fruits in late summer.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Vaccinium stamineum

Deerberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 4.0-6.5

Form/Color Deciduous, slow grower to 5', flowers

greenish-white in May-June, yellowish to

blue fruit in July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Other:

Habitat: Dry to moist open oak woods, pine

barrens.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by birds, Services:

host to some butterfly larvae, like the

red-spotted purple butterfly.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Flowers greenish-white in summer,

fleshy yellowish to blue fruit in late

summer/early fall.

Compatibility: Eventually colonial.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Viburnum acerifolium

**Maple-Leaved Viburnum** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 3.9-6.0

Form/Color Deciduous, to 7', usually 3-4', pinkish-

purple fall foliage, flowers white in May-

June, black fruit in August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Understory of moist to moderately dry

forests, with oak, beech, hickory, maple,

prefers deep humus.

**Ecosystem** 

Urban

Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Services: overwintering birds, host to some

butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought, intolerant

of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Habitat:

Fall foliage pinkish-purple, white flowers

in showy clusters, black fleshy fruit.

Compatibility: Eventually colonial.

Salt

Tolerance:

Intolerant of salt.

Other:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Arrow-Wood Viburnum dentatum

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 3.9-7.0

Form/Color Deciduous, multistemmed, moderate

grower to 10', flowers white in June-July,

dark blue fruit in August-October.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater Tolerance:

Urban Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamps, freshwater tidal and nontidal

marshes, pond edges, swamp forest

gaps moist to wet soil.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, fruit eaten by Services:

mammals and birds, host to some

butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

White, showy, clusters of flowers in summer, fleshy dark blue fruit in late

summer and fall.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Other: Common in New York City. Attacked

by Viburnum leaf beetle.

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Viburnum lentago Nanny-Berry

Wetland Indicator: FAC Native To: **New York City** Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, forms thickets, fast grower to

30', often a small tree, flowers white in

May-June, black fruit in August-October.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Intolerant of soil compaction, should

tolerate concrete debris. Tolerance:

Habitat: Open woods, edges, rich, moist soil.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae, fruit eaten by birds.

Roots fairly well from cuttings.

Tolerant of drought, tolerant of flooding. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

White, fragrant, showy clusters of flowers,

Value: black fleshy fruit. Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

### Viburnum opulus var. americanum

**Highbush Cranberry** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

**Form/Color** Deciduous, grows to 13', reddish new

leaves, yellow to red fall foliage, flowers

white in May, red fruit.

Stormwater P
Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance:

Very tough, soil adaptable, performs well in the right of way, tolerant of

varied soils.

Habitat: Hedges, scrub, woodland, damp soils.

Ecosystem Services:

Attracts butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of drought.

Ornamental Yellow to red fall foliage, white flowers,

Value: red fleshy fruit.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Viburnum prunifolium

Black-Haw

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, to 15', small tree, flowers

white in April-May, black fruit in

September-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

e: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Should tolerate concrete debris, intolerant of soil compaction.

**Habitat:** Open woods, open habitats, edges.

Ecosystem

Other:

Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae, fruit eaten by birds and

mammals.

**Hydrology:** Tolerates drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

White, showy, clusters of flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

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Very slow grower.

Shade Tolerance:

Somewhat tolerant of partial, open shade.

# Vines:

Vines can be selected to screen unsightly structures, climb trees and gently drape banks of shrubs or cover the ground plane. Consider the forms of specified plants to avoid introducing species that will smother other plants.

Apios americana Groundnut

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color Herbaceous, twining vine, flowers

brownish purple-pink in July-September,

fruit dry in September-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

Tolerance: soils, high tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Marshes, moist woods, edges.

> Ecosystem Attractive to butterflies. Seeds eaten by

Services: some birds.

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** Value:

Brownish purple-pink flowers.

Compatibility: Can be aggressive and difficult to

control in well-manicured

environment.

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of partial shade.

Other: Nitrogen fixer can help improve

sterile soil.

Celastrus scandens

**American Bittersweet** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 6.1-7.5 New York City

Form/Color Woody climbing vine, to 25', flowers

greenish in May-June, fruit bright orange

berry in October.

Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Habitat: Moist to dry woodlands. Climbs fences

and trees.

Urban Moderately tolerant of soil compaction. Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** Berries eaten by birds. Leaves eaten

Services: by rabbits.

Hydrology: Found in sandy or rocky soil. Drought

tolerant.

Ornamental

Orange berries.

Value:

Compatibility: Can climb other trees and shrubs,

sometimes damaging them. Not as aggressive as the invasive Oriental

bittersweet.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other: Fast grower.

Clematis occidentalis

**Purple Clematis** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Woody climbing vine, to 6', moderate to

fast grower, flowers violet in May-June,

fruit dry July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of concrete debris. Intolerant

Tolerance: of soil compaction.

Habitat: Rocky, limestone woods and slopes.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value low.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought. Intolerant

of flooding.

Ornamental Value:

Violet flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Other: Has poisonous leaves. Needs

limestone (calcareous) soil.

Clematis virginiana

Virgin's Bower

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Deciduous, twining, flowering vine, 12-20'

high, fast grower, white flowers in July-August, fruit dry September-October.

Tolerance: Urban

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Tolerant of concrete debris and soil

**Tolerance:** compaction.

Habitat: Low woods. Climbs trellises, fences, rock

walls, and other structures.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Minor element for increased diversity.

Leaves may be irritating. Needs limestone (calcareous) soil.

Hydrology: Moist to wet soil. Tolerant of drought and

flooding.

Ornamental Value:

Small white fragrant flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Dioscorea villosa Wild Yam

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Herbaceous, slender, twining vine to 15',

thin reddish-brown stems, broad heart shaped leaves with deep veins, flowers

small, green in June-July.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Open thickets, woods, wetland edges,

roadsides.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moist soils, low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Small green flowers. Persistent winged

fruits. Flowers vanilla scented.

Compatibility:

Insufficient information to determine Salt

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Related to the tropical Yam found in

grocery stores, but does not produce

edible tubers.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Lonicera dioica

**Limber Honeysuckle** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Shrub or woody climber to 9', moderate to

fast grower, flowers bright yellow May-

June, red fleshy fruit July-September.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of concrete debris.

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist, rocky woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Moderate wildlife value. Attractive to

Needs limestone (calcareous) soil.

hummingbirds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought. Moderately tolerant of

**Ornamental** 

Bright yellow flowers and red, fleshy fruit.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerance: Tolerant of salt.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

#### Lonicera sempervirens

Trumpet Honeysuckle

Insufficient information to determine

Moderately tolerant of soil compaction.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color Deciduous, flowering, twining vine, 10-20'

in height at maturity, bright flowers in yellow, pink, red, and orange in May throughout summer, red fleshy fruit in

August-October.

Habitat: Open woods edges, woodlands. Support

by trellis, arbor, or fence.

Ecosystem

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Other:

Urban

Attractive to hummingbirds. Fruit eaten Services: by songbirds. Moderate wildlife value.

tolerance.

Hydrology: Grows best in moist soil. Tolerant of

drought. Intolerant of flooding.

Bright flowers in yellow, pink, red, and **Ornamental** Value: orange, leaves have silver undersides,

red fleshy fruit.

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Best flowering in full sun. Tolerant of

Tolerance: partial shade.

Menispermum canadense

Moon Seed

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL **Soil:** pH 5.0-7.5

Form/Color Woody climber or ground cover to 12', very

fast grower, flowers whitish in June-July,

fleshy blue-black fruit in September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist rich woods, edges, open uplands.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

High wildlife value.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding. Moderately tolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Whitish flowers. Blue-black fleshy fruit.

Compatibility: Can form colonies. Sprawls over

other vegetation.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Poisonous fruit. Needs or tolerates

acidic soils.

Mikania scandens

Climbing Hempweed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.7-7.5

Form/Color Herbaceous, twining vine, stems to 17'

long, dull purple flowers in July-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to medium and fine soils,

moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Wet soil, swamps, stream margins,

marshes.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Minor species for increased diversity.

Attractive to honeybees, bumblebees,

and other native bees

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Purple flowers.

Compatibility: Can be aggressive in high nutrient

soils. Climbs over shrubs.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

### Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Virginia Creeper

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.8-7.0

Form/Color Woody climber to 35', ground cover, tiny,

dull yellow flowers in June-July, blueblack fleshy fruit with red stems in

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

September-October.

Urban Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Woods, edges, back dunes scrub.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

High wildlife value, fruit eaten by songbirds and mammals, foliage

eaten by rabbits.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding and drought.

**Ornamental** 

Good fall color. Dull yellowish flowers.

Value: Blue-black fruit with red stems. Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Shade

Other:

Used for slope stabilization.

Vegetation of fills. Needs or tolerates

acidic soils.

Smilax herbacea **Carrion Flower** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC **Soil:** pH 6.1-7.8 **New York City** 

Form/Color Herbaceous, unarmed climber to 7',

yellowish flowers in May-June, blue fleshy

fruit July-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist rich woods, flood plains.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Fruit eaten by birds and mammals, stems eaten by rabbits and deer.

Moist soil conditions. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellowish flowers, blue fleshy fruit.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

### Strophostyles helvola

**Trailing Wild Bean** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Annual, herbaceous, twining vine to 3',

flowers pink-purple, becoming greenish in July-September, fruit dry in August-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry to moist sandy soil, often on cinders,

open woods, old fields.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Other:

Attractive to butterflies.

Nitrogen fixer can help improve

Hydrology: Sandy soil. Moderately tolerant of drought.

Ornamental

Delicate pink-purple flowers become

Value: greenish. Compatibility: Can be aggressive.

sterile soil.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Vitis aestivalis **Summer Grape** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.3-7.0

Form/Color Woody, high climber, flowers greenish in

June-July, small dark purple fleshy fruit in

September-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist woods, edges, thickets, and

streambanks.

**Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by birds and mammals, Services:

secondary species for wildlife food and shelter along roadsides and

edges.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Greenish flowers. Small, dark purple fruit. Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Revegetation of fill, can be used for

sites.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

**Fox Grape** Vitis labrusca

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.5-7.5 New York City

Form/Color Woody, high climber to 35', very fast

grower, greenish flowers in June-July, fleshy dark purple fruit September-

October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Edges, thickets, woods, moist soil.

> **Ecosystem** Very high wildlife value, fruit eaten by Services: birds and mammals, secondary

species for wildlife food and shelter

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding. Moderately tolerant of along roadsides and edges.

drought when established.

**Ornamental** Value:

Greenish flowers. Fleshy dark purple fruit.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Will not bloom or fruit in shade.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Vitis riparia **River Grape** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color Woody, high climber to 35', very fast

grower, greenish flowers in June, black fleshy fruit in August-September.

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction and

Tolerance: concrete debris.

Habitat: Moist to wet rich soil of edges, stream

margins, and flood plains.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Eaten by birds and mammals, provides moderate shelter.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding and drought.

Ornamental Value:

Greenish flowers. Dark fleshy fruit.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Vitis vulpina **Frost Grape** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FAC **Soil:** pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color Woody, high climbing vine to 83', tiny

white flowers, black fruit, moderate

grower.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Needs limestone (calcareous) soil.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Woods, thickets.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Other:

Eaten by birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance.

Ornamental

Black fruit.

Value:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Forbs:

Forbs can add visual interest to the ground plane of a designed landscape as well as habitat for wildlife. Careful consideration of ornamental qualities, longevity, and reproductive facility can extend the period of interest and ensure adequate vegetative cover.

Sweet flag Acorus americanus

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.6-7.2

Form/Color Aromatic, alternating, grasslike leaves;

yellow-brown flowers on 5-10 cm long spike; produces small, hard berries May-

August.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Quiet pond and lake margins, marshes.

Ecosystem

Provides habitat and food for small

Services: mammals and songbirds.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought; high moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellow-brown flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Moderate lifespan.

Shade Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Actaea pachypoda

White Baneberry

New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils. Native To:

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 1' to 3', flowers white

in terminal racemes, May-June. flowers

white in May-June, white berries.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Habitat: Ravines, rich thick woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value low, attractive to beetles,

berries eaten by some birds and

mice.

Moist well-drained soil. Hydrology:

Ornamental Value:

White flowers and clusters of white globular fruit. Known for its ornamental

fruits which look like doll's eyes.

Compatibility:

Salt

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Exploitably vulnerable in New York

state, plant is toxic.

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

**Black Baneberry** Actaea racemosa

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Perennial, large, compound basal leaves, Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

grows to 5-6', flowers white racemes 1-3'

high in June-July.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Rocky woods, ravines, creek margins,

thickets, deciduous forests, moist

meadowlands.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Attractive to beneficial insects. songbirds, and host to Appalachian

blue and spring azure butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Terminal cluster of small white flowers **Ornamental** Value:

are held above divided leaves.

Compatibility: Grows well with other woodland

Slow to establish.

plants.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

## Agalinis purpurea

### **Purple False Foxglove**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW-**New York City** Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Annual, grows to 4', simple to branched

stems, dark seeds, round capsule fruit.

Stormwater

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to wet open soils.

> **Ecosystem** Attractive to several bee species,

Services: butterflies, and beetles.

Hydrology: Moist soil.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Large pink bell shaped flowers grow close to the axils of this annual. The

spreading form is dotted with small linear

leaves all along the stems.

Compatibility: Thrives with occasional disturbance

to eliminate some competing

vegetation.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

### Agastache scrophulariifolia

**Purple Giant Hyssop** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0 Regional

Form/Color Single stem growing to 3-5'; purple

irregular flowers bloom July-September;

dry-seeded achenes.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry upland woodlands.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

Hydrology: Moist to dry soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Value:

One of the tallest mints. Terminal spikes

of purple-red flowers are held atop

purplish stems with opposite leaves.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

## Ageratina altissima

White Snakeroot

Wetland Indicator: FACU Native To: **New York City** Soil: pH 6.1-6.5

Form/Color Single stem growing to 5', flowers white in

July-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist forests.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attracts butterfly species and birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

White inflorescence throughout fall.

Value:

Compatibility: Can spread aggresively by

rhizomes.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

Somewhat weedy, poisonous if

ingested.

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Alisma subcordatum

Water Plantain

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.0-7.0 **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial emergent aquatic, grows to 4',

triangular flower stem, flowers white in

July-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Adapated to medium and fine soils, Tolerance:

high tolerance of soil compaction, tolerates moderate disturbance.

Habitat: Shallow water, edges of open ponds,

swamps.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Wildlife value moderate.

Compatibility: Colonial from rhizomes.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought, water depth to 1' or

saturated soil.

**Ornamental** Value:

Leaves in a basal rosette with small white flowers held on long branched stems in

summer. Dense rings of dry seeds give the overall plant a gold to bronze hue.

Salt

Shade

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Allium canadense

Meadow Garlic

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH 6.6-7.5

Form/Color Perennial succulent grass-like form

grows to 8-24", flowers white-pink in May-

June.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, open areas.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attractive to some bees and

butterflies, avoided by rabbits and

deer.

Hydrology: Tolerant of some drought.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Grass-like leaves with a strong onion odor surround a flowering stalk with a

cluster of star-like white-pink flowers.

Compatibility: Does not compete well with taller

forbs. Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Other: Smells strongly of onion or garlic. Allium triococcum Wild Leek

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU+ **Soil:** pH 6.8-7.2 **New York City** 

Form/Color Succulent grass-like spring ephemeral,

flower stalks appear after leaves die back,

flowers white in June-July.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Forest interior, rich woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Moist to wet soil conditions. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** Pairs of glossy green leaves appear in Value:

spring before the flower stalk. White

flowers form in umbrella-shaped cluster

and produce black seeds.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Shade Needs at least 0.5% full sunlight but no

more than 20% full sunlight. **Tolerance:** 

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

### Anaphalis margaritacea

**Pearly Everlasting** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.5

Form/Color 1' to 3' high, white flowers; stem and

underside of leaves white wooly, July -

September, fast grower.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry open sites.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Medium textured soils; medium drought

tolerance; medium moisture usage.

**Ornamental** 

Cotton-like appearance. White pearly

bracts surround a yellow center in the

cluster of flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Minor species for increased diversity

and aesthetics in restoration of open habitats, dry grasslands, meadows,

sandy fill.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Value:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Anemone canadensis

**Canadian Anemone** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 2'; white flowers

bloom May-July.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Sandy shores, wet meadows.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies and insects.

Hydrology:

Moderately drought tolerant, prefers moist

sandy soil.

**Ornamental** Value:

White flowers.

Compatibility: Can be aggressive in favorable

conditions. Can be colonial.

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in wetland restoration and

mitigation.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Anemone quinquefolia

**Wood Anemone** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color

Perennial, spring ephemeral, grows to 8",

solitary basal leaf, flowers white in April-

May.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist, open woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology:

Prefers moist soil, tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Early spring flowering in large, low-lying patches. Foliage is finely divided with

delicate five-petaled white flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Poisonous if ingested.

Anemonella thalictroides

**Rue Anemone** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color 8"; white flowers bloom April-May;

produces fruit May-June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Dry to moist woods. Habitat:

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Medium, well-drained soil; tolerant of

drought.

**Ornamental** This tiny spring perennial reaches only 8 Value:

inches tall. Delicate five-petaled white flowers are held above small leaves that

resemble meadow-rue leaves.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Minor species for increased diversity

Compatibility:

and aesthetics in restoration of moist

woodland habitats.

Shade Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Antennaria neglecta

**Field Pussytoes** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: NI Regional Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial single stem growing to 1'; white

Stormwater

Intolerant of stormwater.

flowers bloom in May-July; slow grower.

Tolerance:

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry fields, sterile meadows, sandy fill.

**Ecosystem** 

Attracts birds and butterflies. Host of

Services: painted lady butterfly.

Dry soil conditions; fine and medium Hydrology:

textured soil; low drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** Value:

Creates groundcover of white, hairy, rounded basal leaves. Flowering heads

are dense and turn a fluffy white when in

seed.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Compatibility:

Other: Minor species for increasing diversity

and aesthetics in restoration of dry, open habitats, dry grasslands,

meadows.

Apocynum cannabinum

Indian hemp

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 4', red in full sun,

flowers whitish in terminal clusters in

May-September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Intolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerates fill, vacant lots, nutrient poor soil, concrete debris, moderate

tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open areas, fill, edges, roadsides, vacant

lots, meadows.

**Ecosystem** 

Attractive to butterflies, host to some

Services: butterfly larvae.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Reddish purple stems and long oval leaves. White flowers grow in clusters and produce long skinny pods that turn

brown and fluffy when mature.

Compatibility: Can compete with mugwort. Can

form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance: Other: Contains various toxins.

### Aquilegia canadensis

Wild Columbine

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC New York City Soil: Acidic and

alkaline soils.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 6.5', flowers red and

yellow in May-June.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Rocky, undisturbed woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Attractive to hummingbirds and bees.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, well-drained soil.

**Ornamental** Value:

Finely divided blue green foliage lays low beneath a flowering stem. Showy red and

yellow flowers nod with long spurs

pointing upward.

Tolerance:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Other:

**Arabis canadensis** Sicklepod

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Biennial to 40", winter rosette evergreen,

flowers cream-white in May-July, fruits in

August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rocky banks, rich woods, thickets.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attractive to bees and flies.

Hydrology: Prefers mesic to dry conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Small cream-white flowers on long stalks line a thin stem. Long drooping sickle-

shaped pods form covering papery seeds.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Aralia nudicaulis Wild Sarsaparilla

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.4-7.2

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 15", dioecious,

flowers tiny, whitish in May-July, blackish

fruit in July-August, dioecious.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance: soils, no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Undisturbed, moist forest understories.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Other:

Attractive to bumble bees, other bees, and syrphid flies, fruits eaten by some

birds and mammals.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Single leaf stalks divide with oval leaflets.

Whitish flowers in round clusters. Purple

to black round berries.

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Aralia racemosa **Spikenard** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.1-7.8

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 6.5', widely branched,

large leaves, flowers white in June-

August, dark purple fruit.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Undisturbed forest understories, moist to

moderately dry soil.

**Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by a few birds and

Services: mammals.

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, prefers moist soil.

**Ornamental** Large compound leaves with aromatic,

Value: white flowers in branched clusters. Purple

red berries follow in fall.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Insufficient information to determine Salt

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Jack-in-the-pulpit Arisaema triphyllum

Wetland Indicator: FACW-Native To: New York City **Soil:** pH 4.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, slow grower to 2', brown-

purple spath arches over whitish spadix,

red fruit.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

Tolerance: moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Undisturbed moist woods, swamp

forests, edges in good soil.

**Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by birds, foliage eaten by

Services: pheasants.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Brown-purple to green spath arches over

Value: a white spadix. Oval cluster of red berries. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: May change sex seasonally, Other:

susceptible to rust fungus.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Wild Ginger Asarum canadense

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, very slow grower to 8", round-

cordate dark green leaves, flowers at

base of stems.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Spreads very slowly.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Forest interior, rich, moist soil.

> **Ecosystem** Eaten by the pipevine swallowtail

Services: butterfly.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Low-growing perennial with heart shaped Value:

leaves. Velvety stem hides solitary dark

red-brown flower.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Asclepias incarnata

Shade Very tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Swamp Milkweed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.0-8.0

Form/Color Perennial, single-stemmed, slow grower

to 5', leafy stems, flowers pink in July-

August, narrow fruit pods.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Tolerance:

Services:

Other:

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, Tolerance:

high tolerance of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Open, undisturbed wet areas, marshes,

pond edges.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, attractive to

butterflies, bees, wasps. As with other

milkweeds, host to monarch butterfly.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought and periodic flooding.

Shade

Tolerance:

**Ornamental** Small rose-purple flowers with reflexed Value: petals clustered in an inflorescence atop

a thick stem. Long pointed seed pods fluff

out when ripe.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Occasionally attacked by chrysomelid

beetles, monarch butterfly larvae,

and some aphids.

Intolerant of shade.

Asclepias syriaca

**Common Milkweed** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.6-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, single-stemmed, grows to 6.5',

stout, hairy stem, umbrella-shaped inflorescence, flowers muddy mauve.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Tolerant of fill soils, disturbance,

Tolerance: concrete debris.

Habitat: Open areas, roadsides, fill, abandoned

lots.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, moths, eaten by mor

butterflies, moths, eaten by monarch butterfly larvae, curculionid and cerambycid beetles, lygaeid bugs.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought.

Compatibility: Can form colonies. Often found with

dogbane and common aster.

Value: are pink-brown and fragrant. Wide oval leaves and green seed pods with warts

leaves and green seed pods with wart will split and fluff out when mature.

Large ball shaped drooping flowers that

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance:

**Ornamental** 

Needs at least 30% full sun.

Other: Sap is toxic, attacked by aphids,

parasitized by several fungi.

Asclepias tuberosa

**Butterfly Weed** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.8-6.8

Form/Color Perennial, single-stemmed, grows to 2',

flowers orange in July-August, in umbels.

**Stormwater** Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

no tolerance of soil compaction, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Open, undisturbed, upland areas.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to bees, butterflies,

Services: seedlings eaten by rabbits.

**Hydrology:** High tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Showy orange flowers radially

symmetrical. Narrow lanceolate leaves

line the stem and excrete a milky-sap

when damaged.

Compatibility: Not a good competitor in dense

vegetation, easily shaded out by

other plants.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Baptisia tinctoria

Habitat:

Tolerance:

**Yellow Wild Indigo** 

Insufficient information to determine

Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

no tolerance of soil compaction.

Moderately palatable by browse

animals, host to some butterfly

Leaves are black when dead,

tolerance.

species.

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City** Soil: pH 5.8-7.0

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Other:

Services:

Urban

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3', sometimes

mounding, freely branched, flowers yellow, in short, unbranched clusters in

June-July.

Dry, open areas, sandy soil.

Hydrology: High tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Small rounded, blue-green foliage in Value: threes along thin green stems. Yellow

> flowers at tips of branches. Seed pods turn black and rattle when mature.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Bidens frondosa **Beggar Ticks** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW **Soil:** pH 5.2-7.2

Form/Color Annual, grows to 4', purple stems, flowers

yellow in June-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

> Adapted to coarse and medium soils, Urban

nitrogen fixer.

Tolerance: moderate tolerance of soil

compaction. Wet, open areas, fields, edges, disturbed

soil.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds, plant eaten by

Services: rabbits.

Other:

Compatibility: Can be weedy.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Habitat:

Yellow flower heads without rays can reach up to 4 ft tall. The distinctive seeds

are flat and awned, hitchhiking with all

those that pass it by.

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Boehmeria cylindrica

**False Nettle** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.1-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3', dioecious, stem

erect and opaque, flowers green/white in rounded clusters, female flowers in

slender clusters.

Wet to moist shady areas, swamp

forests, flood plains, edges, stream

corridors.

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

**Ecosystem** Host to mourning cloak butterfly Services: larvae, question mark butterfly, and

comma butterfly.

tolerance.

compaction.

Insufficient information to determine

Adapted to medium and fine soils,

Similar in form to stinging nettle.

moderate tolerance of soil

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Habitat:

Large toothed leaves hang below tiny

green flowers that grow on spikes from

the leaf axils.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerance: Intolerant of salt.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

American Searocket Cakile edentula

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Circumneutral

soils.

Form/Color Annual, grows to 32", succulent leaves,

flowers pale purple to white in June-

October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Coastal, primary dunes, upland of high

high-tide line.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Attractive to bees and other insects.

Tolerant of gravelly, rocky, sandy soils.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Habitat:

Succulent stems with shallow toothed

leaves and pale purple to white flowers.

Rocked-shaped seed pods turn a pale

yellow when ripening.

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

#### Caulophyllum thalictroides

**Blue Cohosh** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.5-7.0 **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 32", stems and

leaves waxy-pale, flowers yellow-green or

purplish in April-June, blue seeds.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Interior, moist forests, rich woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Attractive to bees.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Yellow-green to purplish flowers and Value:

globe-like blue fruits covered with a

whitish bloom. Foliage has lobed leaflets

and is purplish in the spring.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Plant poisonous, leaves live 20

weeks. **Shade** Needs at least 1% sunlight, but no more

Tolerance: than 30% full sun.

### Chamaesyce polygonifolia

**Seaside Sandmat** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Annual, widely branching, prostrate, forms

mat, flowers in July-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance. Tolerance:

Habitat: Dunes, beaches, sandy soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attractive to small bees and flies,

seeds eaten by birds.

Hydrology: Prefers mesic to dry conditions.

**Ornamental** 

Spreading with red stems and small

Value: flowers. Rounded seed pods develop on

the ends of the branching stems.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Chelone glabra **Turtlehead** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **New York City Soil:** pH<6.8

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3' tall, flowers white to Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

pinkish in July-August. Tolerance:

> Urban Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

Open marshes, open swamp forest. **Ecosystem** Host for some butterfly species,

Services: including Baltimore checkerspot butterfly, attractive to hummingbirds.

Tolerant of wet soil. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** White to pinkish tubular flowers bunched Value:

in a terminal cluster atop a stem of long

narrow dark opposite green leaves.

Compatibility:

Tolerance:

Other:

tolerance.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Exploitably vulnerable in New York state.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Habitat:

Habitat:

Chrysopsis mariana

**Maryland Goldenaster** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 32", fruits and flowers yellow in Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Hydrology: Wet to moist soil conditions.

August-November.

Sandy soil, open woods.

**Ornamental** Stems and leaves that are slightly hairy Value: with a purplish tinge. Yellow asters bloom Compatibility:

> in late summer. Attractive fluffy seed heads persist throughout the fall.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Claytonia virginica **Spring Beauty** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.0

Form/Color Perennial, spring ephemeral, grows to 7", Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

several flowering stems, flowers pinkish-

white in April-June.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Understory of moist forests, sometimes

in lawns and hedgerows.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to bees, flies, seeds eaten

Services: by mice.

Hydrology: Rich, moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** This delicate spring ephemeral has Value:

showy pinkish-white flowers and long

narrow smooth leaves.

Compatibility: Very colonial in nature. Often found

with trout-lily.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

#### Collinsonia canadensis

**Horse Balm** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW-Soil: pH 6.0-7.0 New York City

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3', egg-shaped

leaves, flowers pale yellow in July-

September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Other:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Woodland herb of moist or wet soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Medium moisture usage.

**Ornamental** Flowers and foliage have a distinct lemon Value:

or citronella scent. Wide oval leaves line

the stems. Small yellow flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Conoclinium coelestinum

**Blue Mistflower** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3.2'; single-stem; Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

blue flowers bloom in September. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Wood margins, stream banks, low Habitat:

woods, wet meadows, ditches.

Attracts butterflies and birds. Ecosystem

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Fine and medium textured soil; medium

drought tolerance.

Ornamental

Blue flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Corydalis sempervirens **Pink Corydalis** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City **Soil:** pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Wintergreen, annual or biennial, grows to

2', pale foliage, waxy-green, flowers pink/yellow in May-June, fruit in June-

September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry rocky woodlands.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Bluish-green foliage is very delicate and Value:

lacy. Pink and yellow tubular dangling

flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

### Cryptotaenia canadensis

**Canada Honewort** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3.3', shiny,

unbranched stem, flowers white, black

and dark Gray striped fruit.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to wet, rich woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attractive to butterfly species.

Hydrology: Moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Value:

Irregular umbels of flowers with ascending white rays. Three-parted

toothed leaves line the stem and distinctive narrow seeds split in two.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Other:

# Decodon verticillatus

Swamp-loosestrife

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.9-8.6

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 4', flowers pink-purple

in July-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, high tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Open, shallow water, saturated soils of

ponds and sunny vernal pools.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Attractive to bees, butterflies, wasps.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

Sessile pink-purple flower clusters.

Value:

Arching leafy stems can become woody

and root at the tip.

Compatibility: Extensively colonial.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of shade.

#### **Desmodium canadense**

Showy Tick-Trefoil

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 6.5', one to several

stems, flowers rose-purple to blue in July-

August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, open woods, edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Seeds eaten by some birds and

mammals, host to some butterfly

species.

Hydrology: Dry to moist soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Large rose-purple pea like flowers make this the showiest species of the Genus.

Velvet hairs cover the stems and leaves

and the plant can get quite bushy.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Compatibility:

Other: Seeds stick to fur and clothing,

nitrogen fixer.

#### Desmodium paniculatum

**Panicled Tick-Trefoil** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3', slender, erect,

several stems from base, flowers pinkish

In July-August.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Adapted to medium and fine soils, no

tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry woods and edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Host to larvae of orange sulfur butterfly.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

Ornamental

Slender, pinkish flowers line long stems

with narrow lancelote leaves in threes. Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

**Shade** 

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Seeds stick to fur and clothing,

nitrogen fixer.

Dicentra cucullaria

**Dutchman's Breeches** 

Insufficient information to determine

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Attractive to bees, ants.

tolerance.

tolerance.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Other:

Form/Color Perennial, spring ephemeral, grows to 6",

pale blue-green plant with dark blotches, flowers white-yellowish in April-May,

foliage disappears by mid-May.

Urban
Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist forests. Ecosystem

Services:

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of flooding, intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Blue-green fern-like foliage. Rows of

Value: nodding white-yellow flowers line a thin Compatibility:

stem.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Doellingeria umbellata

Tolerance:

**Parasol Whitetop** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Herbacious perennial; wide flat-top

cluster of white flowers bloom August-

September.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist thickets, swamp edges, woods.

**Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies and bees.

Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Loamy, sandy soil; moist to wet.

Ornamental

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

#### Equisetum hyemale

### **Scouring Rush Horsetail**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Acidic soils. Regional

Form/Color Evergreen chambered stalk growing to 4'; Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

no flowers; densely colonial. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Tolerates wide range of soil, performs

well in the right of way. Tolerance:

Habitat: Open or partly shaded areas in moist to

wet sandy soil, shady stream margins.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moist, wet sandy soil.

Ornamental

Hydrology:

Tolerance:

Value: Compatibility: Aggressive spreader.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade. Tolerance:

### Erigeron pulchellus

#### **Robin's Plantain**

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color

Insufficient information to determine Well-branched aster with erect stem Stormwater growing to 20"; violet to whitish flowers Tolerance: tolerance.

bloom May-June.

Urban Insufficient information to determine Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, open woods, meadows,

streambanks. **Ecosystem** High wildlife value.

Services:

Ornamental Numerous narrow rays of violet to white Value: make up the inflorescence. Basal leaves Compatibility:

are paddle shaped, soft and hairy.

Salt Low tolerance of salt. **Tolerance:** Other:

Moist soil conditions.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Erythronium americanum

**Trout Lily** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Perennial, spring ephemeral, grows to 8",

pale blue-green plant with dark blotches,

flowers yellow.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Intolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Undisturbed moist woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Attractive to bees, seeds eaten by

mice, birds, insects.

Hydrology: Moist, rich soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow, bell-shaped flowers with darker

spots, blue-green plant.

Compatibility: Extensively colonial.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Eupatorium altissimum

**Tall Boneset** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Circumneutral

soils.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 31"-6.5', stems

solitary or paired, very leafy, flowers white

in August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, open woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Attractive to bees, wasps, butterflies,

Services: plant eaten by caterpillars.

Hydrology: Moist to dry soils.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers throughout the fall.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Eupatorium perfoliatum

**Common Boneset** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 4', most parts very Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine hairy, flowers dull white in July-October. Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Open wet areas, marsh edges, wet Habitat:

roadsides.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to bees, wasps, butterflies,

Services: plant eaten by caterpillars.

Hydrology: Moist to wet soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Eupatorium serotinum Late Eupatorium

Wetland Indicator: FAC-Native To: Soil: Not Available. **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 1-6.5', stems Grayish-

purple, flowers dull pinkish-white in

August-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

tolerance. Tolerance:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to dry open areas, sandy soil, fill.

> **Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by some birds.

Services:

Other:

Other:

Hydrology: Moist soil conditions; medium moisture

usage.

Ornamental Pinkish-white flowers in heads of 9-15

Value: flowers. Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

<u>Eurybia divaricata</u> White Wood Aster

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color 2.5"; herbaceous perennial; white with Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

yellow/red centers bloom August- **Tolerance:** tolerance. September.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry woods.

Ecosystem Attracts butterflies; seeds eaten by

Services: birds.

**Hydrology:** Dry to medium moisture conditions; well-

drained soil; tolerates drought.

Ornamental Showy white flowers in late summer to

Value: early fall. Compatibility: Can form colonies. Can be aggressive in the right environment.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

Habitat:

Tolerance:

# <u>Euthamia caroliniana</u> Slender Goldentop

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Herbaceous perennial; yellow flowers Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

bloom August-November; deciduous. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine **Tolerance:** tolerance.

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Ecosystem Services:

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Hydrology: Moist soils.

Moist, marshy, sandy areas.

Ornamental Yellow flowers bloom in late fall.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

Shade Tolerant of light shade.

#### Euthamia graminifolia

#### Lance-Leaved Goldenrod

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 1-5', ray flowers Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

yellow in July-October. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Tolerant of poor, gravelly, sandy, or dry

Tolerance: soils.

Habitat: Open areas, dry to moist soil of

meadows, roadsides and path edges.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by some birds and small

Services: mammals, foliage eaten by rabbits, flowers eaten by Blister beetles.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility: Leaf extracts have inhibited seed

germination in other plants, may displace other species if left

unmanaged.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Eutrochium dubium** 

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

# Three-Nerved Joe-Pye Weed

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Acidic soils. New York City

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 15-40", stems have

purple speckles, flowers dull purple in

July-September.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban

Other:

Tolerance:

Open moist sandy, gravelly acidic soil,

wet woods, edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Eaten by some birds, host for some

Performs well in the right of way.

Services: butterfly species.

Hydrology: Medium moisture usage.

**Ornamental** 

Habitat:

Purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

#### Eutrochium maculatum

### Spotted Joe Pye Weed

Soil: Circumneutral to Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW

alkaline soils.

Form/Color 2-10'; Perennial; clusters of pink to Stormwater

purplish flowers blooms July-September. Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist soil along shores.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Ornamental

Hydrology:

Pink, purplish flowers.

Moist soil conditions.

Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

# **Eutrochium purpureum**

## Sweetscented Joe Pye Weed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Alkaline soils.

Form/Color Herbaceous perennial; grows to 7'; pink

and purple flowers blooms July-

September.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Low moist ground; wooded slopes; wet

meadows; thickets; stream margins.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Average to medium moisture soil

conditions.

Ornamental

Showy, fragrant pink and purple flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Fragaria virginiana

Wild Strawberry

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, low growing to about 6", winter-

green, flowers white, red fruit with small seeds in fruit surface, fruits in June-July.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Stormwater

Habitat: Low vegetation, fields or open woods,

good soil.

**Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by songbirds, pheasants, **Services:** and mammals, foliage eaten by

es: and mammals, foliage eaten by rabbits, deer, and other herbivores.

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

**Hydrology:** Dry soil conditions.

Ornamental

Red fruit in summer.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerant of light shade.

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

ince. Other:

Shade Tolerance:

Geranium maculatum

Wild Geranium

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.4-5.6

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 15", flowers pink-

purple in loose clusters in April-June.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Undisturbed moist to dry woods, good

soil.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds and small mammals, foliage eaten by deer.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought; medium moisture

usage.

Tolerant of Grought, medium moisture

Ornamental

Pink-purple clusters of flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

tolerance. Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Geum canadense **White Avens** 

Wetland Indicator: FACU Native To: New York City Soil: pH 4.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, evergreen, grows to 3', flowers

white with petals longer than sepals,

upper stem and leaves hairy.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Woods, part shaded edges, meadows in

moist to dry soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Dry to moist soil conditions; medium

moisture usage.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Helenium autumnale

Common Sneezeweed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 20-60", flowers yellow

in August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerance:

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Rich, moist thickets, shores.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Hydrology: Medium to wet moisture soil conditions.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers in the fall.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

#### Helenium flexuosum

#### Southern Sneezeweed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC-Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 8-47", branched

inflorescence, numerous flower heads,

flowers yellow in June-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, open habitats.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Medium to wet moisture soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow flowers throughout fall.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Helianthemum canadense

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

## **Longbranch Frostweed**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 16", flowers yellow in May-July,

fruits in August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sandy soil, wooded edges, barrens.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Hydrology: Sandy, loamy, well-drained soil; dry to

moist soil.

Ornamental Value:

Showy yellow flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

### Helianthus decapetalus

#### **Thin-Leaved Sunflower**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 5', rough textured, Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

yellow rays in August-October. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open woods, rich, moist soil.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds and small

Services: mammals.

**Hydrology:** Dry or moist soil.

Ornamental Yellow flowers in fall.

Value: Colonial from rhizomes.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Habitat:

**Tolerance:** 

# Helianthus divaricatus Woodland Sunflower

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 5', waxy-pale stem, Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

yellow rays in August-October. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Ecosystem Seeds eaten by birds and small

Services: mammals, attractive to butterfly

species.

**Hydrology:** Dry to medium moisture conditions.

Dry, thin woods.

Ornamental Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Colonial from rhizomes.

Salt Insufficient information to determine tolerance: Other:

olerance. Cherance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Helianthus giganteus

**Tall Sunflower** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 9', usually hairy, Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

flowers yellow in July-October. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Wet woods, rich thickets, marshes, Habitat:

wooded swamps.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moist to wet soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Yellow flowers throughout fall.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: Other: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Heliopsis helianthoides

**Smooth Oxeye** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Regional Soil: pH 5.6-6.8

Form/Color 3-5' tall, branching occasionally and

becoming rather bushy in open situations. Opposite dark green leaves

have a rough texture. July -September.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Performs well in the right of way.

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Dry, open woods, dry banks.

> **Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Dry to moderately moist soil conditions;

tolerates drought.

**Ornamental** 

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in restoration of open

Tolerant of partial shade. woodlands, edges. Also known as

false sunflower.

**Hibiscus moscheutos** 

Rose-Mallow

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, slow grower to 3-7', flowers

pink to white in July-September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Open marshes, undisturbed wet ditches,

pond edges, tolerates brackish water.

**Ecosystem** 

Host to some butterfly species,

Services:

attractive to hummingbirds.

Low drought tolerance; moist to wet soil Hydrology:

conditions; high water usage.

Ornamental Value:

Very showy pink to white flowers.

Compatibility: Often in small colonies.

Salt Tolerance: Low tolerance of salt.

Other:

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Hieracium venosum

Rattlesnake Weed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3', reddish-purple

midrib and veins, flowers yellow in May-

July.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Open, rocky, dry woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellow flowers, attractive foliage.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance:

tolerance.

Other:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

#### Hydrophyllum virginianum

#### Virginia Waterleaf

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 30", usually low,

sprawling, flowers pale violet to white in

clusters in May-June.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to wet, open woods, stream banks.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Value:

Pale violet to white flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

# Hypericum hypericoides

St. Andrew's Cross

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU New York City Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color 1-3'; perennial; yellow flowers bloom

June-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Dry woods, pine barrens; sand hills;

ridges; floodplains,

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry to moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Other:

Compatibility:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

<u>Impatiens capensis</u>

Jewelweed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.6-7.0

Form/Color Annual, grows to 5', stem succulent, Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

flowers orange in June-September. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Swamp forests, shady or open marsh,

stream edges, moist woods.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds and mice,

**Services:** flowers attractive to hummingbirds.

**Hydrology:** Moist to wet. Not drought tolerant.

Ornamental

Showy orange flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Often forms dense monocultures.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

## Ionactis linariifolius

## Flaxleaf Whitetop Aster

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Acidic soils.

**Form/Color** Perennial, herbacious; white, yellow, blue and purple flowers bloom August-October. **Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine tolerance:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Dry clearings, rocky banks.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Dry to moist soil conditions.

Ornamental Blue and purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

<u>Iris prismatica</u> Slender Blue Flag

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 8-30", leaves have Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

reddish bases, flowers blue-violet in **Tolerance**: tolerance.

June-July.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine **Tolerance:** tolerance.

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**Habitat:** Undisturbed marshes, swamp forests,

salt marsh edges, mostly coastal.

Ecosystem

Ecosystem Attractive to hummingbirds.
Services:

**Hydrology:** Moist soil conditions, tolerant of saturated

soil.

**Ornamental** Showy blue-violet flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. **Tolerance:** 

Tolerance:

<u>Iris versicolor</u> Large Blue Flag

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Perennial, slow grower to 32", often forms Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

large clumps, leaves usually purple at base, flowers blue-violet in May-July.

Tolerance:

Urban Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Undisturbed marshes, pond edges,

swamp forest gaps, freshwater and brackish tidal marshes.

Ecosystem Flowers attractive to hummingbirds, services: insects, and birds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding or saturated soil.

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Ornamental Showy blue-violet flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Tolerant of shade but will not flower.

#### Krigia virginica

### Virginia Dwarf Dandelion

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Annual, slender, grows to 12", basal

rosette forming leaves, flowers yellow in

May-July.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry to mesic, sandy soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry, well-drained soil.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers, similar in appearance to

Value: dandilions. Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. Other: Leaves and flowering stems contain

Insufficient information to determine

a white latex.

Shade Tolerance:

Form/Color

Intolerant of shade.

## Lechea maritima

**Beach Pinweed** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Acidic soils.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dunes, beaches; sandy soils.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Stormwater

Hydrology: Dry, well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.

Red flowers bloom June-July.

Ornamental

Red flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

**Pinweed** Lechea mucronata

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available. **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 32", one or few

flowering stems, brownish-purple,

flowers reddish in July-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, dry woods, fields, sandy or gravelly

soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry, well-drained soil.

Ornamental Small reddish flowers throughout fall,

Value: reddish brown stems throughout winter.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

# Lespedeza capitata

Round-Headed Bush-Clover

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Perennial, single stem, grows to 5',

flowers dull white with purple spot at base.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open fields, sandy soil, tolerates sterile

soil.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds, plants eaten by

Services:

Hydrology: Dry, well-drained soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

Dull white flowers with purple at the

Value: bases. Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance: Nitrogen fixer.

Lespedeza hirta **Hairy Bush Clover** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL **Soil:** pH 5.7-8.2

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 5', flowers pea-flower-

shaped, yellowish-white with purple base

in July-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry open rocky or sandy soil, open

woods, fields.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds, plants eaten by

Services: deer, host to some butterfly species.

Hydrology: Sandy, dry soil conditions; low moisture

**Ornamental** Pea-flower-shaped flowers in yellowish-

Value: white with purple base. Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Other: Nitrogen fixer.

Liatris spicata

**Dense Blazing Star** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.6-7.5

Form/Color Grows to 4.5, rhizomatous; showy, purple

flowers bloom August-September.

Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerant of poor soil, performs well in

Tolerance: the right of way.

Habitat: Dry, open woods, gaps.

**Ecosystem** 

Attracts butterflies. Services:

Hydrology: Fine and medium textured soils; low

drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** 

Purple flowers.

Value:

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of open woodlands, on dry, rocky or sandy

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soils.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

<u>Lilium superbum</u> Turk's Cap Lily

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.4-5.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 8', flowers orange in Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

July-August. Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to wet forests.

**Ecosystem** Attractive to hummingbirds, bulbs may

**Services:** be eaten by voles and muskrats.

**Hydrology:** Low drought tolerance; moist, loamy,

sandy soil; medium moisture usage.

**Ornamental** Orange flowers, petals curled back.

Value: Compatibility: Sparingly colonial.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

Habitat:

<u>Limonium carolinianum</u>

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 1'; herbaceous perennial; Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

branching cluster of small, pale, purple **Tolerance:** tolerance. flower bloom June-August.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Moist clay, loamy, sandy soil; high

moisture use.

Salt marshes.

Ornamental Pale purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Sea Lavander

Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal Flower

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, single stem, slow grower to

20-60", flowers scarlet in July-September.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Swamp forests and marshes.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Flowers attractive to hummingbirds,

host to some butterfly species.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Showy scarlet flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Lobelia siphilitica **Great Lobelia** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, single stem, grows to 20-60",

flowers blue in August-September.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Spreads easily from seed.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open marshes, swamp forests.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance; moist to wet clay,

loamy, sandy soil conditions.

Ornamental

Showy blue flowers in late summer.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Ludwigia alternifolia

**Seed Box** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 4', flowers yellow in

July-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open marshes, moist to wet forest

edges.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Wet to moist soil.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Lycopus americanus

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Water Horehound

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.2-7.8

Form/Color Perennial, single stem, grows to 35",

flowers white in June-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open or part-shaded wet soil, ditches,

swamp forests, pond edges, wet

roadsides.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Intolerant of drought, tolerant of flooding. Hydrology:

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value:

Compatibility: Tolerant of competition. Colonial

from rhizomes.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Lysimachia ciliata

Fringed Loosestrife

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.8

Form/Color 24"-30"; narrowly egg-shaped stem

leaves; five-petaled yellow flowers bloom June-July; round fruit capsule; fast grower.

Tolerance:

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to well-drained soils; swamps,

partial shade in undisturbed woods;

floodplains.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies and other insects.

Hydrology: Drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow flowers June to July.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for increasing diversity and

aesthetics of wetland restoration and mitigation; used for erosion control.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Lysimachia quadrifolia

Whorled Loosestrife

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 4.8-5.0

Form/Color 3'; yellow flowers bloom June-August; fruit

August-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open woods, gaps, edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies and insects.

Hydrology: Suited best for dry uplands.

**Ornamental** 

Yellow flowers June to August.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for increasing diversity and

> restoration of aesethetics of open woodlands, gaps, and edges.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

#### Maianthemum canadense

Canada Mayflower

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.4-5.4

Form/Color Grows to 8"; white flowers develop May-

June, flowering stalks usually only have two leaves, fleshy red fruit ripen from June

to July.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, beech, oak, or conifer woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Provides valuable cover.

Services:

Hydrology: Moist to wet; prefers humus-rich soil.

Ornamental Value:

Red fruit, delicate white flowers.

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Other: A common understory plant,

frequently found with Solomon' seal, false Solomon's seal, sessile-leaved

bellwort, wild sarsparilla.

Maianthemum racemosum

False Solomon's Seal

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-New York City **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 32"; single stem, white flowers

Very tolerant of shade.

bloom May-June; fleshy, speckled red fruit

September-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Frequent in New York City woodlands;

mixed deciduous forests.

**Ecosystem** Dispersed by small mammals and

Services: birds.

Hydrology: Drought tolerant.

Ornamental

White flowers, berries.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Tolerant of shade. Shade

Tolerance:

Other: Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in restoration of moist

forest understories.

#### Maianthemum stellatum

#### Star-flowered Solomon's Seal

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.9

Form/Color Grows to 2'; single stem, white 1 cm wide

flowers bloom May to July; green with blackish stripes, three-lobed fruit ripens

to red June-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, sandy, gravelly, open forests,

floodplains, margins of seasonal or temporary streams and flooded areas. moist swales, in black dune forests.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry to moist soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

White flowers May-July, berries.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Other: Used in restoration and mitigation of

wetland in sandy soil, coastal

woodlands. Slow to moderate grower.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. Tolerance:

Mimulus ringens

**Monkey Flower** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 3': pink-purple flowers bloom

July-August; fruit August-September;

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Swamp forests, shady stream banks, wet

meadows.

**Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Medium to wet moisture conditions.

Ornamental

Attractive foliage and pink- purple flowers

Value: July to August. Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other: Common name refers to

resemblance of the flower to a monkey's face when it is squeezed

by the fingers.

Mitchella repens **Partridge Berry** 

Wetland Indicator: FACU Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.0

Form/Color Low-growing groundcover; 8"; white

flowers bloom June-July; fleshy red fruit

develop August-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist to dry woods.

> **Ecosystem** Eaten by birds and small mammals.

Services:

Hydrology: Dry to moist soil conditions.

Ornamental

White flowers June-July,

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Other: Used for increasing diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of moist

forest understories.

Shade Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Monarda fistulosa Wild Bergamot

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Grows to 4'; lilac or pink flowers bloom

July-September; fruit develops August-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Other:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Upland, open woods.

> Attracts hummingbirds, bees, and **Ecosystem**

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought; high moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** 

Lilac or pink flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Monarda punctata Spotted Beebalm

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color Grows to 3'; yellow flowers with purple

spots bloom July-October; fruit develops

September-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, open, sandy soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Provides low amount of food for large mammals; attractive to hummingbirds

and a host for butterfly species.

Hydrology: Tolerates drought; dry to moist soil

conditions.

**Ornamental** Value:

Yellow flowers with purple spots.

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Other: Used for increased diversity and

> aesthetics in restoration of dry grasslands and meadows of coastal

plains.

**Nuttallanthus canadensis** 

**Blue Toadflax** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color 2'; pale blue flowers bloom April-May;

fruits develops June-September.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, sterile, sandy; maritime grassland

or shrubland, forests, sandy fields; dry or

poor soils.

**Ecosystem** 

Provides low amount of cover for large

Services: mammals.

Hydrology: Prefers dry to moist conditions; tolerant of

drought.

Value:

Pale blue flowers.

**Ornamental** 

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance: Other:

Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in restoration of open sand barren and coastal grassland

habitat; helps with erosion control.

Oenothera biennis

**Common Evening Primrose** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Yellow flower bloom in late spring to early

fall; fast grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban Tolerance: Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Common in open, disturbed areas,

vacant lots, fill, and roadsides.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Seeds eaten by birds.

Hydrology: Medium drought tolerance; medium

moisture usage.

Ornamental Value:

Yellow flowers.

Compatibility: Can become weedy.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Short lifespan.

Shade Intolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Oenothera fruticosa

Sundrops

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 1'-3'; slender, hairy stems;

alternating elliptic leaves; showy, bright yellow four-petaled flowers; four-sided,

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine club-shaped fruit pods. Urban

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry open woods, meadows, disturbed

sites.

**Ecosystem** Attracts birds, hummingbirds, and

Moderate lifespan.

Services: bees.

Hydrology: Course, fine, medium textured soils; high

moisture usage; low drought tolerance.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Oenothera perennis

**Small Sundrops** 

Wetland Indicator: FAC-Native To: Regional Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, stems to 2', unbranched,

narrow leaves, flowers yellow in June-

August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist or wet soil in undisturbed, open

areas, meadows.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Attractive to hummingbirds.

Hydrology: Moist to average sandy or gravelly soil.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Opuntia humifusa

**Prickly Pear Cactus** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 1'; evergreen, prickly; showy,

> yellow flowers bloom in June-July; reddish, fleshy fruit ripe October-

November.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

rocky sites.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry sand, back dunes, cliff faces and

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Used for protection and shelter by birds, snakes, and lizards. Flower very

Also known as Devil's tongue

attractive to bees.

Hydrology: Drought tolerant; grows well on varied

moisture conditions; well drained soil.

**Ornamental** 

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Osmorhiza claytonii

**Hairy Sweet Cicely** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 2'; white flowers bloom May-Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

> Tolerance: June; fruit ripe June-August. tolerance.

> > Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Rich, moist mixed hardwood forests; Habitat:

urban parks.

Ecosystem Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Grows well on drained gravelly or sandy loams; poorly drained clay loams.

White flowers. Ornamental

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Hydrology:

Osmorhiza longistylis **Longstyle Sweetroot** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-New York City Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Compound umbrella-shaped with 3-6

rays; small white flowers, styles longer than petals, bloom May-June; blackish,

bristly fruit ripe June-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist woods, floodplain forests.

> **Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Drought tolerant; refers rich loamy soil.

**Ornamental** 

Shade

Tolerance:

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for increasing diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of moist,

mixed deciduous woodland

understories.

Peltandra virginica

**Green Arrow Arum** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.0-9.5

Form/Color Grows to 30"; green-white flowers bloom

June-July; fruit ripe August; slow grower.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Tolerant of concrete debris.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Fresh to slightly brackish tidal and

nontidal marshes and pond edges.

Provides cover for invertebrates and Ecosystem

Services: small fish.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding 100% of growing

season.

Ornamental

Value:

Green-white flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Other:

Used for erosion control, vegetation, diversity, and aesthetics for the

margins of ponds and lakes; used for

wetland mitigation.

Penstemon digitalis

White Beardtongue

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Moderate grower to 5', single stem, waxy-

whitish or purplish, flowers white or pale

purple in May-July.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

Tolerance: soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Part shade, edges and meadows,

second growth.

Ecosystem Services:

Attracts birds and butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

White or pale purplish flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of shade.

Penstemon hirsutus

**Hairy Beardtongue** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.5-6.5

Form/Color Grows to 32", single stem, flowers white

and purplish in May-June.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry sandy or rocky fields, open woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

White and purplish flowers.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Penthorum sedoides

**Ditch Stonecrop** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 2': whitish flowers bloom July-

September; fruit ripe August-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine **Tolerance:** tolerance.

Marshes, wet edges in low, sparse vegetation; undisturbed, open areas.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Medium drought tolerance; medium

moisture usage; fine textured soils.

Ornamental

Value:

Habitat:

Interesting white flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

increased diversity and aesthetics in Moderately tolerant of shade.

Other:

wetland restoration, pond edges.

Used for shoreline stabilization and

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Phlox divaricata Wild Blue Phlox

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.5-7.2

Form/Color Rapid grower to 20", flowers pale blue- Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

purple in May-June. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

**Tolerance:** soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

**Habitat:** Moist, rich, open woods, fields.

**Ecosystem** Attracts birds and butterflies.

Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Sho

Showy blue-purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerance.

<u>Phlox subulata</u> Mountain Phlox

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-8.0

**Form/Color** Ground cover, semi-evergreen, rapid

grower to 8", flowers purple to pink in May-

July.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Tolerance:** soils, no tolerance of soil compaction.

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Urban

**Habitat:** Gravelly, sandy soil, rocky ledges.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental

Purple and pink showy flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Quickly overgrown by taller

vegetation.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. **Tolerance**:

Pityopsis falcata

**Atlantic Golden Aster** 

Wetland Indicator: OBL Native To: New York City Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color 8"-15"; single stem, yellow flowers bloom

July-September; leaves and stem white-

wooly;

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sandy soil near the coast, pine

barrens.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry, sandy, well-drained soil. Not flood

tolerant.

Ornamental Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used in restoration of coastal

back dunes and grasslands. Has a restricted range, though common in

region.

Shade

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

#### Plantago aristata

#### **Largebracted Plantain**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 6"-12"; white, green, brown

flowers bloom May-November.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Roadsides, dry soil.

> Ecosystem Eaten by large mammals and

Services: terrestrial birds.

Hydrology: Moderate drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** 

Compatibility: Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Podophyllum peltatum

Mayapple

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 20"; erect stems; large

umbrella-shaped leaves; white flowers with yellow center blooms in May; yellow

fruit ripe in July-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, undisturbed woods.

> **Ecosystem** Fruit eaten by box turtles, birds, and

Services: small mammals.

Hydrology: Medium moisture; well-drained soil.

Ornamental Value:

White flowers.

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Sometimes affected by bright orange

rust fungus.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

## Polygonatum biflorum

**Smooth Solomon's Seal** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Arching stem grows to 12"; bright yellow Form/Color

green foliage; pale green to white flowers

bloom April-June.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, dry to moist woods; thickets;

calcareous hammocks.

Ecosystem Services:

Compatibility:

Roots eaten by mammals; fruit

attracts butterflies and birds.

Hydrology: Medium moisture; moist, acid soils.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers, fruit.

Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Other:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

## Polygonatum pubescens

### **Hairy Solomon's Seal**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: NI New York City Soil: pH 5.0-7.6

Form/Color Single stem, to 15", has minute hairs on

underside of leaves; green fruit; blooms

April-June

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Dry to moist woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Attracts birds and butterflies.

Hydrology: Moist soil; intolerant of drought.

Ornamental

Flowers, fruit.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Polygonella articulata **Jointweed** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 4"-20"; erect tall forb, thin

stems; white to pink flowers bloom July-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Poisonous berries.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sandy cliffs; acidic soil.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Hydrology: Drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Value:

White to pink flowers.

Insufficient information to determine Salt

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

## Polygonum arifolium

#### Halberd-leaved Tearthumb

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Single stem with hooked prickles; arrow-

shaped leaves; pink, white, or green flowers bloom August-September; shiny

brown seeds.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open marshes and pond edges.

> Ecosystem Seeds eaten by birds and small

Services: mammals.

Hydrology: Wet to moist soils.

Ornamental Value:

Pink, white, green flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

### Polygonum hydropiperoides

Mild Water-pepper

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **New York City** Soil: pH 4.8-8.8

Form/Color Grows to 6'; reclining stems; tops of

leaves fringed with long bristles; pink to white flowers bloom July-November; slow

grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, wet soil, pond edges; freshwater

tidal and nontidal marshes.

**Ecosystem** Moderate wildlife value.

Services:

Other:

Intolerant of drought; medium moisture Hydrology:

usage; fine and medium textured soils.

**Ornamental** 

Tolerance:

Pink to white flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used as a minor species for

increasing diversity and aesthetics in Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

marsh and swamp habitat restoration; wetland mitigation.

## Polygonum sagittatum

#### Arrow-leaved Tearthumb

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.0-8.5

Form/Color Grows to 6'; reclining stems; pink to green

flowers bloom and fruits August-

November; fast grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes.

> Low wildlife value as food for **Ecosystem**

Services: waterbirds.

Hydrology: Course, fine, medium textured soils; low

drought tolerance.

Ornamental Value:

Tolerance:

Pink to green flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Shade Intolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Other:

Secondary species erosion control on open soil of newly restored wetlands and wetland mitigation.

#### Polygonum virginianum

**Jumpseed** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color 6'; single stem, greenish white flowers

bloom July-October; produces fruit

August-November.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Woods, floodplain forests, common in

disturbed woodlands and urban forests.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Moderately drought tolerant. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

Greenish white flowers.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

Used for erosion control and soil

cover in degraded forest understory.

**Shade** 

Tolerant of partial shade.

Pontederia cordata **Pickerelweed** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: OBL **Soil:** pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color 3'; spike, showy blue flowers bloom July-

September; moderate grower.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Tolerant of alkaline fill and concrete Urban

Tolerance: debris.

Habitat: Shallow water; tolerates brief tidal

submersion; pond edges; freshwater to

slightly brackish tidal marshes.

**Ecosystem** High wildlife value as cover for fish Services: and invertebrates; cools water by

providing shade.

Tolerant of flooding or saturated soil Hydrology:

100% of growing season.

**Ornamental** Value:

Blue flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Other: Used for erosion control, diversity,

aesthetics for restoration of pond and

lake edges, marshes; wetland

mitigation.

Potentilla arguta Tall Cinquefoil

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-8.0

Form/Color Grows to 3', flowers white in May-June,

fruits in July-August.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Adapted to medium soils, moderate

Tolerance: tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry, rocky, open woods, fields.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought; deep mesic or

alluvial soils; moist soil conditions.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Potentilla canadensis

**Dwarf Cinquefoil** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 1.5'; yellow flowers bloom April-

June.

Stormwater Insuffic

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

**Habitat:** Dry to moist soils in woods and fields.

Ecosystem Services:

Minor food source for small and large

mammals and terrestrial birds, host of grizzled skipper.

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Other:

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Potentilla simplex

**Common Cinquefoil** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU- Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

**Form/Color** Yellow flowers bloom April-June;

produces fruit in July; prostrate stems.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Dry woods, fields, meadows; open areas,

lawns, edges, low vegetation.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Compatibility:

Attracts bees.

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Salt

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Other:

Used for erosion control plantings

and soil cover in degreaded, open woodlands, roadsides, and low

meadows.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Prenanthes trifoliata

Gall-of-the-Earth

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 5.0-5.2

Form/Color Grows to 7'; whitish flowers bloom Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

August-October. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Dry to moist woods, gaps, edges, sandy

soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry to moist, sandy soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Whitish flowers.

Shade

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used to increase diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of dry Tolerant of partial shade. woodlands on sandy soils. Tolerance:

### Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium

Rabbit-tobacco

Native To: Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Acidic soils. **New York City** 

Form/Color Single stem, whitish, yellow, round Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

flowers bloom August-November. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Pine woods and dry open areas.

> Ecosystem Attracts butterflies and other insects.

Services:

Hydrology: Dry, well-drained soil.

**Ornamental** Yellow flowers.

Compatibility: Value:

Insufficient information to determine Salt

Tolerance: Other: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

### Pycnanthemum incanum

### **Hoary Mountainmint**

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 2' - 3'; Dense flowerheads have

small white-pink spotted flowers and a frosty white bloom that covers leaves and stems around and just below the heads,

July - September.

Habitat: Thickets; pastures.

Ecosyste

Services:

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

Ecosystem Attracts butterflies.

tolerance.

tolerance.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Pycnanthemum tenuifolium

Tolerance:

### **Narrow-leaved Mountain Mint**

Used for erosion control.

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 30"; leafy, short axillary

branches; white flowers with purple spots

bloom June-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Habitat: Moist to dry soil, fields, bogs.

**Ecosystem** Attracts birds and butterflies.

Services:

Other:

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**Hydrology:** Dry to moist soil conditions; medium

water usage.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

### Pycnanthemum virginianum

**Mountain Mint** 

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

Wetland Indicator: FAC Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 1'to 3'; Flowers in numerous,

roundish heads, leaves lance-shaped,

September.

stalkless and rounded at the base, July-Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Open areas, upland woods, fields.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Attracts butterflies. Services:

tolerance.

tolerance.

Hydrology: Moist soil.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Pyrola americana

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# **American Wintergreen**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, evergreen, grows to 1', flowers

white in June-August, shiny, leathery and

almost round leaves.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to dry undisturbed woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Other:

Hydrology: Moist, organic soil.

**Ornamental** Value:

White bell shaped flowers.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

### Ranunculus arborvitus

#### **Small-flowered Crow-foot**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.0-7.5

**Form/Color** Grows to 20"; small, yellow flowers bloom

April-June; fruit ripe June-September.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet woods, shores; moist to wet herb

layers of open forests, stream banks.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Moist to wet soil.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Minor species for restoring wet

woodlands, open areas and

Tolerant of partial shade. increasing diversity.

Tolerance:

Habitat:

**Shade** 

<u>Rudbeckia hirta</u> Black-eyed Susan

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

**Form/Color** Grows to 15-36"; yellow, orange ray

flowers sometimes with a dark base,

blooms June-October; rapid grower.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

**Urban** Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

**Ecosystem** Eaten by mammals and terrestrial

Services: birds.

**Hydrology:** Medium drought tolerance, fine and

medium textured soils.

Open areas, roadsides.

Ornamental Yellow, orange flowers

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used in wildflower mixes for

restoration projects.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

### Rudbeckia laciniata

**Cutleaf Coneflower** 

Wetland Indicator: FACW Native To: Regional Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, grow to 1.5-10', hairless

stems, waxy-pale plant, flowers yellow in

July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater **Tolerance:** 

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Stream banks, moist places, rich low

ground.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers in summer and fall.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

### Rudbeckia triloba v. triloba

**Thin Leaved Coneflower** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Regional Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Short-lived perennial or biennial, grows to

1.5-5', flowers yellow to orange in June-

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

October.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist open woods, thickets.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

Showy yellow to orange flowers in

Value: summer and fall. Compatibility:

Other:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Rumex verticillatus **Swamp Dock** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL New York City Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 4'; perennial, ascending

branches; green flowers; 3-winged flower

fruit June-September.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Pond edges, swamps.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Stormwater

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** 

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Sagittaria latifolia **Broadlead Arrowhead** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.7-8.9

Form/Color Basal leaves; leaf blades are arrowhead-

shaped; white three-petaled flowers

bloom summer through fall.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Ditches, marshes, pools along stream

and lake edges.

**Ecosystem** Attracts birds.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought conditions; high

moisture usage.

Value:

White flowers.

**Ornamental** 

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Salicornia depressa

**Virginia Glasswort** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.6-8.5

Form/Color Herbaceous perannial, emergent, erect,

succulent stem, to 12", green turning red

in the fall.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Salty marshes.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Medium moisture usage.

Ornamental

Value: Compatibility: Can form mats.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Other: Tolerance: Minor species for salt marsh

restoration

Shade Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Salvia lyrata Lyreleaf Sage

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color Perennial, dark green to purplish leaves,

flowers light blue to violet in April-June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Roadsides, fields, open woodlands.

> **Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of medium drought; dry to moist

soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Blue to violet flowers in clusters at the top

Value: of the stem. Compatibility: May become weedy.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Sanguinaria canadensis

**Bloodroot** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 6.8-7.2

Form/Color Grows to 15", white flowers with 8-12

petals and yellow stamens bloom March-

April.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Interiors of undisturbed forests, moisted

woods, sometimes floodplains or slopes

of streams.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts birds and butterflies.

Hydrology: Drought tolerant; medium moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Showy white flowers, bloom time only a Value:

few days, scallop shaped leaves.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

# Sanicula canadensis

Canada Sanicle

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color 75 cm; greenish yellow flowers bloom

May-July; hooked, bristly fruit.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry open woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

Greenish yellow flowers, often overlooked

due to their small size. Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Saururus cernuus Lizard's Tail

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 4'; hairy, erect stem; spike of Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

small whitish flowers bloom June-August. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Still water, wet lowlands, stream and lake

edges.

**Ecosystem** Attracts birds.

Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Moist to wet soil conditions.

Ornamental

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

**Salt** Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Silene caroliniana ssp. Pensylvanica

Wild Pink

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 6", grows in clumps, flowers dark pink in April-May.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine tolerance:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Crevasses in exposed bedrock in

undisturbed, dry, woods.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought; medium moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Showy dark pink flowers in spring.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. **Other:** Attracts early season pollinators.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Widowsfrill Silene stellata

Wetland Indicator: NI Native To: New York City **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 2'-3'; perennial, multi-stemmed,

white flowers bloom July-August; fringed

petals.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Open woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Hydrology: Moist, rich soils.

Ornamental

Tolerance:

Brilliant white flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Sisyrinchium angustifolium

**Blue Eyed Grass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW-Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Perennial, grows to 6-20", flowers pale-Form/Color

blue in June-July.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in restoration of open

woodlands.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, open soil, open woods, fields.

**Ecosystem** 

Browsed by large mammals and

Services: terrestrial birds.

Hydrology: Low tolerance of drought; medium

moisture usage.

Radially symmetrical, pale-blue flowers.

**Ornamental** Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Shade

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Solidago bicolor Silverrod

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color 1-5 stems to 3'; white flowers bloom Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: August-October. tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, open, oak, woods on sterile, rocky

soil.

**Ecosystem** Attracts bees.

Services:

Hydrology: Dry soil conditions.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of open, dry woodlands, butterfly gardens.

**Shade** Tolerance:

Hydrology:

Tolerant of partial shade.

#### **Blue Stemmed Goldenrod** Solidago caesia

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color 3': yellow flowers bloom August-October;

moderate grower.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Services:

Rich, open, deciduous woods; frequent in Habitat:

NYC understories.

**Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Fine and medium textured soils; low

drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** Showy, yellow flowers. Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of moist Shade Moderately tolerant of shade. forest understories; used in butterfly

Tolerance: gardens; short lifespan.

Solidago canadensis

Canada Goldenrod

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.8-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, multi-stemmed to 6'; yellow

flowers bloom August-October; fast

grower.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerant of fill and concrete.

Tolerance:

Urban

Habitat: Open areas and old fields.

> **Ecosystem** Eaten by small and large mammals

Services: and terrestrial birds.

Hydrology: Fine, coarse, and medium textured soils;

medium drought tolerance.

Ornamental Value:

Showy, yellow flowers.

Compatibility: Can compete with Mugwort invasion

in nutrient rich, open fill soils, considered aggressive.

Salt

Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Other: Used for erosion control on open

slope, degraded open areas, meadows with concrete, roadsides.

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Solidago juncea

**Early Goldenrod** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 4';

showy, yellow flowers bloom July-August.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of concrete and fill soil.

Habitat: Dry fields and roadsides.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts birds and butterflies.

Hydrology: Dry to moist, sandy soils.

**Ornamental** 

Showy, yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in vegetation of open

**Shade** Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

slopes, degraded open areas, roadsides, meadows with concrete.

Solidago nemoralis **Gray Goldenrod** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 3';

showy, yellow flowers bloom August-

September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of fill soils.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Open, dry, sandy soil, old fields, thin

woods, edges.

**Ecosystem** Eaten by small and large mammals

Services: and terrestrial birds.

Hydrology: Coarse and medium textured soils;

medium drought tolerance.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Ornamental** 

Shade

Tolerance:

Showy, yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for restoration of coastal

grasslands and meadows on dry,

sandy, sterile soils.

Solidago odora **Sweet Goldenrod** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 5';

showy, yellow flowers bloom July-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Other:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sandy soil in open woods, fields,

edges.

**Ecosystem** Eaten by small and large mammals Services:

and terrestrial birds; attracts honey

bees.

Hydrology: Dry and sandy soil.

**Ornamental** 

Showy, yellow flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance: sandy, sterile soils.

aesthetics in restoration of thin meadows, open woodlands on dry,

Used for increased diversity and

Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod Solidago rugosa

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 4':

showy, yellow flowers bloom August-

November; fast grower.

Tolerant of stormwater. Stormwater Tolerance:

Urban Tolerant of fill soils and concrete.

Tolerance: Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist to dry open areas.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts birds.

Hydrology: Medium moisture usage; wet, well-

drained soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Showy, yellow flowers.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Prevents invasion from mugwort in

nutrient rich, moist fill soils.

**Shade** Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of shade.

Solidago sempervirens

Seaside Goldenrod

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW New York City Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 5';

thick leathery leaves, showy yellow flowers bloom September-November; produces fruit September-November.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Low dunes, brackish wet areas, salt

marsh edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Attracts butterflies, bees, and small

Services: mammals.

Hydrology: Coarse and medium textured soils:

medium drought tolerance.

Ornamental

Showy, yellow flowers.

Intolerant of shade.

Value:

Shade

Tolerance:

Compatibility:

Salt Very tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for increasing diversity when

restoring high salt marsh habitats, back dune swales, and low fore-

dunes.

Solidago speciosa

**Showy Goldenrod** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, frequently multistemmed to 5';

showy, yellow flowers bloom August-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerates poor, dry soil. Tolerance:

Habitat: Meadows, woodland edges, dry, rocky

fields.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Dry to medium soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Showy, yellow flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Used for increased diversity and Other:

aesthetics in vegetation of open slopes, meadows, roadside.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

### Symphyotrichum cordifolium

**Common Blue Wood Aster** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI **Soil:** pH 5.7- 7.5

Form/Color Grows to 5'; purple flowers bloom in

summer; moderate grower.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open woods, clearings.

> **Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Coarse and fine textured soils; medium

drought tolerance; low moisture usage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Purple flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt

Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Short lifespan.

### Symphyotrichum ericoides

White Heath Aster

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 3': white flowers bloom August-

October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, open areas; sandy soil in New York

City coastal habitats and successional

scrub.

Ecosystem Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Moist to dry soil.

**Ornamental** 

Shade

Tolerance:

White flowes.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for vegetation in restoration of

open areas, meadows, warm Intolerant of shade. season grasslands, coastal black

dune habitats. Used in butterfly

# Symphyotrichum laeve

**Smooth Blue Aster** 

Wetland Indicator: FACU Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.8-7.8

Form/Color Grows to 3'; waxy dark green leaves;

showy blue flowers bloom August-

October.

Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, open woods, sandy soil.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Moist to dry soil.

Ornamental

Showy, blue flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of partial shade.

Other: Used for open, sandy soil, in

restoration of meadows, warm season grasslands, coastal backdune successional habitats. Used in

# Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

**New England Aster** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW-**Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Grows to 6': showy, blue-purple flowers

bloom August-October; produces fruit

October-November; slow grower.

Stormwater

Tolerant of stormwater. Tolerance:

Urban Tolerance: Performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist meadows, swamps, pond edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding 25% of growing

season; tolerant of moderate drought.

Ornamental Value:

Showy, blue-purple flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Other: Tolerance: Used for open wetland restoration

and mitigation; used in butterfly

Shade Intolerant of shade. gardens.

Tolerance:

Symphyotrichum novi-belgii

New York Aster

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 4': showy, blue flowers bloom

August-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist to wet open areas.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Medium moisture conditions.

**Ornamental** 

Showy, blue flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt

Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance: Other: Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of moist to dry open areas, meadows, warm-

season grasslands.

# Symphyotrichum pilosum

### **Hairy White Oldfield Aster**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.4-7.0

Form/Color Prennial, frequently multistemmed, 5': Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

white flowers bloom August-November. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Tolerant of concrete debris and other

Tolerance: urban conditions.

Habitat: Dry to moist open habitats, slopes,

meadows, butterfly gardens.

**Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Moist to dry, sandy soil.

**Ornamental** 

White flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Symplocarpus foetidus

Skunk Cabbage

Wetland Indicator: OBL Native To: Soil: pH 5.0-6.2 New York City

Form/Color Grows to 2'; purple green floral bract

February-March; blackish, green, fleshy

fruit August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

tolerance. Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine Urban Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Swamp forests, freshwater tidal and

nontidal marshes, shady steeps, stream

banks.

**Ecosystem** Low wildlife value.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of saturated soil 100% of

growing season.

**Ornamental** 

Purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Used for increasing diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of swamp forests herb layer; wetland mitigation.

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. Tolerance:

Tephrosia virginiana

Goat's Eve

Wetland Indicator: UPL Native To: New York City Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Alternate compound leaves to 28"; pale

yellow and pink flowers bloom June-July;

produces fruit August- October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Sandy or rocky soil of of back-dune

grasslands, open pine or oak barrens.

**Ecosystem** Eaten by small and large mammals

Services: and terrestrial birds.

Hydrology: Dry, sandy soil conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Pale yellow and pink flowers.

Compatibility:

Insufficient information to determine Salt

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Parts of plant considered toxic. Used for increased diversity and aesthetics in restoration or open woodlands or

barrens on dry sandy soil.

Thalictrum dioicum

**Early Meadow Rue** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.0-8.0

Form/Color Grows to 1-2'; herbacious perennial;

showy, white flowers bloom April-May.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, moist meadows, edges, rocky,

open woods.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Fine and medium textured soils; medium Hydrology:

drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** 

Showy, white flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Short lifespan. Male and female flowers are on separate plants.

Shade

Moderately tolerant of shade.

#### Thalictrum pubescens

King of the Meadow

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.0-8.0

Form/Color Grows to 9'; stalkless stem leaves; pale

green flowers bloom June-August; small

rounded head of achenes.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet woods, meadows, marshes, stream

banks.

Ecosystem Services:

m Attracts butterflies and bees.

**Hydrology:** Wet or moist soil; well-drained soil.

Ornamental

Pale green flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Short lifespan.

# Tiarella cordifolia

**Heartleaf Foamflower** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 1', flowers white in May, fruits in

July.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Attracts small bees, flies and

Services: butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Medium moisture usage.

Ornamental

Showy white flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Other:

Spreads well by rhizomes.

Tradescantia virginiana

**Spiderwort** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU New York City Soil: pH 4.0-8.0

Form/Color Grows to 18"; 3-petaled blue flowers on

erect stem bloom in small clusters May-

June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of fill soils.

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Open woods, edges, fill.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies and bees.

Hydrology: Fine and medium textured soils.

Ornamental

Blue flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Short lifespan, fast grower.

Shade Tolerance:

Triadenum virginicum

Virginia Marsh St. Johnswort

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL New York City Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 2'; pinkish, 5-petaled pinkish

flowers.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet, open areas, pond edges, clean,

undisturbed marshes.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerates some flooding.

Ornamental

Pink flowers.

Value:

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Used for increased diversity and aesthetics, erosion control, in

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

wetland restoration and mitigations.

### Trichostema dichotomum

**Forked Bluecurls** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 6-24"; blue irregularly 5-lobed

flowers bloom August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Open, dry, soil, old fields, open woods,

open dry, disturbed soil.

Ecosystem

Services:

Valuable to native bees.

Hydrology: Dry, sandy soil conditions.

Ornamental

Blue flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other: Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of dry grasslands or coastal meadows.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

### Typha angustifolia

**Narrowleaf Cattail** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL **Soil:** pH 3.5-8.7

Form/Color Tall grasslike form, wide leaves, to 10';

brown flowers bloom May-June; produces

fruit July-August; fast grower.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Swamps, pond margins, freshwater and

brackish tidal marshes, open saturated

soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Moderate wildlife value; rhizomes

eaten by muskrats; red-wing blackbirds use for nesting.

Hydrology: Coarse, fine, and medium textured soils;

low drought tolerance.

Brown flowers and seed heads.

**Ornamental** Value:

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Sometimes used in restorations and

mitigations; used for controlling erosion in wetland soils in brackish or alkaline soils; long lifespan.

**Broadleaf Cattail** Typha latifolia

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.5-8.7

Form/Color Tall grasslike form, broad leaves, to 10';

male yellowish flowers, dark brown female flowers bloom May-July; fast

grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Clean water, marshes, roadside ditches.

Ecosystem

Seeds eaten by waterfowl; rhizomes

Services: eaten by muskrats.

Hydrology: Coarse, fine, and medium textured soils:

intolerant of drought; high moisture usage.

Ornamental Value:

Yellowish flowers.

Intolerant of shade.

Compatibility: Frequently forms colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Shade** Tolerance:

**Tolerance:** 

Other: Used for erosion control, bank

stabilization, in freshwater wetlands, restorations of pond margins, marshes, and wetland mitigations.

Uvularia sessilifolia

Sessileleaf Bellwort

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU **New York City Soil:** pH 4.8-5.6

Form/Color Grows to 4-12"; pale yellow flowers with 6

petals, dangle from under the stem, bloom April-mid-July; 3-sided fruit

produced in summer.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Undisturbed moist forest interiors.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Prefers moist conditions. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** 

Pale yellow flowers, attractive fruit.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Tolerant of shade. Shade

Tolerance:

Other:

Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of moist

forest understories.

Verbena hastata Swamp Verbena

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 4', perennial; blue tubular

flowers bloom July-September.

Stormwater Tole Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

**Urban** Performs well in the right of way. **Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Open areas, part shade, marshes, pond

edges.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by birds; plants eaten by

Services: rabbits.

**Hydrology:** Prefers moist conditions.

Ornamental Value:

Blue flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

<u>Verbena urticifolia</u> White Vervain

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 4'; erect hairy single stem; small

tubular white flowers bloom June-August;

small dry fruit.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wetland edges; partially shaded open

edges in good soil.

**Ecosystem** 

Compatibility:

Seeds eaten by songbirds; plant

Services: eaten by rabbits.

**Hydrology:** Moist, well-drained soils.

Ornamental

White flowers.

Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine tolerance:

tolerance.

Other:

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

### Vernonia noveboracensis

**New York Ironweed** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.5-8.0 **New York City** 

Form/Color Grows to 3-6'; purple flowers August-

October; dry achene with dark brownish

plume fruit; moderate grower.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Performs well in the right of way.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Open marshes, wet edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Attracts butterflies and insects.

Moderate drought tolerance; medium Hydrology:

moisture usage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Purple flowers.

Compatibility:

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

### Veronicastrum virginicum

**Culver's Root** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Regional **Soil:** pH < 6.8

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 6', whorled leaves,

flowers white in June-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Short lifespan.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Other:

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist to dry woods, gaps, dry

meadows.

Host to several bee species, moths, **Ecosystem** 

Services: flies, wasps, and butterflies.

Hydrology: Medium to wet moisture usage. Moderate

drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** 

Showy, white, bottle-brush shaped

Value: Compatibility: flowers.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of light shade.

<u>Viola cucullata</u> Blue Marsh Violet

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color To 8". Pale violet flowers with dark blue-

veined center bloom April-July; eggshaped fruit, dry capsule with black seeds

April-July.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Swamps, bogs.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

Attracts birds.

**Hydrology:** Moist, well-drained soils.

Ornamental

Pale violet flowers.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

<u>Viola labradorica</u>

Labrador Violet

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 5.0-6.5

Form/Color Evergreen, perrenial; grows 1-3"; violet to

lavendar flowers bloom in May.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Other:

**Habitat:** Woods and grassy places.

**Ecosystem** Attracts butterflies and birds. **Services:** 

**Hydrology:** Well-drained soil; moist soil conditions.

**Ornamental** Lavendar, purple flowers.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Viola pubescens **Yellow Forest Violet** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU New York City Soil: pH 6.0-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 18"; showy, yellow flowers Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance: tolerance.

bloom April-May; produces fruit July-

August.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Rich woods and floodplain forests.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Attracts butterflies.

Hydrology: Medium textured soils; medium drought

tolerance.

Ornamental

Showy, yellow flowers.

Value:

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

aesthetics in restoration of forest understories; short lifespan.

Used for increased diversity and

Shade Tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Viola sororia **Common Violet** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC-Soil: pH 6.0-7.8

Form/Color Grows to 6"; showy, violet flowers bloom

April-May; produces fruit June-July.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of disturbance. Tolerates

> Tolerance: calcium deicers.

Habitat: Open woods, shady lawns.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Other:

Attracts butterflies.

Used for shady edges.

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance; high moisture

usage; fine and medium textured soils.

**Ornamental** 

Violet flowers.

Compatibility: Value:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

### Viola x primulifolia

#### **Primrose-leaved Violet**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Grows to 6"; white flowers marked with

purple bloom April-June; fruit produces

August-October.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist, open meadows; open swamp

forests, sandy soil.

Ecosystem Services:

Compatibility:

Attracts butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Sandy soil.

Ornamental

White flowers with purple.

Value:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** Used for increased diversity and

aesthetics in restoration of wooded wetlands in appropriate habitats.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

### Waldsteinia fragarioides

# **Barren Strawberry**

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Slightly acidic

soils.

Form/Color Herbaceous perrenial, five-petaled, yellow

flowers bloom April to May; grows to 6".

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wooded slopes.

Ecosystem Services:

Compatibility:

**Hydrology:** Medium moisture usage; drought tolerant.

Ornamental

Yellow flowers.

Value:

Salt

Very tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

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Other: Fruit is inedible; good plant for low

maintenance sites.

Zizia aurea **Golden Alexanders** 

**Native To:** Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC **Soil:** pH 5.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 32", shiny compound leaves

with 3-5 leafelets, flowers yellow in April-

June, fruits in August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist meadows, wet, open woods,

rich soil.

Host to some butterfly species. **Ecosystem** 

Services:

Hydrology: Moist soils, not drought tolerant.

Ornamental Showy yellow flowers in spring and

Value: summer. Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of shade.

# Ferns:

Ferns add texture to the ground plane and there are species adapted to sun or shade, wet or dry conditions, and various heights and degrees of vigor.

Adiantum pedatum

Maidenhair Fern

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FAC- Soil: pH 4.6-6.6

**Form/Color** Slow grower to 3', erect stipe that forks in

two, leaf blades lax and arching, spores

in July-August.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

**Tolerance:** low tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Rich, moist woods, stream banks.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

Fronds occaisonally eaten by rabbits,

secondary species for increased

diversity.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of mild drought.

Ornamental Value:

Fine fronds, semi-erect shape.

Compatibility: Slow seed spread rate, low seedling

vigor, moderate vegetative spread

rate.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Asplenium platyneuron

**Ebony Spleenwort** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

**Form/Color** Semievergreen perennial, grows to 1.5',

spores June-October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Will colonize masonary in urban sites,

**Tolerance:** found in disturbed sites.

Habitat: Moist, open, rocky woods, rich,

circumneutral soil.

**Ecosystem** Minor species for increased diversity.

Services:

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental Value:

Fronds have herringbone shape and are

light and dark green.

Compatibility: Does not compete well with

aggressive plants.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Exploitably vulnerable in New York

state.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Athyrium filix-femina

Lady Fern

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 3.9-7.0 **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial, fine-textured, upright-growing

fern, moderate grower to 2-3', spores

June-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist woods, shady edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Leaves eaten by rabbits and deer. Services:

secondary species for increased

diversity.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Fine-textured fronds, upright growing.

**Compatibility:** Moderate rate of vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt. Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Dennstaedtia punctilobula

**Hay-Scented Fern** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL New York City Soil: pH 4.0-5.0

Form/Color Perennial, groundcover, single, very fine

fronds in large colonies, 1-3.5', spreads primarily by rhizomes, spores June-

August.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Other:

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Open woods, gaps, edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Habitat for birds and bees.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought when well

established.

**Ornamental** 

Single, very fine fronds, that will colonize.

Value:

Compatibility: May crowd out less aggressive

plants. Can form colonies.

Often colonizes old burn sites.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of open shade.

### Deparia acrostichoides

### Silver False Spleenwort

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.1-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, fronds to 4' long, long-tapering

fronds, forms in asymmetric clumps.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Damp woods, slopes.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Needs consistently moist soil.

Ornamental Value:

Silvery fronds.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Other: Exploitably vulnerable in New York

state, parts of plant poisonous if

ingested.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

# **Dryopteris carthusiana**

# **Spinulose Woodfern**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 5.0-6.0

Form/Color Evergreen, delicate, lacy-cut, lance-

shaped fronds, grow in colonies, 1-2.5',

spores May-August.

**Stormwater** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Other:

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Rich, moist to wet woods, circumneutral

soil.

**Ecosystem** Secondary or minor species for

**Services:** increased diversity.

**Hydrology:** Needs consistently moist soil.

Ornamental

Delicate, lacy-cut, lance-shaped fronds.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

**Dryopteris cristata** 

**Crested Woodfern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ **Soil:** pH 3.5-6.5

Form/Color Evergreen, blue-green narrow lance-

shaped fronds, 1.5-2.5', spores July-

August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, high tolerance of soil compaction. Tolerance:

Habitat: Wet woods, swamp forests, bogs in acid

soil.

Secondary or minor species for **Ecosystem** 

Services: increased diversity.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Blue-green narrow lance-shaped fronds.

Compatibility: Slow seed spread rate, moderate

vegetative spread rate.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Shade **Tolerance:**  Other:

Dryopteris marginalis

**Marginal Woodfern** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH up to 7.5

Form/Color Evergreen, fine, clustered fronds, vase-

like, 1.5-2', spores June-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban **Tolerance:**  Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Habitat: Woods, shaded, rocky slopes.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Secondary species for increased diversity, provides habitat and shelter

for birds and bees.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, prefers moist soil.

Ornamental Value:

Fine, clustered fronds.

Compatibility:

Salt

Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Exploitably vulnerable in New York

state.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive Fern

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-7.5 **New York City** 

Form/Color Perennial, sturdy, coarse, with broad

triangular fronds, grows moderately to 1-

2', spores mature in October.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution,

performs well in the right of way. Tolerance:

Habitat: Open swamp forests, freshwater tidal and

nontidal marshes, undisturbed ditches.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low, but eaten by some

Services: insects.

Tolerant of flooding. Intolerant of drought. Hydrology:

Ornamental Value:

Broad triangular fronds with persistent

fertile frond throughout.

Intolerant of salt.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt

Tolerance:

Other: Eaten by some insects, toxic to

horses, tolerant of disturbed sites with wet soil. Used for swamp forest

restoration.

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Osmunda cinnamomea

Cinnamon Fern

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW New York City Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, large, pinnate fronds growing

in circular clusters, to 2.5-3', spores

mature May-June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils,

> Tolerance: moderate tolerance of soil

> > compaction.

Habitat: Swamp forests, shady stream banks,

moist to wet forest soil.

**Ecosystem** Eaten by rabbits, but overall wildlife

Services: value low.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding and drought.

**Ornamental** 

Large, pinnate fronds in circular clusters.

Value: Cinnamon colored fronds. Compatibility: Moderate seed spread rate.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: Slow grower. Used for restoration of

swamp forest habitats, woodland

pond edges.

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of shade. Prefers partial shade.

Osmunda claytoniana

**Interrupted Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.0-6.0

Form/Color Perennial, large, coarse, pinnate fronds,

2-4', spores May-June.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance:

Adapted to medium and fine soils,

moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Moist to somewhat dry open woods, rocky

or sandy acid soils.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Used infrequently by wildlife.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought, prefers moist

soil.

**Ornamental** Large pinnate fronds. Fertile pinnae

Value: interrupting the fronds. Compatibility: Slow seed spread rate, rapid

vegetative spread rate.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Osmunda regalis

**Royal Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, fine, bipinnate fronds, to 2-6',

spores May-June.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Stream banks, freshwater tidal marshes,

swamp forests, vernal pond margins, shallow water to wet soil, prefers acid soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding and drought.

**Ornamental** 

Fine fronds. Delicate soft green fertile

Value: fronds. Compatibility: Rapid vegetative spread.

Salt Tolerance:

Intolerant of salt.

Other:

Slow grower. Used for restoration of

**Shade** Tolerant of light shade.

swamp forest habitats, woodland pond edges, stream banks.

Tolerance:

Polypodium virginianum

**Rock Cap Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH < 6.8

Form/Color Evergreen, grows to 1' or less, spores

June-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist to dry shade, in thin, circumneutral

soils on glacial erratics in rocky woods, sometimes on banks, tree bases, old

Ecosystem Services:

logs, limestone cliffs.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought and moist, well-

drained soil.

Ornamental Value:

Persistent leathery fronds that will

colonize on rocky areas.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Other:

Exploitably vulnerable in New York

state. Secondary species for

increased diversity.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

## Polystichum acrostichoides

**Christmas Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU- Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Evergreen groundcover, fronds clustered,

tall, bushy, 1-3', spores May-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Minor species for increased diversity.

Habitat: Rich soil of wooded slopes with minimal

deep leaf litter, rocky slopes.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought, prefers well-drained

soil.

Ornamental C

Clustered persistent fronds that thrive on

Value: slopes.

Compatibility:

Other:

**Salt** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

ance.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

Pteridium aquilinum

**Bracken Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, coarse fern to approximately 4',

produces new fronds all season, blade is broadly triangular an divided into 3 nearly equal parts with leathery or papery

texture.

Habitat: Dry, sterile soils, open, shrubby

successional habitats or open woodlands in sterile, sandy soils.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Shade

Tolerance:

Large, triangular shaped leaves.

Compatibility: Can be aggressive, particularly in

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Ecosystem

moths.

Services:

Urban

burned-over sites, allelopathic.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Somewhat weedy, infected by fungi,

leaf spot, root/stem rot, no edible

parts, toxic to animals.

Intolerant of stormwater.

Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

no tolerance of soil compaction.

Eaten by insect larvae, especially

Thelypteris noveboracensis

**New York Fern** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.9-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, very fine, pinnate fronds, 1-2',

Tolerant of partial shade.

spores June-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Open, moist to wet woodlands.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value low.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental

Very fine, pinnate fronds.

Value:

Compatibility: Aggressively colonial with rapid

Used for erosion control.

colonization rate.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Thelypteris palustris

Marsh Fern

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, slender fronds, moderate

grower to 18", spore production June-

October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes,

wet meadows, rich muddy, subacid soil,

stream banks

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low, good cover for

Services: smaller insects.

Hydrology: Does not prefer standing water, but grows

well by water.

**Ornamental** Lance-oblong fronds, slightly narrower at Value:

base, turns harvest gold in the fall.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: state.

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Woodwardia areolata

**Netted Chain Fern** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.6-6.5

Form/Color Perennial, lobed fronds, slow grower to 2',

spore production July-September.

Stormwater

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

Exploitably vulnerable in New York

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Somewhat tolerant of urban pollution.

Transplants well. Exploitably vulernable in New York state.

Habitat: Swamp forests, in acid soil, acid bogs,

shrub swamps.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Requires consistently moist soil.

**Ornamental** 

Leaves begin pink and mature to forest-

Value: green. Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

# Graminoids:

Graminoids provide abundant food sources to bird, animal, and insect species and can provide textural interest to ornamental planting. Different species are adapted to a wide variety of light, soil, and hydrologic conditions.

Agrostis perennans

**Autumn Bent-Grass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, grows to 3' tall, tufted with

autumn basal shoots, inflorescence

flowers and fruits August-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban High tolerance of soil compaction

Tolerance:

Habitat: Disturbed woods, open areas, lawns, trail

edges.

**Ecosystem** Slightly palatable for browse animals, Services:

moderately palatable for graze

animals.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Pale green to bronze-tinged

inflorescence. Fine-textured form.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

endophytic fungi.

grower, moderate rate of vegetative

Susceptible to infection by some

spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Ammophila breviligulata

**Beach Grass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 5.5-7.9

Form/Color Rapid grower to 3', blooms and fruits in

July-September. Thick wiry-green basal

foliage with upright yellow flowering stalks.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Other:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Adapted to coarse and medium **Tolerance:** textured soils, low tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Beach foredunes, needs a moving

substrate.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Moderately palatable by browse

Services: animals.

Hydrology: Moderately tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, rapid

grower, moderate rate of vegetative

Used extensively in dune stabilization.

spread.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Andropogon gerardii

Big Bluestem

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 6.5-7.5

Form/Color Perennial, 3-9' tall, tufted, stems waxy

blue-green and purple in bloom, densely

flowered purple in July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance: soils, moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Open areas.

> Ecosystem Services:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

Blue-green stem, with a turkey foot shaped inflorescene. Purple-white

flowers.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, slow rate of

vegetative spread. May become

weedy.

Salt Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of salt.

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

# Andropogon virginicus

**Broom-Sedge** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.9-7.0 New York City

Form/Color Perennial, 20-60" tall, in clumps, pale,

waxy green in bloom, pale yellow-tan in winter, awned, blooms and fruits in

August-October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Adapted to medium and fine soils, no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Sandy, gravelly soil, open areas, uplands

to seasonally dry wetland edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value moderate, host to some

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Green and straw yellow stalk with white

Value:

fluffy seeds along the stalk.

Compatibility: Allelopathic to competitors.

Salt

Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance: Other:

Early pioneer on poor soil, often infected by endophytic fungi.

### Aristida dichotoma

### **Churchmouse Three-Awn**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Annual, 8-16" tall, tufted, pale green to

reddish, spikelets, blooms and fruits in

August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sterile soil, fill.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Gray-green to reddish stalks turning a

straw-like color.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Aristida oligantha

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Prairie Three-Awn

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Annual, 8-16" tall, pale green, spikelets,

blooms and fruits in August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Toleran

Urban Tolerance: Tolerant of gravel, sand, and clay.

**Habitat:** Dry, open areas, sandy soil.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

Seeds eaten by some rodents and songbirds, attracts butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought, intolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Pale green stalks, turning a straw-like

Value: color.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Aristida purpurascens

Arrowfeather

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic to alkaline

soils.

Form/Color Perennial, 1-3' tall, tufted, spikelets,

purplish, blooms and fruits in August-

October.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Should tolerate concrete debris.

Tolerance:

**Habitat:** Dry, sparsely vegetated soils, prairies,

glades.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Purplish plants.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Other: May be mechanically injurious to

livestock.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Aristida tuberculosa

Three-Awn

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Annual, 32" tall, spikelets, inflorescence

open, blooms and fruits in August-

October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urba

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sterile, soil in open areas, sandy fill,

dunes.

Ecosystem Services:

Seeds eaten by few birds and small mammals, plants eaten by rabbits.

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Distinctive open inflorescence with long

twisted awns.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

## **Bolboschoenus robustus**

### Saltmarsh Bulrush

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.4-8.4

Form/Color Rhizomatous; blooms and produces fruit

July-October; alternating green leaves; dry, papery flowers covered by brown, finely hairy scale on 1" long cylindrical

spikes.

Habitat: High salt marsh; near brackish water; fine

and medium textured soil.

Services:

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance; high moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Large cluster of long spikelets sessisle to

Value: a green blade. Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Very tolerant of salt.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Carex albicans var. emmonsii

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Wetland Indicator: UPL Native To: Soil: Acidic soils. New York City

Form/Color Perennial, to 18", densely tufted, forms

small, circular mats, winter-green, green center stripe, dark purple margins on

flowers, blooms and fruits in April-May.

Dry, open woods.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Stormwater

Tolerance:

Tolerance:

Urban

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Open inflorescence with long twisted

Value: awns, attractive tufted form.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of moderate shade.

Tolerance:

Habitat:

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of concrete debris.

Tolerance:

Roots eaten by muskrats; seeds Ecosystem

eaten by songbirds and waterfowl.

Other: Long lifespan. One of the few native

sedges to tolerate brackish

Insufficient information to determine

Insufficient information to determine

conditions.

tolerance.

tolerance.

**Emmon's Sedge** 

Other:

Compatibility:

Yellowfruit Sedge Carex annectens

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows 1-3' in dense tussocks, flowers Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

greenish-yellow in May-June. Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Compatibility:

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Open, dry to moist soils. Habitat:

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Greenish-yellow blooms with the Value: inflorescence held above the stems.

Grass-like leaves in dense clumps.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: Other: tolerance.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Habitat:

**Ornamental** 

### Carex appalachica **Appalachian Sedge**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color To 32", slender, tufted, blooms and fruits Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

in June-July. **Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Easy to grow, tolerant of several soil **Tolerance:** types.

**Ecosystem** Host to some butterflies.

Services:

Moist, open forest understories.

Tolerant of drought and moist soil. Hydrology:

Fine textured clumps with graceful Value: arching fruiting stems. Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. Tolerance:

Carex atlantica **Prickly Bog Sedge** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.5-6.0

Form/Color To 32", tufted, blooms and fruits in June-Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

August. Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fines soils, high tolerance of soil compaction. Tolerance:

Habitat: Open swamps.

Ecosystem Host to some butterflies.

Services:

**Ornamental** Fine green flowering stems and foliage,

grows in tussocks. Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate grower, moderate rate of vegetative

spread.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Intolerant of drought.

Hydrology:

Value:

Habitat:

Salt

Tolerance:

Carex blanda **Woodland Sedge** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FAC New York City **Soil:** pH 4.4-7.0

Form/Color Semievergreen, 8"-2' tall, tufted, waxy Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

green, flowers whitish, blooms and fruits Tolerance: tolerance.

in May-June. Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils,

Tolerance: high tolerance of soil compaction.

shady lawn edges. Wildlife value low.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Moist to dry, often disturbed, woods,

**Ornamental** Whitish flowers, waxy-green foliage and Value: Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, slow grower, seed heads.

no vegetative spread.

Tolerance: Other:

Intolerant of salt.

**Shade** Tolerant of shade.

Carex communis

Fibrousroot Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, 8-20" tall, forms tussocks,

purplish at base.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Mixed deciduous woods, upland oak

forests.

**Ecosystem** 

Attractive to ants.

Services:

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Value:

Ground cover, attractive tussocks.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. Other: Good substitution for Carex

pensylvanica.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of open shade.

Carex comosa

**Bearded Sedge** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL **Soil:** pH 4.6-7.5

Form/Color Slow grower to 3', tufted, blooms and

fruits in June-September.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance:

Adapted to medium and fine soils, high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Marshes, wet meadows, pond edges.

**Ecosystem** 

Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Long drooping thick yellow seed heads.

Value:

**Compatibility:** Not a known allelopath, slow grower,

moderate rate of vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

<u>Carex crinita</u> Fringed Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color To 4', tufted, blooms and fruits in May- Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

August. Tolerance: tolerance.

**Urban** Adapted to medium and fine soils,

**Tolerance:** high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open swamp forests, marshes.

Ecosystem Moderately palatable by some

Services: animals.

**Hydrology:** Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Staggered drooping seed heads turning

Value: from yellow to brown, grows in bunches. Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade. **Tolerance:** 

<u>Carex debilis</u> White-Edge Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.6-6.6

Form/Color Perennial, to 3', tufted, looks similar to Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

grass, blooms and fruits in May-June. **Tolerance**: tolerance.

**Urban** Adapted to coarse and medium soils, **Tolerance:** high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Swamp forest edges, moist woods.

Ecosystem Host to some butterflies.
Services:

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

Ornamental Fine textured drooping seed heads,
Value: Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other:

Shade Tolerant of shade.
Tolerance:

Carex folliculata

Northern Long Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Perennial, clumped, 1-3' tall, tufted, Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

blooms and fruits in June-August. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Wet woods, wet meadow, moist upland

sites.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Attractive tufts

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. Other:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Carex intumescens Bladder Sedge

Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Native To: New York City Soil: pH 4.8-6.9

Form/Color Stormwater

To 32", tufted, blooms and fruits in May-August.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, **Tolerance:** high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open swamp forests, wet meadows,

floodplain forests.

**Ecosystem** Host to some butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

Ornamental Large star-like seeds heads sessile to Value:

the flowering stem, grows in bunches. Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

Other:

grower, no vegetative spread.

Insufficient information to determine

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Carex Iupulina **Hop Sedge** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.2-7.0

Form/Color Perennial, to 8-51", solitary stems or

small clumps, blooms and fruits in June-

October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils,

Tolerance: moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Wet meadows, pond edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Seeds eaten by birds and small mammals, plant eaten by some

mammals.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Large clustered seed head in an oval-like

form are distinctive.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Tolerance: Intolerant of salt.

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Carex Iurida Shallow Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.9-6.8

To 3', tufted, blooms and fruits in June-Form/Color

October.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance: soils, moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Wet, open soil of marshes, wet

meadows.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Green flowers and foliage, yellow fruit

clustered in a long oval-like form.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade Tolerance:** 

Carex pensylvanica

Pennsylvania Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 5.0

Form/Color Semievergreen, 20" tall, tufts leafy and

reddish, forms patchy ground cover,

blooms in March-May.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Tolerant of stormwater.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Upland oak, mixed deciduous woods, dry,

sandy soil.

Ecosystem Services:

Seeds eaten by birds and small

mammals, plant eaten by some

mammals.

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Attractive small tufts.

**Compatibility:** Colonial from rhizomes or stolons.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Shade** Tolerant of open shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Carex platyphylla

**Broadleaf Sedge** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Grows to 16"; stems tufted; waxy pale

green basal wide leaves; blooms and

fruits May-June.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Url

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Habitat:** Rich, mixed deciduous woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Host plant for butterflies

**Hydrology:** Moist to average; well drained.

Ornamental

Very wide tufted leaves are distinctive.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerance:

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Other: Minor species for increased diversity

and aesthetics in restoration of

woodland understories.

Carex radiata

**Eastern Star Sedge** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Circumneutral

soils.

Form/Color Perennial, densely tufted, to 32" tall, very

slender, blooms and fruits in June-July.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban tolerance.

Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

Habitat: Moist woods, open forest understories.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Low tolerance of drought.

Ornamental Value:

Tufted, slender leaves.

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Other:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Carex rosea Rosy Sedge

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Circumneutral **New York City** 

soils.

Form/Color Perennial, densely tufted, 32" tall,

inflorescence of small clusters, blooms

and fruits in June-July.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Moist woods, usually near wetland edges.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Low tolerance of drought.

Ornamental

Tufted slender leaves.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Other:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Carex scoparia

**Pointed Broom Sedge** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW **New York City** Soil: pH 4.6-6.9

Form/Color To 3', tufted, blooms and fruits in May-

August. Green foliage with nodding or arching inflorescene on flowering stems. Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, high tolerance of soil compaction. Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist to temporary shallow water of

marshes, open swamp forests, wet

meadows.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value low, mildly palatable to

Services: larger animals.

Hydrology: Intolerant to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Attractive foliage and flowering stems.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade

Other:

Carex stipata

**Awl-Fruited Sedge** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.9-7.9

Form/Color Slow grower to 3', tufted, blooms and

fruits in May-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban **Tolerance:** 

Other:

Should tolerate concrete debris.

Habitat: Wet meadows, swamps.

> Moderately palatable to browse **Ecosystem**

Services: animals.

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought and brief flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Upright flowering fleshy stems with spike-

like inflorescence at the apex, grows in

clumps.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, slow grower,

slow rate of vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade Tolerance:**  Tolerant of partial shade.

Carex stricta **Tussock Sedge** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **New York City** Soil: pH 3.5-7.0

Form/Color Moderate grower to 3', densely tufted,

forms permanent, low tussocks, blooms

and fruits in May-August.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Adaptable, moderate tolerance of soil Tolerance:

compaction, performs well in the right

of way.

Habitat: Shallow, calm, undisturbed swamps,

freshwater tidal areas, margins of

woodland ponds.

Wildlife value high, host to some **Ecosystem** 

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Large tussock forming sedge with

clustered brown seed heads at the ends

of the flowering stems.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Other:

Carex swanii Swan's Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color Perennial, tufted, to 3' tall, reddish at

base, densely flowered, pale grayish-

green.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

woods.

Tolerates disturbed habitats. Urban **Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Upland forest understory, disturbed

**Ecosystem** Host to some butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental

Tufted form.

Value:

Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance. Other:

**Shade** 

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Carex virescens Ribbed Sedge

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City Soil:** Not Available.

To 40", tufted, pale green plant, blooms Form/Color

and fruits in May-July.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry woods, thickets.

> Ecosystem Services:

> > Other:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** 

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Carex vulpinoidea Fox Sedge

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.8-8.9

Form/Color Slow grower to 3', tufted, blooms and

fruits June-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Other:

Should tolerate concrete debris.

Habitat: Moist to wet meadows, marshes.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Green flowers and foliage, yellow to

brown seed heads on flowering stems

shorter than the leaves.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade

Cenchrus longispinus

**Common Sandbur** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Annual, to 32", tufted, blooms and fruits in

July-October, spiny inflorescence.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

**Habitat:** Open, sandy soil, fill, usually coastal.

Ecosystem Services:

**Hydrology:** Moderately drought tolerant.

Ornamental Value:

Shade

Tolerance:

Tufted form.

Compatibility: Can become weedy.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Intolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** tolerance. **Other:** Common in dry waste sites. Spiny

burs are extremely sharp and barbed

and can be a nuisance.

Chasmanthium laxum

**Northen Sea Oats** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 5.0-7.0

**Form/Color** Perennial, moderate grower up to 4',

forms in clumps, upright form with

nodding seed heads.

**Stormwater** Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

**Urban** Moderate tolerance of soil

**Tolerance:** compaction, tolerant of poor soil,

performs well in the right of way.

Habitat: Moist to well-drained sites, moderate or

greater shade.

**Ecosystem** Seed eaten by birds and rodents, host

**Services:** to some butterfly species.

Compatibility: May become weedy.

**Hydrology:** Moderate tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Panicles of flat and broad seed heads

turning from green to gold dangle from

very slender stems adding fall and winter

interest.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Requires low levels of fertility;

tolerates wind.

Shade

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Cinna arundinacea Stout Woodreed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.0-8.5

Form/Color Tall woodland grass with nodding

inflorescene. To 5', stems few together,

blooms and fruits in August-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Should tolerate concrete debris,

tolerant of disturbed conditions. Tolerance:

Habitat: Moist woods, swamp forests.

> **Ecosystem** Highly palatable to deer and grazing

Services: animals.

Other:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Turns a nice straw color and has a

Value: feathery texture. Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

One of very few tall woodland grasses to bloom in the summer.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Cyperus diandrus Umbrella Flatsedge

Native To: New York City Soil: Not Available. Wetland Indicator: FACW

Form/Color Annual, to 8", blooms and fruits in June-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet to moist soil, shores.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterflies.

Other:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Scales of this sedge become pigmented Value:

with a beautiful red-purple color as they

mature.

Compatibility: May become weedy.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Gray's Flatsedge** Cyperus grayi

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color To 16", blooms and fruits in July-October. Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Dry, sandy soil or fill, open areas,

beaches.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** 

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Grows in dry sterile soil where many

other plants can't.

**Shade** Intolerant of shade. Tolerance:

Danthonia compressa

**Flattened Oatgrass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU **New York City Soil:** pH 4.8-7.0

Form/Color To 8", flowering stems to 32", leaves

short, fine, densely tufted, blooms and

fruits in June-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

Tolerance: soils, no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Moist to dry open woods.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value low.

Services:

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Low growing grass with long flowering

Value: stem. Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Often infected by an endophytic

fungus.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

Danthonia spicata

**Poverty Oatgrass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City** Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color Perennial, tufted, inflorescence to 2',

leaves to 5", blooms and fruits in May-September. Low growing grass with long

flowering stem.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Fairly tolerant of disturbance.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Dry, sterile soil of open woods and

edges, tolerant of a wide range of

habitats.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Insects feed on foliage.

Hydrology: Moderately drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Value:

Inflorescence is spike-like and turns a

straw-like color.

Compatibility: Does not tolerate taller ground cover

competition.

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. Other:

Seeds can remain dormant for a

number of decades.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of light shade.

Deschampsia caespitosa

**Tufted Hairgrass** 

Native To: Regional Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 3.5-7.5

Form/Color To 3.5', densely tufted, blooms and fruits

in June-August, wiry, short, flowers

purplish.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, high tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Wet soil, shores, cool banks.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Tall erect stems with leaves in a basal tuft. Panicle inflorescence is loosely

branched and somewhat nodding.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt

Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Deschampsia flexuosa

**Common Hairgrass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City** Soil: pH 4.8-6.8

Form/Color Perennial, slow grower to 3', tufted, wiry,

blooms and fruits in June-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

Tolerance: no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry, open woods, fields.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

> > Other:

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Thin wiry basal leaves with long arching Value:

flowering stems. Graceful inflorescence

turning a nice straw color.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Shade

Dichanthelium clandestinum

Deertongue

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC+ Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color Slow grower to 2', grows in bunches,

green foliage up to 1" wide, brown seeds,

active in spring and summer.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance: soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Other:

Habitat: Moist, often sandy ground, floodplains and

thickets on stream banks; borders, and

clearings; marshy ground, ditches.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Highly palatable to browse animals.

Hydrology: High tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** 

Green to yellow with small hairs along Value: stem and inflorescence. Terminal

flowering panicle in early summer.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, slow grower,

no vegetative spread.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade **Tolerance:** 

### Dichanthelium latifolium

### **Broadleaf Rosette Grass**

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU-Soil: pH 4.0-6.5 New York City

Form/Color Rapid grower to 3', grows in bunches,

active in Summer, blooms in Spring.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

Tolerance: no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Forests and thickets.

> Ecosystem Moderately palatable to browse

Services: animals.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Broad-leaved grass growing in rosettes.

Terminal flowering panicle with delicate

flowers and seeds.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, rapid

grower, can spread by rhizomes.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Shade

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Distichlis spicata Salt-Grass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.0-10.5

Form/Color Moderate grower to 16", plant usually

reclining, gray-green, tan in autumn,

blooms and fruits in August-October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, Tolerance: high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: High salt marsh.

> Wildlife value low. Ecosystem

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of saltwater to 50 ppt, tolerant of

spring tide flooding.

**Ornamental** Value:

Low- growing, high marsh grass. A companion plant to Spartina patens.

Thick flowering heads turning a straw like

color.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: One of very few grasses to tolerate

salt marshes.

Compatibility: Often codominant with Spartina

patens. Can form colonies.

Intolerant of shade. **Shade** 

Tolerance:

### Dulichium arundinaceum

Three-Way Sedge

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **New York City** Soil: pH 4.7-7.5

Form/Color To 3', blooms and fruits in July-October,

leaves in three ranks.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, moderate tolerance of soil Tolerance:

compaction.

Habitat: Open freshwater marshes, tidal areas,

pond edges.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value moderate, host to some

Services: butterflies.

Hydrology: Permanently saturated soil or flooding to

1 ft. Not drought tolerant.

**Ornamental** Architectural upright form, colonal habit. Value:

Green to yellow foliage with radiating leaves all along the stem.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, slow rate of vegetative

spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

**Tolerance:** 

**Shade** 

Other:

# Elymus canadensis

Canada Wild Rye

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU+ Soil: pH 5.0-7.9

Form/Color Perennial, tufted, 5' tall, waxy pale-gray-

> green, spikelets in pairs at each node, blooms and fruits in July-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance: soils, low tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Dry to moist rocky, sandy soil.

> **Ecosystem** Moderately palatable to browse

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, rapid

grower, no vegetative spread.

Services: animals.

Other:

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** 

Long arching or drooping inflorescence Value: made up of bristly spikelets with curving

awns. Can grow up to 4 ft high with long

pointed leaves along the stem.

Salt

Tolerance:

Moderately tolerant of salt.

Shade Tolerance:

Tolerant of shade.

**Elymus hystrix** Bottlebrush Grass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: Not Available.

**Form/Color** To 5', little branched with blades up to 12"

long. Blooms and fruits in June-August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Urban Tolerance:

Tolerant of air pollution.

Habitat: Upland open woods, gaps.

Ecosystem Services:

Attractive to birds.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of drought.

Ornamental Value:

Showy inflorescence that resemble bottle

brushes.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Elymus riparius

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Streambank Wild Rye

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-7.2

Form/Color To 3', tufted, blooms and fruits in July-

September.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Often infected by endophytic fungi.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance: Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Moist woods, stream banks.

Ecosystem Services:

Other:

**Hydrology:** Low tolerance to drought.

Ornamental Value:

Drooping inflorescence made up of bristly

spikelets with shorter awns than E.

canadensis.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

growth rate, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Elymus virginicus

Virginia Wild Rye

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 5.0-7.4

Form/Color To 4', culms unbranched and leaves up to

12" long. Blooms and fruits in June-

August.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

soils, moderate tolerance of soil Tolerance:

compaction.

Habitat: Open, moist woods.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Highly palatable to browse animals.

Hydrology: Moderate tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Upright growing habit and infloresence made up of thick bristly spikelets.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

growth rate, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Tolerant of partial shade.

**Shade** Tolerance: Other:

# Eragrostis spectabilis

**Purple Lovegrass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: UPL **New York City** Soil: pH 4.0-7.5

Form/Color To 2', stems usually in low tufts, blooms

and fruits in August-September,

inflorescence purple.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse and medium soils,

Other:

Tolerance: no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Tolerates dry, sandy soil or fill.

> **Ecosystem** Moderately palatable to browse

Services: animals.

Hydrology: High tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** 

Value:

Low growing, showy purple inflorescence

in fall. Green thin leaves can have a

reddish tinge.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, moderate rate of vegetative

spread.

Intolerant of salt. Salt

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

## Glyceria canadensis

## Rattlesnake Mannagrass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.0-8.5

Form/Color Moderate grower to 3', stems solitary or

few together, blooms and fruits in June-

August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine Tolerance:

soils, moderate tolerance of soil

compaction.

Habitat: Marshes, open, wet woods.

**Ecosystem** 

Other:

Wildlife value moderate, eaten by

Services: muskrat and deer.

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding to 50% of growing

season.

**Ornamental** Value:

Graceful drooping inflorescense with spikelets laterally compressed in an oval

shape.

Compatibility: Intolerant of competition. Can form

colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Glyceria obtusa

**Coastal Mannagrass** 

Native To: **New York City** Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.0-7.0

Form/Color To 3', blooms and fruits in July-

September, inflorescence dense.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerance:

Adapted to medium and fine soils, high tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Swamps, wet woods.

> **Ecosystem** Moderately palatable to browse

Services: animals.

Other:

Hydrology: Low tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Distinctive upright form with dense ovoid

infloresence.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, rapid

grower, moderate rate of vegetative

spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of shade.

Glyceria striata Fowl Mannagrass

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL **New York City** Soil: pH 4.0-8.0

Form/Color Slow to moderate grower to 4', tufted,

Swamp forests, shrub swamps.

blooms and fruits in June-September.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to medium and fine soils, high tolerance of soil compaction. Tolerance:

Ecosystem Wildlife value moderate.

Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental Early flowering grass with a wide open, Value:

delicate drooping inflorescence.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, slow rate of vegetative

spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance:

Value:

Shade

Tolerance:

Habitat:

Tolerant of partial shade.

Canadian Rush Juncus canadensis

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.5-5.9

Form/Color To 3', tufted, leaves erect, terete and

septate, blooms and fruits in July-

October.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine

> Tolerance: soils, high tolerance of soil

> > compaction.

Habitat: Swamps, marshes, wet shores.

> **Ecosystem** Host to some butterflies.

Services:

Intolerant of drought. Hydrology:

**Ornamental** Spreading inflorescence with stout, rigid

stems. Numerous small flowers with a

reddish to chesnut brown tinge.

Moderately tolerant of shade.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, rapid

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Although called Canada rush,

species barely enters southeastern Canada, being more widespread in

the eastern United States.

Juncus effusus Soft Rush

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 5.5-7.0

**Form/Color** Semievergreen, slow grower to 3', tufted,

spreading, blooms and fruits in July-

September.

**Stormwater** Tolerant of stormwater. **Tolerance:** 

**Urban** Adapted to variety of soils, moderate

**Tolerance:** tolerance of soil compaction,

performs well in the right of way.

**Habitat:** Wet meadows, freshwater tidal and

nontidal marshes, ditches, pond edges.

**Ecosystem** Wildlife value high, host to some

Services: butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental Upright clump-forming rush with bright

Value: green hollow leaves. Compact infloresence mid-way up the stem.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Tough, reliable plant, resistant to

goose depredations once

established.

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

<u>Juncus gerardii</u> Black Grass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color To 16", tufted, blooms and fruits in June-

September, inflorescence is dark.

**Stormwater** Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Other:

**Urban** Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: High salt marsh.

**Ecosystem** Provides nesting habitat, attracts

Services: waterfowl.

**Hydrology:** Tolerates some flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Tufted form.

Value: Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Greene's Rush** Juncus greenei

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: Not Available.

Form/Color To 32", erect, stem dark green and terete;

tufted; brownish compact infloresence blooms and fruits in June-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Open pine barrens, lake shores, dunes,

often associated with disturbance.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Hydrology: Moderate drought tolerance, prefers dry

well drained soils.

**Ornamental** Value:

Erect, densely tufted form.

Compatibility: Can spread by rhizomes.

Salt Moderate salt tolerance.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Not shade tolerant.

Path Rush Juncus tenuis

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC-Soil: pH 4.5-7.0

Form/Color Slow grower to 28", tufted, blooms and

fruit in July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

tolerance. Tolerance:

Urban Tolerant of trampling, compacted soil,

> Tolerance: and fill.

Habitat: Disturbed sites, dry to moist woods.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value moderate.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought, moderately tolerant of

flooding.

**Ornamental** Low-growing, colonal rush with green foliage and an infloresence turning Value:

brown.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, slow grower,

no vegetative spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

**Shade** Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Leersia oryzoides **Rice Cut-Grass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 5.1-8.8

Form/Color Moderate grower to 5', sprawling, rough

leaves, saw toothed, blooms and fruits in

June-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Compatibility: Aggressively colonial, may crowd out

less aggressive plants.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of concrete debris.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Freshwater nontidal marshes, wet

ditches, open swamp forests.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of flooding, drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Forming dense colonies, this upright grass is yellow-green in color. The panicle is open and drooping with seed

heads covered in minute bristles.

Salt Intolerant of salt. **Tolerance:** 

Shade Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

Leersia virginica White Grass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW Soil: pH 4.5-8.5

Form/Color To 5', sprawling, blooms and fruit in July-

October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet woods, along trails, disturbed sites.

Tolerant of shade.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

**Tolerance:** 

Urban

Host to some butterflies.

Tolerant of concrete debris.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Grass with soft-textured foliage and a

slender inflorescence with few spikelets.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, moderate rate of vegetative

spread.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other: looking invasive Japanese stiltgrass

Can be differentiated from the similar by short retrorse hairs at each node

along the culm.

Luzula multiflora **Common Wood-Rush** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.8-5.4

Form/Color To 16', tufted, leaves often purplish, Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

blooms and fruits in April-June. Tolerance: tolerance.

> Urban Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance.

Habitat: Dry to moist mixed deciduous or oak

woods.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Hydrology: Dry soils.

**Ornamental** Tufted form.

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

**Tolerance:** tolerance. Other:

Shade Tolerant of bright shade.

Tolerance:

# Muhlenbergia capillaris

**Pink Muhly Grass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACU Regional Soil: pH 5.8-6.8

Form/Color Grows to 24"-36" high and wide; pink

flowers in fall; copper foliage color in fall; brown, oval inconspicuous fruit; moderate

grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerant of urban conditions.

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

**Tolerance:** 

Habitat: Well drained soils.

Hydrology:

**Ecosystem** Seeds and fruit eaten by birds.

Services:

Very drought tolerant; tolerant of flooding; well drained.

**Ornamental** Attractive noticeable clouds of pink

Value: flowers. Compatibility:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Very adaptable grass; used in

wetlands and beachfronts; low

Shade Moderately tolerant of shade. maintenance. Tolerance:

Panicum virgatum Switchgrass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FAC Soil: pH 4.5-7.5

Form/Color Tall upright clump forming grass. Slow

grower to 6', tufted, blooms and fruits in

July-September.

**Stormwater** Tolerant of stormwater. **Tolerance:** 

Urban Tolerance:

Tolerant of sterile, acid, sandy soil, low nutrient fill, performs well in the

right of way.

**Habitat:** Back dunes, dry to wet meadows,

successional shrub lands, grasslands,

upper edges of salt marsh.

Ecosystem Services:

Wildlife value high.

**Hydrology:** Tolerant of flooding, drought.

Ornamental Value:

Attractive clumps. Large open panicles

turning from green to a straw-like color.

Compatibility: Does not compete well with

mugwort or other aggressive weeds

in high-nutrient soils.

Salt Tolerance: Moderately tolerant of salt.

Shade

Tolerant of partial shade.

Tolerance:

Other:

# Rhynchospora alba

White Beak Rush

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color

To 28", tufted, blooms and fruits in July-

September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Sphagnum bogs, sandy or acid peaty soil.

Ecosystem Services:

Host to some butterflies.

**Hydrology:** Intolerant of drought, tolerant of flooding.

Ornamental

Value: Compatibility:

Salt

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: to

tolerance.

Other:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

# Rhynchospora capitellata

## **Brownish Beak Rush**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: Acidic soils.

Form/Color To 32", tufted, leaves flat and narrow;

several flowers along stem bloom and

fruit in July-October.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Wet open ground, bogs, wet sand, needs

acid soil.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Host to some butterflies.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought, tolerant of flooding.

**Ornamental** 

Value: Compatibility:

Salt Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Intolerant of shade.

**Shade** Tolerance: Other:

# Saccharum giganteum

# Sugarcane plumegrass

Native To: Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Regional Soil: pH 3.5-7.0

Form/Color Grows to 10' tall; reedlike stems; green

flower blooms in summer; fast grower.

Stormwater

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Coarse and medium textured soils; open,

moist sandy areas; bogs; swales.

**Ecosystem** 

Minor provider of food for terrestrial

Services: birds.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought; medium moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Giant grass growing 6-10 ft with large Value:

fluffy terminal panicles of reddish-peach

seed heads.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

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## Schizachyrium littorale

**Coastal Little Bluestem** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: NI Soil: Circumneutral

soils.

Form/Color To 1-2', bunch grass, warm season grass

grows in late spring throughout summer.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine Tolerance:

tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Frontal back dunes, secondary dunes.

> Ecosystem Provides cover for ground birds and

Services: small mammals.

Tolerant of drought, minimally tolerant of Hydrology:

flooding.

**Ornamental** Blue-green leaves atop a spreading Value: clump form. Turning a rust color with

white fluffy seeds in the fall.

Compatibility:

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

# Schizachyrium scoparium

Little Bluestem

Wetland Indicator: FACU-Native To: New York City Soil: pH 5.0-8.4

Form/Color To 4', densely tufted, flowers bluish

purple, becomes dark orange-gold over winter, blooms and fruits in September-

October.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban **Tolerance:**  Adapted to coarse, medium, and fine soils, no tolerance of soil compaction.

Habitat: Old fields, open areas, back dunes, dry,

acid soils.

**Ecosystem** 

Services:

Other:

Highly palatable to graze animals, moderately palatable to browse

animals.

Hydrology: High tolerance to drought.

**Ornamental** Value:

Bluish purple foliage with an upright

columnar form, turning a straw-like gold

in winter with white fluffy seeds.

Compatibility: Not a known allelopath, moderate

grower, no vegetative spread.

Used for restoring grasslands and dry, open habitats, sandy soil.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

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# Schoenoplectus pungens

**Common Threesquare** 

Soil: pH 3.7-7.5 Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+

Form/Color Erect triangular stem; spikelet of sharp

brown scales; blooms brown June-

September; produces brown achene fruit.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Tolerance:

Urban Used in bioretention cells. raingardens, vegetated swales.

Tolerance:

Wet sandy, gravelly, peaty shores; pond, lake, river marshy streams; fresh to

brackish water: inland marshes.

**Ecosystem** Waterfowl and small mammals.

Services:

Hydrology: Found in wetlands. Low drought tolerance.

**Ornamental** Rhizomatous bulrush with trigonous blue-Value:

green stems. Spiklets sessile to the stem and radiating, turning a dark brown.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Tolerant of salt. Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade.

Shade Tolerance:

Habitat:

Other:

## Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani

Softstem Bulrush

Wetland Indicator: OBL Native To: New York City **Soil:** pH 5.4-7.4

Form/Color Rhizomatous; to 9'; red flower blooms in

late Spring.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban Insufficient information to determine

> Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Salt marshes and flats, river or stream

floodplains, edges of wetlands.

**Ecosystem** Seeds eaten by waterfowl.

Services:

Compatibility:

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought; high moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Tall bulrush reaching up to 9 feet tall. Value:

Smooth rounded green-blue stems have

a terminal spreading inflorescence that

turns reddish- brown.

Intolerant of shade.

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

Tolerance:

**Shade** 

Tolerance:

Other: Found throughout North America.

Stems have relatively large air cavities, which make it compress

easily when squeezed.

Scirpus atrovirens

Dark-green Bulrush

**Soil:** pH 4.0-8.0 Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL

Form/Color Moderate grower to 4', tufted, blooms and

fruits in July-August.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater

Tolerance: tolerance.

Urban

Tolerant of disturbance.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Wet meadows, swamps, wet thickets.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Compatibility:

Host to some butterflies, seeds eaten by waterfowl, roots eaten by muskrats

and geese, provides cover for nesting

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance; medium moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Value:

Dark green stems can reach up to 4.5 ft high. The terminal inflorescence holds

brown dense spiklets that radiate in all

different directions.

Salt Tolerance: Intolerant of salt.

Other:

Also known as green bulrush or

black bulrush.

Shade Tolerance: Tolerant of partial shade.

Scirpus cyperinus

**Wool Grass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW+ Soil: pH 4.8-8.0

Form/Color Moderate grower to 5', tufted, blooms and

fruits in August-October, flowers greenish,

becoming wooly brown.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban

Tolerance:

Probably tolerant of concrete debris.

Habitat: Freshwater tidal and nontidal marshes,

wet fill, swamps.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Wildlife value high, seeds eaten by waterfowl, muskrats, host to some

butterflies.

Tolerant of flooding, tolerates saturated Hydrology:

soil 25% of growing season.

**Ornamental** Value:

Tall grass-like upright form reaching 4-5 ft high. The dense terminal infloresence

has a wooly-like apperance when in seed, turning a nice light brown.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Other:

Shade

Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

**Indiangrass** Sorghastrum nutans

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: UPL Soil: pH 4.8-8.0

Form/Color Tall rhizomatous perennial from 3-7 ft tall.

Bunch; yellow flower color in late spring;

moderate grower.

Stormwater Tolerant of stormwater. **Tolerance:** 

Tolerant of urban conditions, performs Urban

Tolerance: well in the right of way.

Habitat: Grasslands, meadows, fields, shores of

rivers or lakes, wetland margins

**Ecosystem** Provides cover for pheasants, Services: mourning doves, and songbirds.

Hydrology: Medium tolerance of drought; medium

moisture usage.

**Ornamental** Inflorescence changing from purple-Value:

yellow bloom to a bronze like narrow seed

head.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Other:

Salt Moderately tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Intolerant of shade. Shade Tolerance:

# Sparganium eurycarpum

Giant Bur-seed

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL **Soil:** pH 5.0-8.5

Form/Color Grows to 5'; flowering stem in a zig-zag

pattern, green flower and green foliage;

moderate grower.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Insufficient information to determine Urban

Tolerance: tolerance.

Habitat: Edges of open ponds in shallow water.

> Provides moderate amount of food for **Ecosystem** Services:

small mammals and minor amount of

Long lifespan, often used in tall grass prairie restorations.

food for waterbirds.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Hydrology: Intolerant of drought; high moisture

usage.

**Ornamental** Erect sword-like green leaves on this Value:

semi-aquatic plant. The flowering stem holds globe-like green-white flowers that

turn into a densely globular seed head.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

Tolerance: Other: Moderate lifespan.

**Shade** Moderately tolerant of shade.

**Tolerance:** 

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Spartina alternifolia

Salt-Marsh Cordgrass

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 4.5-8.5

Form/Color Tall low marsh grass that can grow from

2 to 4.5', stems disintegrate in winter, blooms and fruits in July-September.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Tolerant of alkaline fill, concrete

Tolerance: debris.

Habitat: Low salt marsh.

> **Ecosystem** Wildlife value moderate, eaten by

Services: Canada geese, muskrats.

Hydrology: Tolerant of ocean water to 35 ppt salt,

intolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** It will spread extensively by rhizomes and Value:

produces a spike-like inflorescence turing

golden yellow in the fall.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Very tolerant of salt. **Tolerance:** 

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

Other: Roots used for stabilizing shore

areas and decreasing destruction cause by storm tides and wave action; moderate lifespan.

Spartina cynosuroides

**Big Cordgrass** 

Native To: Wetland Indicator: OBL New York City **Soil:** pH 5.8-7.5

Form/Color Moderate grower to 9', blooms and fruits

in August-October, yellow flower blooms

in spring.

Stormwater Insufficient information to determine

Tolerance: tolerance.

Tolerance:

Urban Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Habitat: Brackish high tidal marsh, freshwater

marshes.

**Ecosystem** Services:

Other:

Wildlife value low, eaten by Canada

geese, muskrat, cover for waterfowl,

wading birds, shorebirds.

Hydrology: Tolerant of brackish water to 10 ppt salt,

Intolerant of drough.

**Ornamental** 

The infloresence is large, spreading and flowers in the late summer. The seed

head has 20-40 long spikes.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Long lifespan.

Salt

Value:

Very tolerant of salt.

Tolerance:

Shade **Tolerance:**  Intolerant of shade.

Spartina pectinata **Prairie Cordgrass** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: OBL Soil: pH 6.0-8.5

Form/Color To 7', blooms and fruits in July-

September, has a distinctive comb-like

inflorescence, rapid grower.

Insufficient information to determine Stormwater Tolerance:

tolerance.

Urban Should be tolerant of concrete debris.

Tolerance:

Habitat: Brackish to freshwater shores, marshes.

> Low nutrition value; provides cover for **Ecosystem**

Services: game, songbirds, and small

mammals.

Hydrology: Low drought tolerance; high moisture

usage; poor drainage.

**Ornamental** The colorful inflorescence is large and Value:

spreading in a distinctive comb-like form. Compatibility:

Salt Low tolerance of salt.

**Tolerance:** 

Shade Intolerant of shade. **Tolerance:** 

Tridens flavus **Purpletop** 

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACU Soil: pH 4.5-6.5

Form/Color This tall erect grass can reach 3-6.5 ft tall.

Tufted, blooms and fruits in August-October, inflorescence dark purple.

Stormwater Potentially tolerant of stormwater.

Long lifespan.

**Tolerance:** 

Other:

Tolerant of low-nutrient soils. Used for Urban

**Tolerance:** bioretention.

Roadsides, fields, dry, open woods. Habitat:

> **Ecosystem** Host to some butterflies.

Services:

Hydrology: Tolerant of drought.

**Ornamental** Purple panicles bloom in a pyrimidal form

Value: and droop when they are in seed.

Compatibility: Can form colonies.

Salt Intolerant of salt.

**Tolerance:** Other: Used for bioretention.

Shade Intolerant of shade.

Tolerance:

## Tripsacum dactyloides

## **Gamma Grass**

Native To: New York City Wetland Indicator: FACW **Soil:** pH 5.1-7.5

Form/Color To 8', densely tufted, robust plants, large

Tolerant of brackish water.

underground stems, blooms and fruits in

June-September.

Stormwater Tolerance:

Insufficient information to determine

tolerance.

Urban Tolerance:

Tolerant of soil compaction.

Habitat: Open marshes.

> **Ecosystem** Services:

Host to some butterflies and their larvae, host to larvae of moth

Amphipoea erepta, seeds eaten by

deer and birds.

Ornamental Value:

Hydrology:

Delicate red to orange stamens hang from a long inflorescence on male plants.

The seed pods resemble fingers or

claws.

Salt

Low tolerance of salt. Tolerance:

Shade Tolerance: Intolerant of shade.

Compatibility: Can form colonies. Rhizomes can

be visible above the earth.

Other: Distant relative to corn. Known to

> sometimes compete with invasive species like Phragmites. One of very few grasses with unisexual flowers.

# Stormwater Tolerant Plants

Stormwater plantings have become a growing feature in the urban landscape. These include plantings within parks, such as rain gardens, as well as in the right of way, such as greenstreets. The proper plant selection is crucial to ensure that the installation thrives; plants intolerant of the variably wet and dry conditions of these spaces will not survive, while well-chosen plants will thrive. In many cases, such as stormwater capture greenstreets, the plants have better success than their non-stormwater counterparts. Tolerance of salt, sediments, seasonally high rates of water flow as well as drought due to the sandy soil often used are all crucial in selecting the ideal species.

# Stormwater Tolerant Native Plants

As shown in the plant species pages preceding, a number of New York City's native plant species are able to grow and thrive in the manmade environments of stormwater systems. They are repeated here for the reader's convenience. Parks has field tested these species for at least three years to gauge their performance. Note that these species can provide a wider array of benefits than simply a tolerance of stormwater planting conditions. Many species can provide food and habitat for native birds and insects, as well as enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the area. These plants should be considered first when selecting a palette of plants for a rain garden or other stormwater planting.

#### **SCIENTIFIC NAME**

#### **COMMON NAME**

#### PLANTS THAT TOLERATE PERIODS OF INUNDATION

## **TREES**

Acer rubrum

Amelanchier arborea

Amelanchier canadensis

Amelanchier laevis

Betula nigra

Betula populifolia

Carpinus caroliniana

Celtis occidentalis

Liquidambar styraciflua

Nyssa sylvatica

Platanus occidentalis

Quercus bicolor

Quercus palustris

Quercus phellos

Red Maple

Downy Serviceberry

Shadblow Serviceberry

Allegheny Serviceberry

River Birch

Grey Birch

American Hornbeam

Common Hackberry

Sweetgum

Black Tupelo

American Sycamore

Swamp White Oak

Pin Oak

Willow Oak

#### **SHRUBS**

Clethra alnifoliaSweet PepperbushCornus amomumSilky DogwoodCornus racemosaGrey DogwoodCornus sericeaRed-osier Dogwood

Ilex glabraInkberryIlex verticillataWinterberryLindera benzoinSpicebushMorella pennsylvanicaBayberry

Photinia melanocarpaBlack ChokeberryPhotinia pyrifoliaRed ChokeberryRosa carolinaCarolina RoseRosa palustrisSwamp RoseRosa virginianaVirginia Rose

#### **FORBS**

Asclepias incarnata

Chelone glabra

Futrochium dubium

Hibiscus moscheutos

Iris versicolor

Lobelia cardinalis

Vernonia noveboracensis

Swamp Milkweed

Turtlehead

Joe Pye Weed

Rose-mallow

Large Blue Flag

Cardinal Flower

New York Ironweed

## **GRASSES**

Acorus americanusSweet FlagJuncus effususSoft RushPanicum virgatumSwitchgrass

## PLANTS FOR SLOPES OF SWALES - MOIST TO DRY SOILS

#### **TREES**

Ilex opacaAmerican HollyMagnolia virginianaSweetbay MagnoliaUlmus americanaAmerican Elm

## **SHRUBS**

Gaylussacia baccataBlack HuckleberryHamamelis virginianaCommon WitchhazelIlex glabraInkberry

Lindera benzoin Spicebush

Lyonia mariana Piedmont Staggerbush

Spiraea tomentosa Hardhack

Viburnum dentatumArrowwood ViburnumViburnum lentagoNannyberry Viburnum

**FORBS** 

Asclepias tuberosaButterfly WeedSolidago canadensisCanadian GoldenrodSolidago rugosaWrinkleleaf GoldenrodSymphyotrichum novae-angliaeNew England AsterVerbena hastataSwamp Verbana

**FERNS** 

Onoclea sensibilis Sensitive Fern

## PLANTS FOR UPLAND AREAS - RARELY MOIST TO DRY SOILS

**TREES** 

Crataegus crus-galli Cockspur Hawthorn
Juniperus virginiana Eastern Redcedar

Quercus rubra Red Oak

**SHRUBS** 

Prunus maritima

Rhus aromatica

Beach Plum

Fragrant Sumac

**PERENNIALS** 

Rudbeckia hirta Black-Eyed Susan

Oenothera biennis Common Evening Primrose

**GRASSES** 

Carex pennsyvanica Pennsylvania Sedge

Sorghastrum nutans Indian Grass
Schizachyrium scoparium Little Bluestem

**FERNS** 

Dennstaedtia punctilobula Hay-scented Fern

# Other Stormwater Tolerant Plants

There are situations and locations where, despite the best of intentions, a native plant will not be the right plant for the site. In other instances, a mixture of native and non-native species allows for a wider array of aesthetic options and diversity of plants. The list that follows is of plants that perform well, particularly in the right of way, but the majority are not native to New York City or the surrounding region. Included on this list are ornamental cultivars of some native plants. These cultivars do not occur naturally in the region, and are not suited for planting in natural ecosystems. However, due to concerns about visibility and sight lines, as well as urban tolerance and aesthetic considerations, they merit consideration in right of way stormwater plantings.

SCIENTIFIC NAME COMMON NAME

#### PLANTS THAT TOLERATE PERIODS OF INUNDATION

## **TREES**

Amelanchier lamarkii
Amelanchier x grandiflora
Carpinus betulus
Chionanthus retusus
Chioanthus virginicus
Platanus x acerifolia
Quercus acutissima
Taxodium distichum

SHRUBS

Itea virginica
PERENNIALS

Monarda didyama

**GRASSES** 

Carex elata Carex glauca Hakonechloa macra Juneberry

Apple Serviceberry
European Hornbeam
Chinese Fringetree
White Fringetree
London Planetree
Sawtooth Oak
Common Baldcypress

Sweetspire

Bee Balm

Golden Sedge Blue Sedge

Japanese Forest Grass

## PLANTS FOR SLOPES OF SWALES - MOIST TO DRY SOILS

## **TREES**

Cornus kousa Cornus mas Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis Gymnocladus dioicus Hamamelis x intermedia Koelreuteria paniculata Metasequoia glyptostroboides Kousa Dogwood
Cornelian cherry Dogwood
Thornless Common Honeylocust
Kentucky Coffeetree
Witchhazel
Panicled Goldenraintree

Dawn Redwood

Parrotia persica Persian Parrotia
Prunus sargentii Sargent Cherry

Prunus serrulata Japanese Flowering Cherry

Quercus imbricariaShingle OakQuercus roburEnglish Oak

Ulmus parvifolia Lacebark (Chinese) Elm Zelkova serrata Japanese Zelkova

#### **SHRUBS**

Callicarpa dichotomaPurple BeautyberryCallicarpa japonicaJapanese BeautyberryCaryopteris x clandonensisBlue Mist ShrubFothergilla gardeniiDwarf ForsythiaHamamelis vernalisVernal WitchhazelHydrangea quercifoliaOakleaf HydrangeaIlex crenataJapanese Holly

 Ilex crenata
 Japanese Holly

 Physocarpus opulifolius
 Ninebark

Potentilla fruticosa Shrubby Cinquefoil
Rosa 'Radrazz' Knockout Rose

Rosa 'Radyod' Blushing Knockout Rose

Spiraea x bumald Spirea

Spiraea nipponica Snowmound Spirea

Viburnum trilobum American Cranberrybush Viburnum

#### **FORBS**

Agastache nepetoides Giant Hyssop
Astilbe japonica Astilbe

Geranium sanguineumBloddy CranesbillLiatris spicataBlazing StarRudbeckia fulgidaBlack-Eyed SusanRudbeckia subtomentosaSweet Coneflower

## **GRASSES**

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass

Pennisetum alopecuroides Fountain Grass

#### PLANTS FOR UPLAND AREAS - RARELY MOIST TO DRY SOILS

#### **TREES**

Cercis canadensisEastern RedbudCrataegus viridisGreen HawthornEucommia ulmoidesHardy Rubber TreeGingko bilobaGingko, Maidenhair Tree

Quercus macrocarpa Bur Oak

#### **SHRUBS**

Cotoneaster apiculatusCranberry CotoneasterCotoneaster horizontalisRockspray CotoneasterForsythia intermediaShowy Border ForsythiaPrunus laurocerasusCommon Cherrylaurel

## **PERENNIALS**

Echinacea purpurea
Nepeta racemosa
Nipponanthemum nipponicum
Liriope muscari
Liriope spicata
Perovskia atriplicifolia
Salvia nemerosa

Purple Coneflower Catmint Montauk Daisy Lily Turf Lily Turf Russian Sage Salvia

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