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This appendix provides information on plant species that are well-suited to rain gardens in Iowa. This list is not exhaustive of all native and non-native plants suitable for rain gardens. It is provided to give homeowners and contractors recommendations for plants based on site conditions such as sun exposure and soil moisture.

In addition to an image of each plant, the following characteristics are provided:

- **Common and scientific name.** Common names are given to plants regionally and can vary. Scientific names are given to plants in Latin, which is generally agreed upon nationally to avoid confusion with multiple common names for the same plant. A nursery may ask for a plant's scientific name to ensure the correct plant is being ordered.
- **Height.** Predicted height of the fully grown plant.
- **Soil moisture.** Four soil moisture classifications are provided in this guide: wet, moist, mesic, and dry. Soil moisture correlates to both soil type and the plant's location within a rain garden (see below). Mesic soils refer to areas that have average moisture content, neither constantly moist or dry.
- **Bloom period and color.** Average time range when plant provides the majority of blooms and generalized color.
- **Sun exposure.** "Full" exposure is typically considered as at least 6 hours of direct sunlight per day. "Partial" exposure is defined as between 3 and 6 hours of direct sunlight per day, or filtered sunlight all day. "Shade" exposure is less than 3 hours of direct sunlight per day.
- **Location within rain garden.** Placement relates to how much moisture is available to the plant based on its location in the rain garden. Moisture depends on the natural soils at the site and if soil amendments are made. This guide provides 3 locations: in the bottom of the rain garden, along the sides (side slopes or along the perimeter), and on top of the berm (if installed). Plants that can sustain temporary periods of pondings will be more successful in the bottom of the rain garden whereas plants favoring dryer conditions are recommended on top of the rain garden's berm.

Native Iowa Forbs

	Anemone, Canada <i>Anemone canadensis</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: White Comments: Will spread easily in the right conditions	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Aster, Smooth Blue <i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: August - October Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: Purple Comments: Spreads slowly, will persist for many years	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Beardtongue, Foxglove <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> Height: >36" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: White Comments: Clump-forming perennial, somewhat aggressive spreader	Full Partial Shade    B Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Bergamot, Wild <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Height: 12" - 36" Bloom Period: June - August Moisture: Mesic Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Spreads easily; divide every 2-3 years	Full Partial Shade    B Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Blazing Star, Button (Rough) <i>Liatris aspera</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: July - September Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Purple Comments: Rounded bracts give "rough" characteristic	Full Partial Shade    B Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Blazing Star, Prairie <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: July - September Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Purple Comments: Blooms begin at top and work down	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Bloodroot <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: March - April Moisture: Wet to Moist Bloom Color: White Comments: Nice groundcover beneath trees	Full Partial Shade    B Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Bluebells, Virginia <i>Mertensia virginica</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: April - May Moisture: Wet to Moist Bloom Color: Blue Comments: Fast growing, flowers start pink then slowly turn blue	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm


Clover, Purple Prairie *Dalea purpurea*

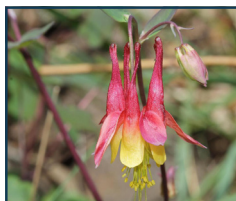
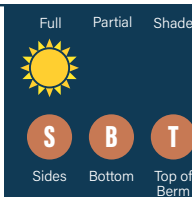
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Purple

Comments: Long-lived plant tolerant of heat and drought


Columbine, American *Aquilegia canadensis*

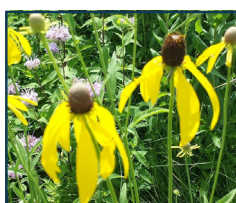
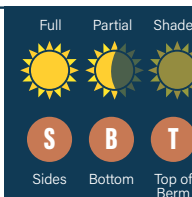
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: April - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Red, Yellow

Comments: Suitable in a variety of soils, locations, and sun conditions


Coneflower, Gray-headed Prairie *Ratibida pinnata*

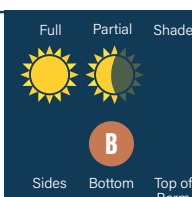
Height: >36"

Bloom Period: June - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Yellow

Comments: Showy plant that prefers competition in small areas


Coneflower, Orange *Rudbeckia fulgida*

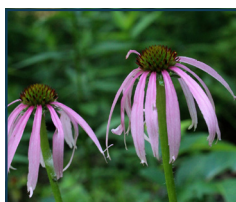
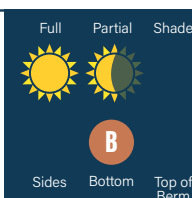
Height: >36"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Moist to Dry

Bloom Color: Orange

Comments: Long blooming season with vibrant color


Coneflower, Pale Purple *Echinacea pallida*

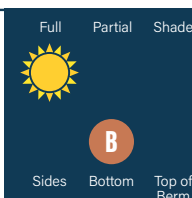
Height: 24" - 36"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Purple

Comments: Regarded as an important prairie forb


Coneflower, Purple *Echinacea purpurea*

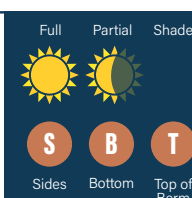
Height: 24" - 36"+

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Pink

Comments: Long lasting color, will reseed itself


Coreopsis, Prairie *Coreopsis palmata*

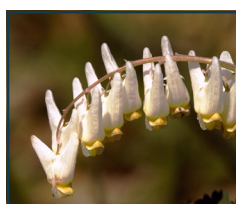
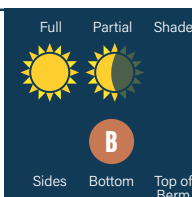
Height: 12" - 36"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Yellow

Comments: Good nectar source for pollinators


Dutchman's Breeches *Dicentra cucullaria*

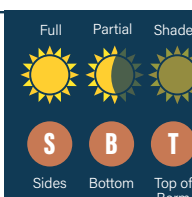
Height: 6" - 12"













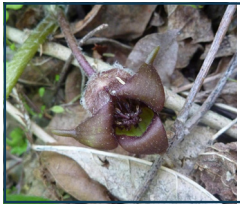



















Bloom Period: April - May

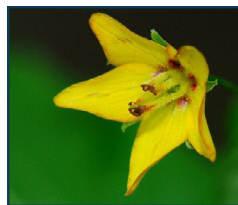
Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Flowers will wilt immediately upon touch



	Gentian, Cream <i>Gentiana flavida</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: August - September Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Yellowish, White Comments: Distinct "closed mouth", bottle-shaped flowers	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Gentian, Bottle <i>Gentiana andrewsii</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: August - September Moisture: Most to Mesic Bloom Color: Blue Comments: Distinct "closed mouth", bottle-shaped flowers	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Geranium, Wild <i>Geranium maculatum</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Will spread easily in the right conditions	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Ginger, Wild <i>Asarum canadense</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: April - May Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Purple, Brown Comments: Low growing, spreading plant with heart-shaped leaves	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Golden Alexander <i>Zizia aurea</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Yellow Comments: Long blooming period starting earlier than most forbs	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Iris, Blue Flag <i>Iris versicolor</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Blue, Purple Comments: Clumps spread slowly by rhizomes (horizontal roots)	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Jacobs Ladder <i>Polemonium reptans</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: April - June Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Blue Comments: Will self-seed in optimal conditions	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Lobelia, Great Blue <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: July - October Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Blue Comments: Clumps can be divided in the spring as desired	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm



Loosestrife, Prairie *Lysimachia quadriflora*

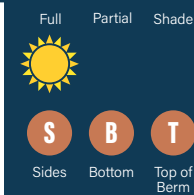
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - August

Moisture: Wet to Moist

Bloom Color: Yellow

Comments: Prefers consistently moist conditions



Milkweed, Butterfly *Asclepias tuberosa*

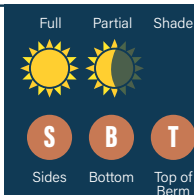
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: June - September

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Orange

Comments: Favorite of the Monarch butterfly



Milkweed, Common *Asclepias syriaca*

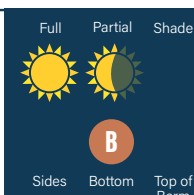
Height: >36"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Wet to Mesic

Bloom Color: Pink

Comments: Fragrant blooms, one of the easiest milkweeds to grow



Mint, Virginia Mountain *Pycnanthemum virginianum*

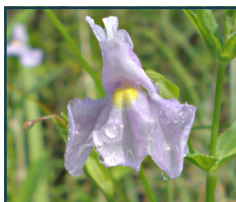
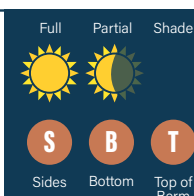
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Moist to Dry

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Petals are spotted with purple flecks



Monkey Flower *Mimulus ringens*

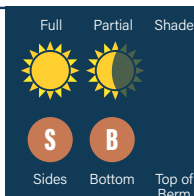
Height: 24" - 24"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Wet to Moist

Bloom Color: Purple

Comments: Plant size depends heavily on moisture suitability



Onion, Nodding *Mertensia virginica*

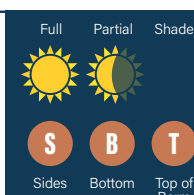
Height: 6" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - August

Moisture: Mesic

Bloom Color: White, Pink

Comments: Most effectively planted in small groups



Petunia, Wild *Ruellia humilis*

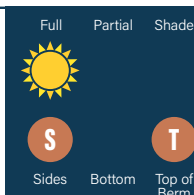
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Purple

Comments: Nice border plant but watch for aggressive spreading



Phlox, Prairie *Phlox pilosa*

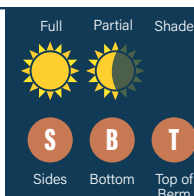
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Pink

Comments: Fragrant flower, rounded clusters, and a butterfly favorite



	Phlox, Woodland <i>Phlox divaricata</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: June - August Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Purple Comments: Excellent ground cover in shady areas	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Prairie Smoke <i>Geum triflorum</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: April - May Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Nodding flowers arrive early in the spring	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Shooting Star <i>Dodecatheon meadia</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: April - June Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Short lived perennial, does not produce flowers in first year	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Sneezeweed <i>Helenium autumnale</i> Height: 12" - 36+ " Bloom Period: August - October Moisture: Wet to Moist Bloom Color: Yellow Comments: Divide every 3-4 years to maintain vigor	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Solomon's Seal <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: April - May Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: White Comments: Unique flowers that hang from underside of stem	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Spiderwort, Ohio <i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: May - July Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Blue Comments: Flowers open early morning and will shrivel if touched	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Spiderwort, Prairie <i>Tradescantia bracteata</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Blue, Purple Comments: Long-bract flowers close by midday and last only one day	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Susan, Black-eyed <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Height: 12" - 36" Bloom Period: June - September Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Yellow Comments: Short-lived perennial, reseeds itself	Full Partial Shade    S B T Sides Bottom Top of Berm


Susan, Brown-eyed *Rudbeckia triloba*

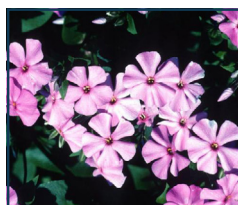
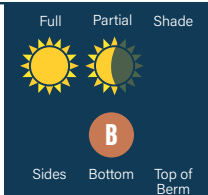
Height: 12" - 36"

Bloom Period: June - September

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Yellow

Comments: Will naturalize by self-seeding, even with die out


Sweet William, Wild *Phlox maculata*

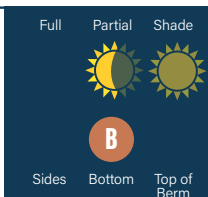
Height: 12" - 36"

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Purple, Brown

Comments: Flowers are slightly fragrant, rabbits tend to like it



Native Iowa Grasses, Sedges, and Ferns


Blue Grama *Bouteloua gracilis*

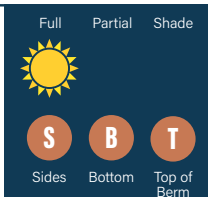
Height: 6" - 12"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Bloom Color: Green, Blue

Comments: Can be planted as turf grass mixed with Buffalograss


Fern, Lady *Athyrium Filix-femina*

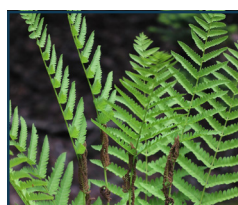
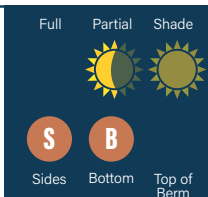
Height: 12" - 36"

Bloom Period: N/A

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Green, Purple (Fronds)

Comments: Deciduous fern will drop its leaves with first frost


Fern, Interrupted *Osmunda claytoniana*

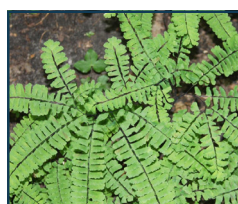
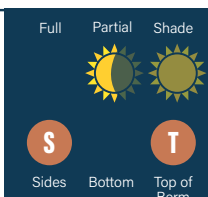
Height: >36"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Moist to Dry

Bloom Color: Brown (Spores)

Comments: Easy to cultivate


Fern, Maidenhair *Adiantum pedatum*

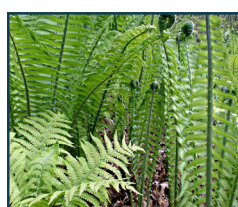
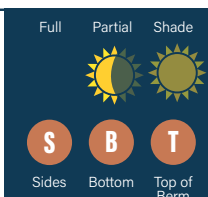
Height: 6" - 12"

Bloom Period: Not Applicable

Moisture: Moist

Bloom Color: Green (Fronds)

Comments: Delicate, dark stems


Fern, Ostrich *Matteuccia struthiopteris*

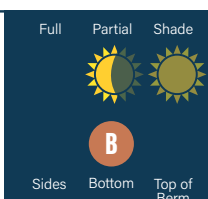
Height: 12" - 24"



Bloom Period: June - September

Moisture: Wet to Mesic

































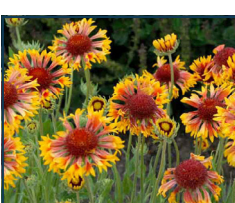





Bloom Color: Green (Fronds)

Comments: Fronds will persist through the winter



	Grass Bottlebrush <i>Hystrix patula</i> Height: 12" - 36" Bloom Period: August - September Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Green, Brown Comments: Cool season, clumping grass best in light shade	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>   </div> <div>B</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	June Grass <i>Koeleria macrantha</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: June - July Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Green Comments: Requires good drainage conditions	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>    </div> <div>S B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: July - October Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: Green, Blueish Comments: Forms in dense mounds, colors remain over winter	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>   </div> <div>B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Prairie Dropseed <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: August - October Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: Green, Cream Comments: Produces good nourishment for seed eating birds	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>  </div> <div>S B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Sedge, Brown Fox <i>Carex vulpinoidea</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: June - July Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Green Comments: Can spread easily and appear weedy	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>   </div> <div>S B</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Sedge, Common Wood <i>Carex blanda</i> Height: 12" - 36" Bloom Period: May - June Moisture: Wet to Mesic Bloom Color: Green Comments: Versatile and low-profile	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>    </div> <div>S B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: August - September Moisture: Mesic to Dry Bloom Color: Purple, Green Comments: Bracts hang from one side of stem	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>  </div> <div>S B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>
	Switchgrass <i>Panicum virgatum</i> Height: >36" Bloom Period: July - September Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: Pinkish Comments: Can spread easily, take over other plants if not managed	<div>Full Partial Shade</div> <div>   </div> <div>S B T</div> <div>Sides Bottom Top of Berm</div>

Non-Native Plants

	Astilbe, Chinese <i>Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila'</i> Height: 6" - 24" Bloom Period: July - August Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Provides ornamental interest even after bloom	Full Partial Shade     Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Coralbells, Brandon Pink <i>Heuchera 'Brandon Pink'</i> Height: 6" - 24" Bloom Period: June - September Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Pink Comments: Bright display of color, attractive to hummingbirds	Full Partial Shade      Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Coralbells, Plum Pudding <i>Heuchera 'Plum Pudding'</i> Height: 12" - 36" Bloom Period: June - September Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: White Comments: Small white flowers arise from deep purple foliage	Full Partial Shade      Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Coreopsis, Threadleaf <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> Height: 24" - 36" Bloom Period: May - July Moisture: Moist to Dry Bloom Color: Gold, Yellow Comments: Low maintenance, rapid growth perennial	Full Partial Shade      Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Feather Reed Grass <i>Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Karl Forester'</i> Height: >36" Bloom Period: May - February Moisture: Wet to Moist Bloom Color: Purple, Pinkish Comments: Nice backdrop to shorter perennials	Full Partial Shade      Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Fern, Japanese Painted <i>Athyrium niponicum pictum</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: N/A Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Gray, Burgundy (Fronds) Comments: Fronds provide colorful array of ground coverage	Full Partial Shade     Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Fescue, Elijah Blue <i>Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'</i> Height: 6" - 12" Bloom Period: June - July Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Light Green, Purple Comments: Attractive border plant, does not spread outward easily	Full Partial Shade      Sides Bottom Top of Berm
	Gaillardia, Fanfare <i>Gaillardia x grandiflora 'Fanfare'</i> Height: 12" - 24" Bloom Period: June - September Moisture: Moist to Mesic Bloom Color: Orange Comments: Removing fading flowers can encourage more blooms	Full Partial Shade       Sides Bottom Top of Berm



Hosta, Everlasting Love *Hosta 'Everlasting Love'*

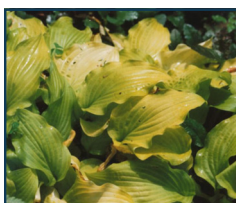
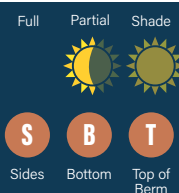
Height: 6" - 12"

Bloom Period: July - August

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Lavender

Comments: Forms hardy and low-maintenance clumps



Hosta, Shirley Levy *Hosta 'Shirley Levy'*

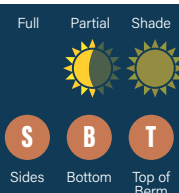
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - August

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Lavender

Comments: Greenish-yellow foliage



Iris, Siberian *Iris sibirica*

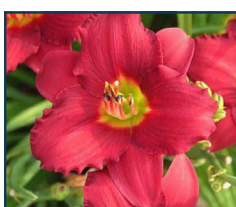
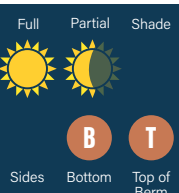
Height: 12" - 36"

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Purple, Blue

Comments: Long-lasting blooms, foliage remains after blooms die off



Lily, Pardon Me *Hermerocallis 'Pardon Me'*

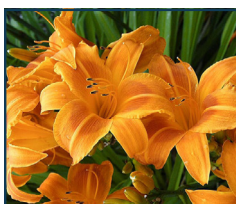
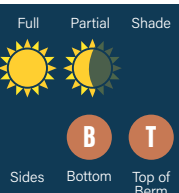
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Red

Comments: Attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds



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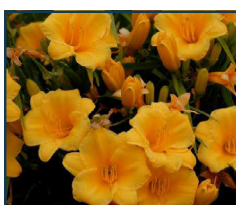
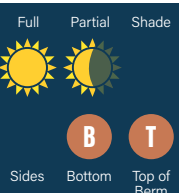
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: July - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Yellow, Orange

Comments: Extended daily bloom time of 16 or more hours



Lily, Stella De Oro Day *Hermerocallis 'Stella de Oro'*

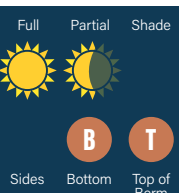
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: June - August

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Orange

Comments: Spent flowers can be deadheaded daily



Salvia, May Night *Salvia nemorosa 'May Night'*

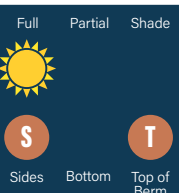
Height: 12" - 24"

Bloom Period: May - August

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Purple, Blue

Comments: Blooms vigorously with routine watering



Silver Grass, Variegated *Miscanthus sinensis 'Variegatus'*

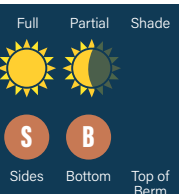
Height: >36"

Bloom Period: September - October

Moisture: Moist to Dry

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Plumes can extend as tall as 8 feet



Native Trees and Shrubs



Dogwood, Red Osier *Cornus sericea*

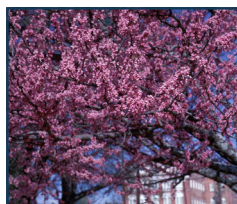
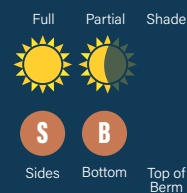
Height: 6' - 12'

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Very conspicuous red branches in winter



Redbud, Eastern *Cercis canadensis**

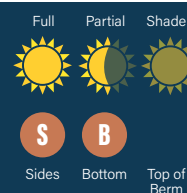
Height: 15' - 30'

Bloom Period: March - May

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Pink

Comments: Short trunk, spreading branches, umbrella-like crown



Serviceberry, Canadian *Amelanchier canadensis*

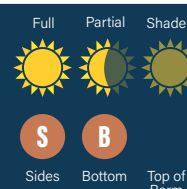
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Bloom Period: April - May

Moisture: Wet to Moist

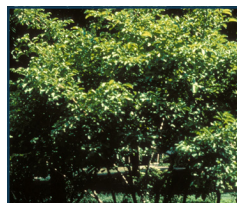
Bloom Color: White

Comments: Lasting fall foliage is orange to rusty-red



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Non-Native Trees and Shrubs



Dogwood, Pagoda *Cornus alternifolia*

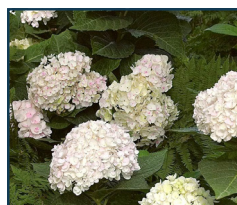
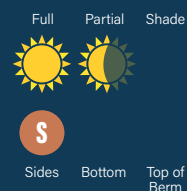
Height: 15' - 25'

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Yellow, White

Comments: Distinctive "layered" horizontal branching



Hydrangea, 'Blushing Bride' *Hydrangea macrophylla*

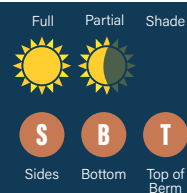
Height: 3' - 6'

Bloom Period: June - September

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Prefers some shade, especially during hot dry spells



Snowberry, Magic Berry *Symphoricarpos doorenbosii*

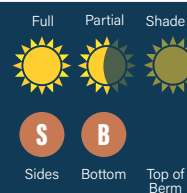
Height: 4' - 6'

Bloom Period: March - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: Pink, Red

Comments: Provides nice winter interest



Virburnum, Nannyberry *Viburnum lentago*

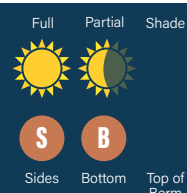
Height: 8' - 16' (as shrub)

Bloom Period: May - June

Moisture: Moist to Mesic

Bloom Color: White

Comments: Produces edible fruits often used in jams and jellies



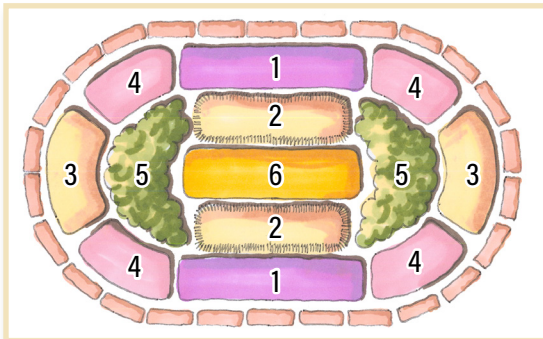
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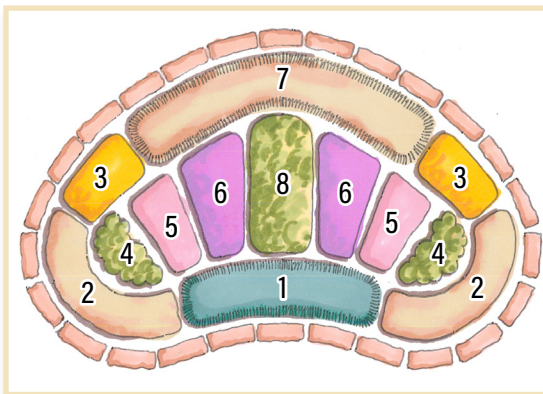


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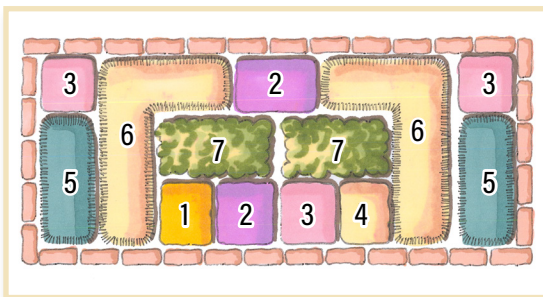
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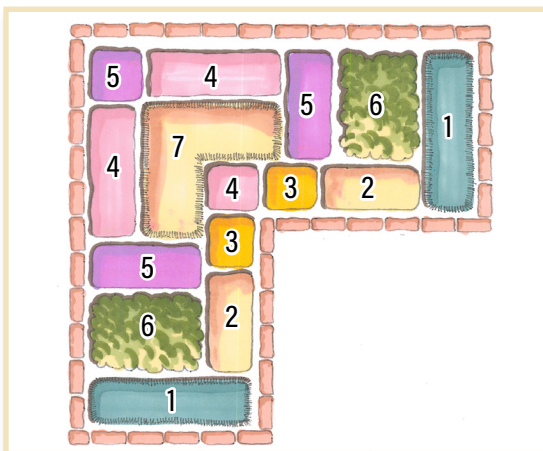
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4. **Foxglove Beardtongue**, Golden Alexander
5. **Monkey Flower**, Black-eyed Susan
6. **Pale Purple Coneflower**, Butterfly Milkweed



1. **Wild Sweet William**, Prairie Smoke
2. **Blue Gramma**, Prairie Dropseed
3. **Mountain Mint**, Purple Coneflower
4. **Black-eyed Susan**, Golden Alexander
5. **Butterfly Milkweed**, Ohio Spiderwort
6. **Prairie Blazing Star**, Grey-headed Coneflower
7. **Culvers Root**, Stiff Goldenrod
8. **Brown-eyed Susan**, Queen-of-the-Prairie



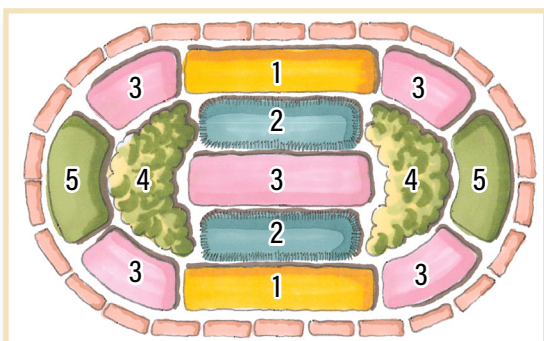
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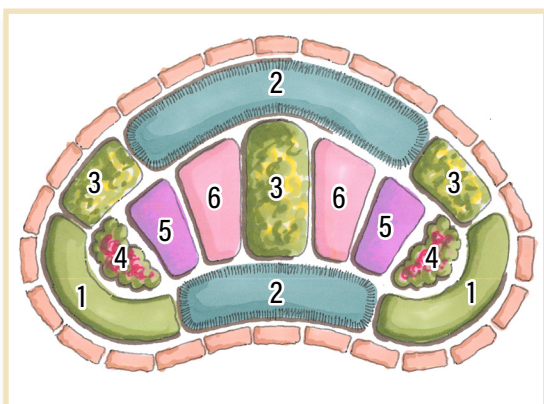
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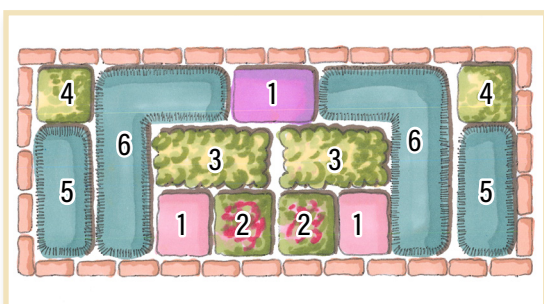
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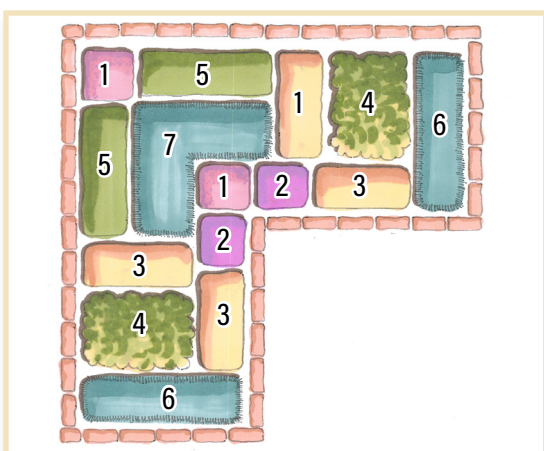
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3. **Solomon's Seal**, Interrupted Fern
4. **Wild Geranium**, Jack-in-the-Pulpit
5. **Wild Ginger**, Columbine



1. **Bloodroot**, Wild Ginger
2. **Columbine**, Jacob's Ladder
3. **Fox Sedge**, Common Wood Sedge
4. **Virginia Bluebells**, Wild Geranium
5. **Maidenhair Fern**, Interrupted Fern
6. **Jack-in-the-Pulpit**, Ohio Spiderwort



1. **Bloodroot**, Prairie Smoke
2. **Wild Ginger**, Dutchman's Britches
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6. **Solomon's Seal**, Jack-in-the-Pulpit

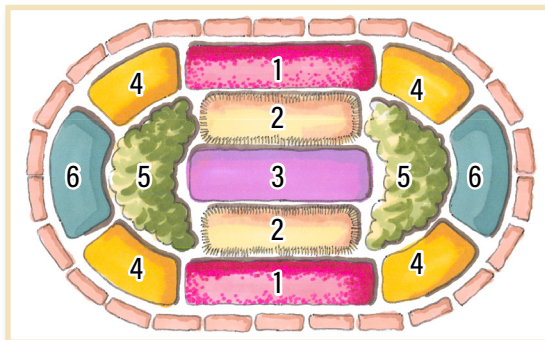


1. **Sweet William**, Ohio Spiderwort
2. **Bloodroot**, Dutchman's Britches
3. **Maidenhair Fern**, Lady Fern
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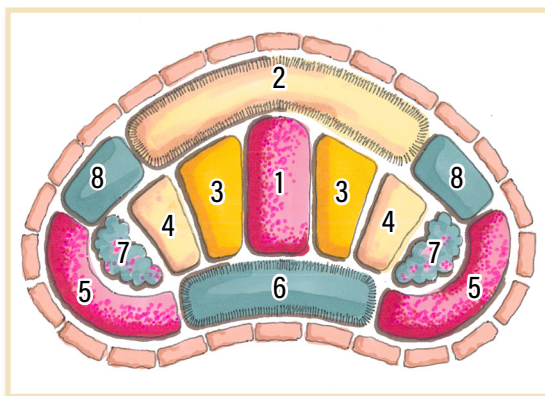


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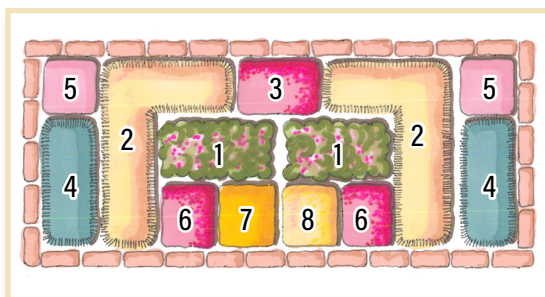
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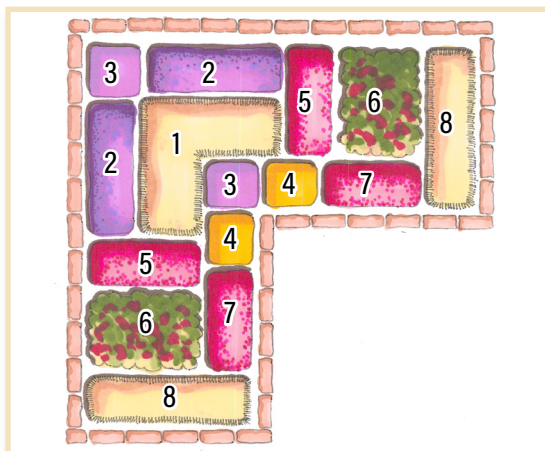
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5. Asiatic Lily (White)
6. Yellow Trumpet Daffodils



1. **Pardon Me Daylily**, Yellow Trumpet Daffodils
2. Karl Foerster's Feather Reed Grass
3. *Butterfly Milkweed*
4. *Black-eyed Susan*
5. Fanfare Gaillardia
6. Elijah Blue Fescue
7. Brandon Pink Coralbells
8. Triumph Tulips



1. Nannyberry Viburnum
2. Karl Foerster's Feather Reed Grass
3. Pardon Me Daylily
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5. Threadleaf Coreopsis
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7. **Black-eyed Susan**, Double Early Tulips, Hibiscus
8. *Butterfly Milkweed*

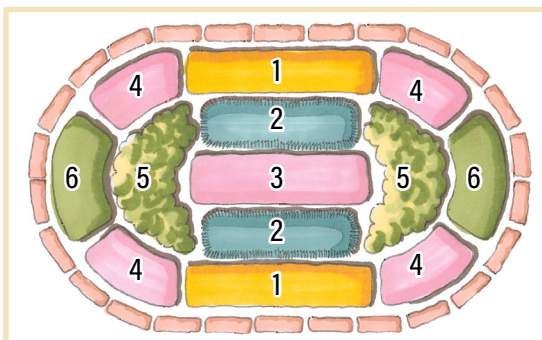


1. Karl Foerster's Feather Reed Grass
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3. **Purple Coneflower**, Triumph Tulips
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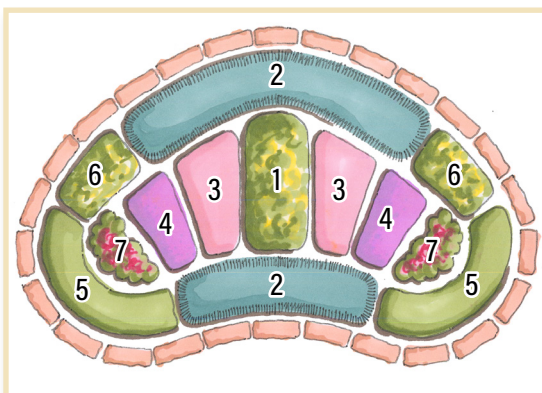


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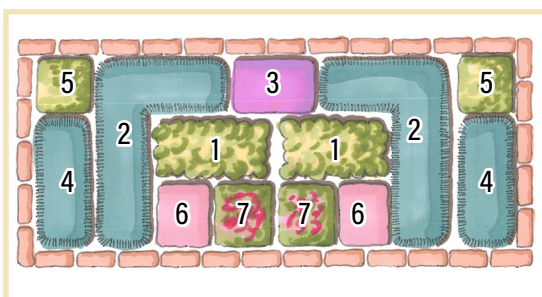
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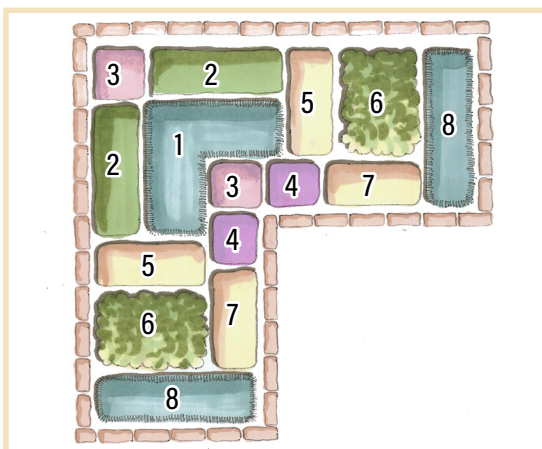
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5. *American Columbine*
6. *Japanese Painted Fern*



1. *Brown Fox Sedge*
2. *American Columbine*
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6. *Shirley Levy Hosta*
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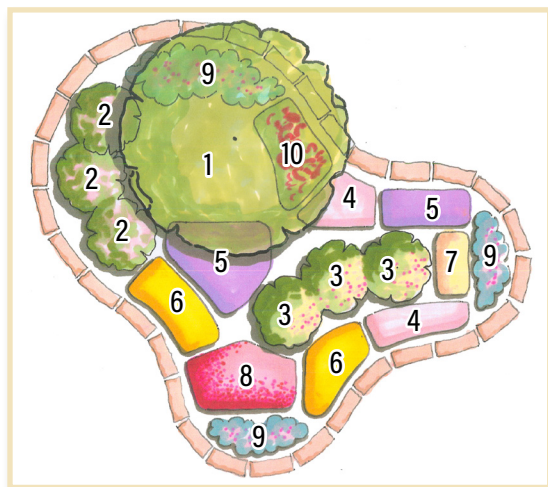
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2. *Dutchman's Breeches*
3. *Jacob's Ladder*
4. *Lady Fern*
5. *Brandon Pink Coralbells*
6. *Shirley Levy Hosta*
7. *Chinese Astilbe*



1. *Everlasting Love Hosta*
2. *Japanese Painted Fern*
3. *Maidenhair Fern*
4. *American Columbine*
5. *Virginia Bluebells*
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Native Trees, Shrubs, and Plants Layout

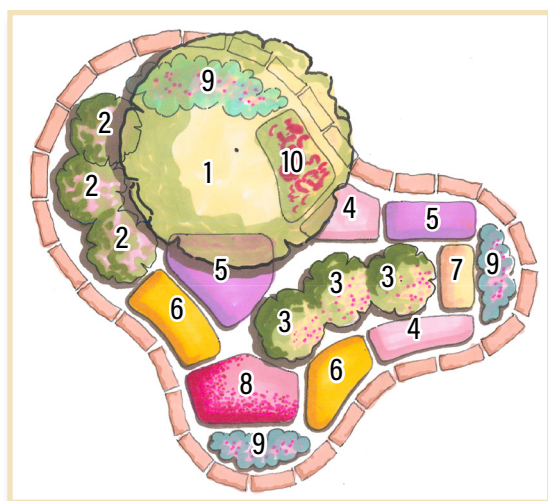
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1. **Redbud**, Serviceberry
2. Wild Geranium
3. **Red Oster Dogwood**, Black Chokeberry
4. Butterfly Milkweed
5. Jacob's Ladder
6. Wild Petunia
7. Prairie Dropseed
8. Smooth Blue Aster
9. Prairie Smoke
10. Lady Fern

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2. Magic Berry Snowberry
3. Endless Summer Hydrangea "Blushing Bride"
4. Visions Astilbe
5. May Night Salvia
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7. Asiatic Lily (White)
8. Pardon Me Daylily
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10. Plum Pudding Coralbells



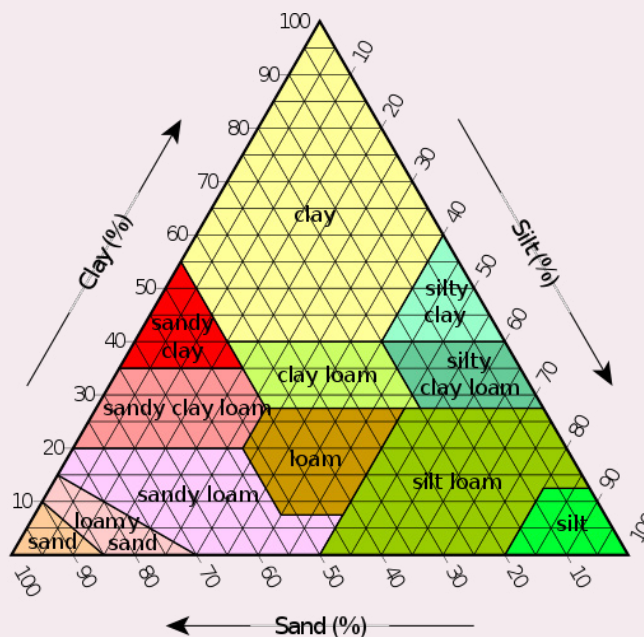
Infiltration Rates for Natural Soil Types

Almost every soil has a certain percentage of sand, silt, and clay. This is referred to as the soil texture. Soil texture plays a role in how fast rain will soak into or percolate through the soil in a rain garden. Water will move through or soak into sandy soils a lot faster than clayey soils. Percolation tests and ribbon tests are used to estimate how fast the water will move through the soils in a rain garden area which influences sizing.

Information is available on estimated infiltration rates and different soil textures. Similar data for percolation rates is not readily available. However, infiltration rates closely mimic percolation rates. The following table relates soil texture to infiltration rates. Sandy soils will have faster infiltration rates in inches per hour and clayey soils will have slower infiltration rates. A textural triangle follows and shows the relationship between the amount of sand, silt, and clay and the soil texture name.

Soil Textures and Minimum Infiltration Rates

Soil Texture	Minimum Infiltration Rates (inches per hour)
Sand	8.27
Sandy Loam	1.02
Loam	0.52
Silt Loam	0.27
Silty Clay Loam	0.06
Clay	0.02



Source: Rawls et al 1982. Infiltration rates provide an estimate of percolation rates.



Soil Amendment Basics

Most rain gardens in Iowa have been constructed with six inches of amended soils. Combining concrete sand, topsoil, and compost enhances rainwater infiltration and percolation and provides an excellent planting media for rain garden plants. These three layers can be placed individually by depth into the rain garden and then tilled together to mix it into an amended soil.

Not all basic rain gardens require the use of amended soils if the native soils have sufficient topsoil and percolation rates. However, a 6-inch layer of amended soils is required for enhanced rain gardens. This guide offers a recommended range for each material placed in an enhanced rain garden. The following table provides a starting point for recommended mixes.

Recommended Amended Soil Mixtures					
Material	Basic Rain Gardens		Enhanced Rain Gardens		
	Depth (inches)	Material (feet)	Suggested Range	Depth (inches)	Material (feet)
Concrete Sand	3 ½ (58%)	0.29	75-90%	4 ½ (75%)	0.375
Topsoil	2 (~33%)	0.17	0-25%	1 (17%)	0.083
Compost	½ (8%)	0.04	0-10%	½ (8%)	0.04

Previous editions of this guide have recommended a higher percentage of compost in amended soil mixtures. New research on phosphorus export from rain gardens in the past decade has led rain garden experts to lower the suggested amount of compost. While phosphorus is naturally-occurring, additional nutrient runoff from a rain garden can negatively impact local waterbodies and ecosystems.

Appendix H estimates the total quantity of each material in pounds (lbs.), tons, and cubic yards (cu. yds.). In most circumstances, topsoil and concrete sand are sold as tons while compost and mulch are typically sold in cubic yards. Some materials, depending on the size of the rain garden, can be bought by the bag. If this is the case, divide the weight of the bag by the total weight of the material in pounds generated in Appendix H. This will yield the minimum number of bags that should be purchased for the rain garden installation.

Throughout this guide, a 6-inch layer of amended soils is used for both basic and enhanced rain gardens. While uncommon, some designers may choose to design an amended soil layer greater than 6 inches. If this is the case, 0.5 (half of a foot), will not be used for calculations in Appendix H. For example, if an 8-inch layer is designed, calculations in Appendix H should utilize 0.66 as the depth of the amended soil layer ($8/12=0.66$). The table shown above assumes a 6-inch layer for both basic and enhanced rain gardens.



Basic Rain Garden Design Review Checklist

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Submitted By: _____ **Project Location:** _____

- 1) Complete Appendix **F**, **G**, and **H** - Sizing Worksheet, Cross Section, and Materials List.
- 2) Attach a map of the drainage area, plan view, planting plan, and plant list.
- 3) Discuss soils investigation findings (i.e. soil type, texture, structure, depth to water table, etc.).

- 4) Describe any pretreatment techniques provided (what practice(s) was used, how were things sized, etc.).

- 5) Describe the overflow (i.e. stand pipe, notch in berm, etc.)

- 6) Spacing and size of plants _____
- 7) If seeding was done, describe type and quantity of seed used and the rate that was applied (i.e. lbs/ac or per 1,000 SF).

- 8) Separation distance from nearest foundation _____. If less than 10 ft, describe water proofing methods.

- 9) Please describe the Erosion and Sediment Control measures employed if the drainage area is not stabilized or the rain garden is not planted and stabilized immediately: _____

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Design appears to comply with the standards in the Iowa Rain Garden Design and Installation Guide and the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual.

Yes

No

Comments: _____

Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____



Enhanced Rain Garden Design Review Checklist

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Submitted By: _____ **Project Location:** _____

- 1) Complete Appendix **F**, **G**, and **H** - Sizing Worksheet, Cross Section, and Materials List.
- 2) Attach a map of the drainage area, plan view, planting plan, and plant list.
- 3) Discuss soils investigation findings (i.e. texture, degree of compaction, percolation potentials, depth to water table, contamination, etc.). _____

- 4) Describe any pretreatment techniques provided (what practice(s) was used, how were things sized, etc.). _____

- 5) Describe where water exits the solid outlet pipe: _____

- 6) Describe how the water leaves the rain garden when it exceeds ponding depth (i.e. stand pipe, notch in berm, etc.): _____

- 7) Separation distance from nearest foundation _____. If less than 10 ft, describe water proofing methods. _____
- 8) Spacing and size of plants _____
- 9) If seeding was done, describe type and quantity of seed used and the rate that was applied (i.e. lbs/ac or per 1,000 SF). _____

- 10) Please describe the Erosion and Sediment Control measures employed if the drainage area is not stabilized or the rain garden is not planted and stabilized immediately: _____

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Design appears to comply with the standards in the Iowa Rain Garden Design and Installation Guide and the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual.

Yes

No

Comments: _____

Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____



Rain Garden Sizing Worksheet

Project Name:

Installation Date:

Step 1: Estimate Impervious Drainage Area

1a. What is the total surface area of the contributing roof section(s)?	ft ²
1b. What is the total surface area of the contributing driveway, sidewalk, or other impervious areas?	ft ²
1c. Total Impervious Surface Area = Step 1a + Step 1b	ft ²

Step 2: Estimate Pervious Drainage Area

2a. What is the contributing area of lawn upslope of the rain garden?	ft ²
2b. Has Soil Quality Restoration (SQR) been completed at the rain garden location?	Yes No
If "Yes" to step 2b, ignore Step 2 altogether. If SQR has been performed at the project site, then the lawn area will not contribute runoff to the rain garden. If "No" to Step 2b, multiply Step 2a by 0.5.	
2c. Total Pervious Surface Area = Step 2a x 0.5	ft ²

Step 3: Calculate Total Drainage Area

3a. Total Impervious Surface Area from Step 1	ft ²
3b. Total Pervious Surface Area from Step 2	ft ²
3c. Total Drainage Area = Step 3a + Step 3b	ft ²

Step 4: Selecting Footprint Area Percentage

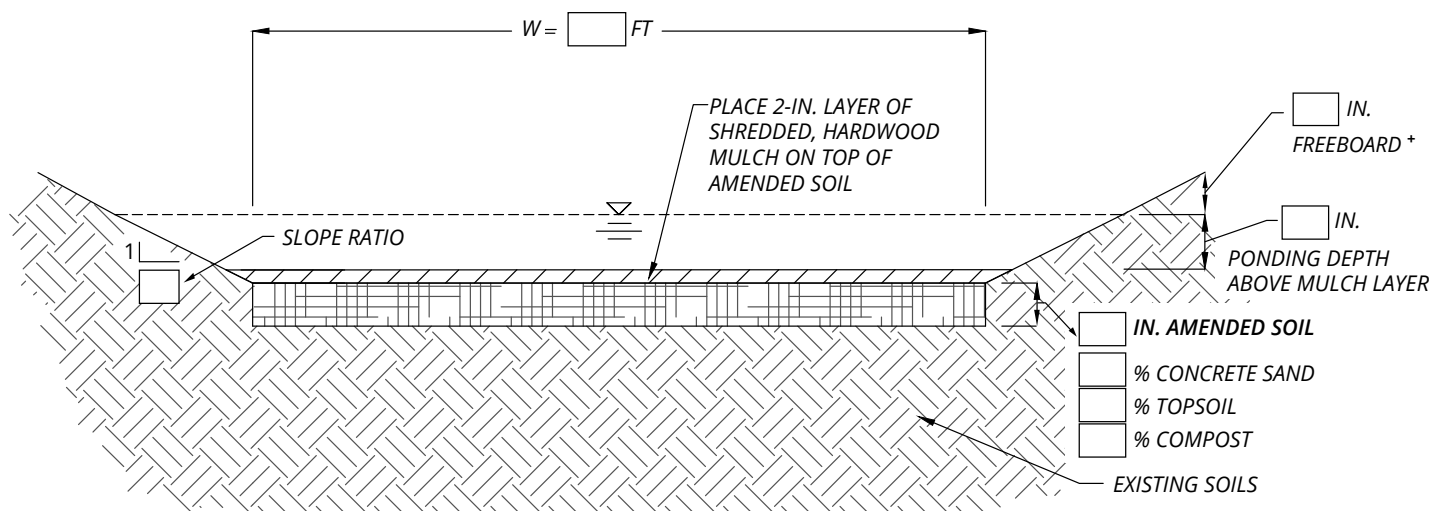
4a. Are you constructing a Basic Rain Garden (BRG) or an Enhanced Rain Garden (ERG)?	BRG ERG
4b. What was the calculated percolation rate at the rain garden site?	inches/hour
4c. What is the desired ponding depth?	6" 9" 12"
4d. Footprint of Rain Garden Area per Sizing Table Recommendation (shown below)	%

Percolation Rate	Ponding Depths	Footprint Area %	Footprint Area Decimal
> 0.5 inches per hour	Enhanced Rain Garden	5%	.05
> 1.0 inches per hour	Basic Rain Garden with 6" Ponding Depth	10%	.10
	Basic Rain Garden with 9" Ponding Depth	7%	.07
	Basic Rain Garden with 12" Ponding Depth	5%	.05
0.5 - 1.0 inches per hour	Basic Rain Garden with 6" Ponding Depth	21%	.21
	Basic Rain Garden with 9" Ponding Depth	14%	.14
	Basic Rain Garden with 12" Ponding Depth	10%	.10
< 0.5 inches per hour	Bioretention Cell (Follow ISWMM Guidance)	~3% - 4%	.03 - .04

Step 5: Calculate Footprint of Rain Garden Area

5a. Footprint of Rain Garden = (Step 3c Total) x (Step 4d Decimal) <i>Required surface area of proposed rain garden in order to manage WQv</i>	ft ²
5b. Temporarily Impounded Water by 1.25" Rainfall Event Total drainage area SF (3c) x 1.25 x 0.623 = gallons _____ gallons x 0.1337 = cubic feet	gallons ft ³

Basic Rain Garden Cross Section



RAIN GARDEN AREA

L [] FT x W [] FT = [] FT²

BASIC RAIN GARDEN

NOT TO SCALE

*SOILS NOTE

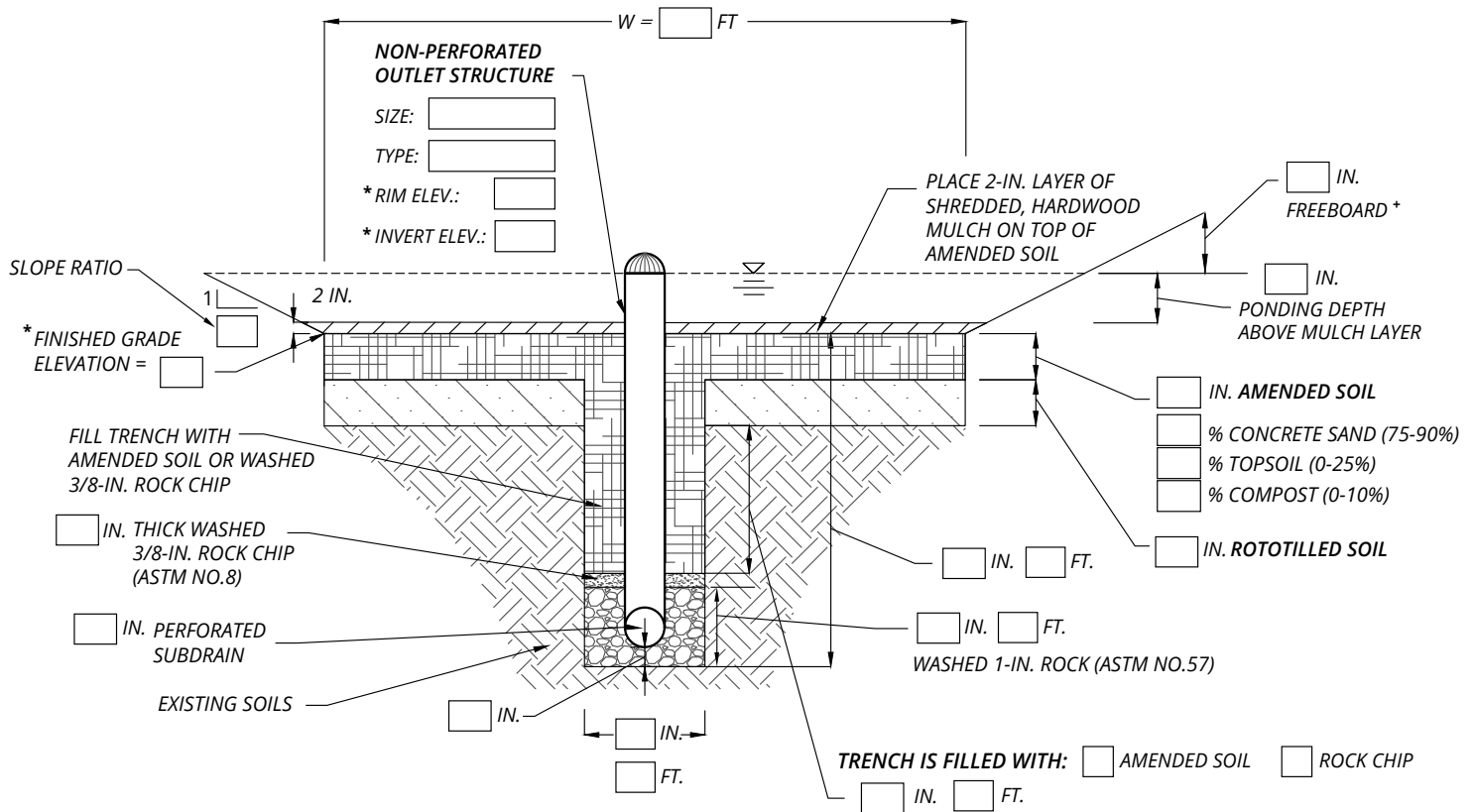
- AMENDED SOIL LAYER WILL BE INSTALLED

[] (Y/N)

* FREEBOARD IS THE ELEVATION DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OUTLET AND THE TOP OF THE BERM (OR HIGHEST ELEVATION OF THE RAIN GARDEN EDGE).



Enhanced Rain Garden Cross Section



ENHANCED RAIN GARDEN

NOT TO SCALE

* IF KNOWN, OTHERWISE LEAVE BLANK

+ FREEBOARD IS THE ELEVATION DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OUTLET AND THE TOP OF THE BERM (OR HIGHEST ELEVATION OF THE RAIN GARDEN EDGE).

RAIN GARDEN AREA

L FT x W FT = FT²



Basic Rain Garden Materials List

Topsoil (Suggested **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soil Layer = **0.33 [33%]** of Mixture = 2 in. Layer of Topsoil)

____ ft² (rain garden SF) x ____ ft = ____ ft³ x ____ % Mix (decimal) = ____ ft³ / 27 = ____ cubic yards (cu yd)
 ____ cu yd x 2,400 lbs. = ____ lbs. / 2,000 = ____ tons

Compost (Suggested **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soil Layer = **0.08 [8%]** of Mixture = ½ in. Layer of Compost)

____ ft² (rain garden SF) x ____ ft = ____ ft³ x ____ % Mix (decimal) = ____ ft³ / 27 = ____ cubic yards (cu yd)
 ____ cu yd x 1,200 lbs. = ____ lbs. / 2,000 = ____ tons

Concrete Sand (Suggested **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soil Layer = **0.58 [58%]** of Mixture = 3 ½ in. Layer of Sand)

____ ft² (rain garden SF) x ____ ft = ____ ft³ x ____ % Mix (decimal) = ____ ft³ / 27 = ____ cubic yards (cu yd)
 ____ cu yd x 3,000 lbs. = ____ lbs. / 2,000 = ____ tons

Shredded Hardwood Mulch (Suggested **0.17 ft [2 in.]** Depth)

____ ft² (rain garden SF) x ____ ft (mulch depth) = ____ ft³ / 27 = ____ cubic yards (cu yd)
 ____ ft² (SF of berm & slopes, if applicable) x ____ ft (mulch depth) = ____ ft³ / 27 = ____ (cu yd)

TOTAL MULCH: ____ cu yd (base) + ____ cu yd (berm/slopes) = ____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

Edging

Type of Edging _____ Approximate Linear Feet _____

Vegetation

The rain garden square footage only accounts for the flat bottom of the rain garden. If plants are desired for the side slopes and berms, measure the total square footage of the area to calculate needed plants. Spacing options include 1 plant per square foot, 1 plant per 1.5 square foot, and 1 plant per 2 square feet.

1 plant per square foot

1 plant per 1.5 square foot

1 plant per 2 square feet

____ ft² (basic rain garden SF) / ____ ft² (average plant spacing) = ____ total plants

____ ft² (SF of berms & slopes, if applicable) / ____ ft² (average plant spacing) = ____ total plants



Enhanced Rain Garden Materials List

"Mix" refers to the amended soil mixture used in enhanced rain gardens.

TOPSOIL (Suggested **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soil Layer = **0.17 [17%]** of Mixture = **1 in.** Layer of Topsoil)

Mix: _____ ft² (rain garden SF) x _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

***Trench:** L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

** Complete if subdrain trench is filled with amended soils.*

TOTAL TOPSOIL: _____ cu yd (mix) + _____ cu yd (trench) = _____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

_____ total cu yd x 2,400 lbs. = _____ **total lbs.** / 2,000 = _____ **total tons**

COMPOST (Suggested **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soil Layer = **0.08 [8%]** of Mixture = **½ in.** Layer of Compost)

Mix: _____ ft² (rain garden SF) x _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

***Trench:** L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

** Complete if subdrain trench is filled with amended soils.*

TOTAL COMPOST: _____ cu yd (mix) + _____ cu yd (trench) = _____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

_____ total cu yd x 1,200 lbs. = _____ **total lbs.** / 2,000 = _____ **total tons**

CONCRETE SAND (Suggested: **0.5 ft [6 in.]** Amended Soils = **0.75 [75%]** of Mixture = **4 ½ in.** Sand Layer)

Mix: _____ ft² (rain garden SF) x _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

***Trench:** L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft = _____ ft³ x _____ % Mix (decimal) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

** Complete if subdrain trench is filled with amended soils.*

TOTAL CONCRETE SAND: _____ cu yd (mix) + _____ cu yd (trench) = _____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

_____ total cu yd x 3,000 lbs. = _____ **total lbs.** / 2,000 = _____ **total tons**

CHOKER ROCK (Suggested Choker Layer: **0.17 ft [2 in.]** Depth, Trench Depth from Cross Section in feet)

Choker Layer: L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft (depth) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cubic yards

***Trench:** L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft (depth) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cubic yards

** Complete if subdrain trench is filled with rock.*

TOTAL CHOKER ROCK: _____ cu yd (choker layer) + _____ cu yd (trench) = _____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

_____ total cu yd x 3,000 lbs. = _____ **total lbs.** / 2,000 = _____ **total tons**

WASHED ROCK (Suggested **0.83 ft** [10 in.] Depth)

Trench: L _____ ft x W _____ ft x D _____ ft (depth) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cubic yards

TOTAL WASHED ROCK: _____ cu yd (trench) = _____ **total cubic yards (cu yd)**

_____ total cubic yards x 3,000 lbs. = _____ **total lbs.** / 2,000 = _____ **total tons**

SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH (Suggested **0.17 ft** [2 in.] Depth)

Surface Layer: _____ ft² (rain garden SF) x _____ ft (depth) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cubic yards

Berm/Slopes: _____ ft² (SF of berm & slopes, if applicable) x _____ ft (depth) = _____ ft³ / 27 = _____ cu yd

TOTAL MULCH: _____ cu yd (surface layer) + _____ cu yd (berm/slopes) = _____ **total cubic yds**

Subdrain and Overflow Structure

Subdrain Material _____ Approximate Linear Feet _____

Overflow Stand Pipe Material _____

Solid Outlet Pipe Material _____ Approximate Linear Feet _____

Animal Guard? Yes No

Edging

Type of Edging _____ Approximate Linear Feet _____

Vegetation

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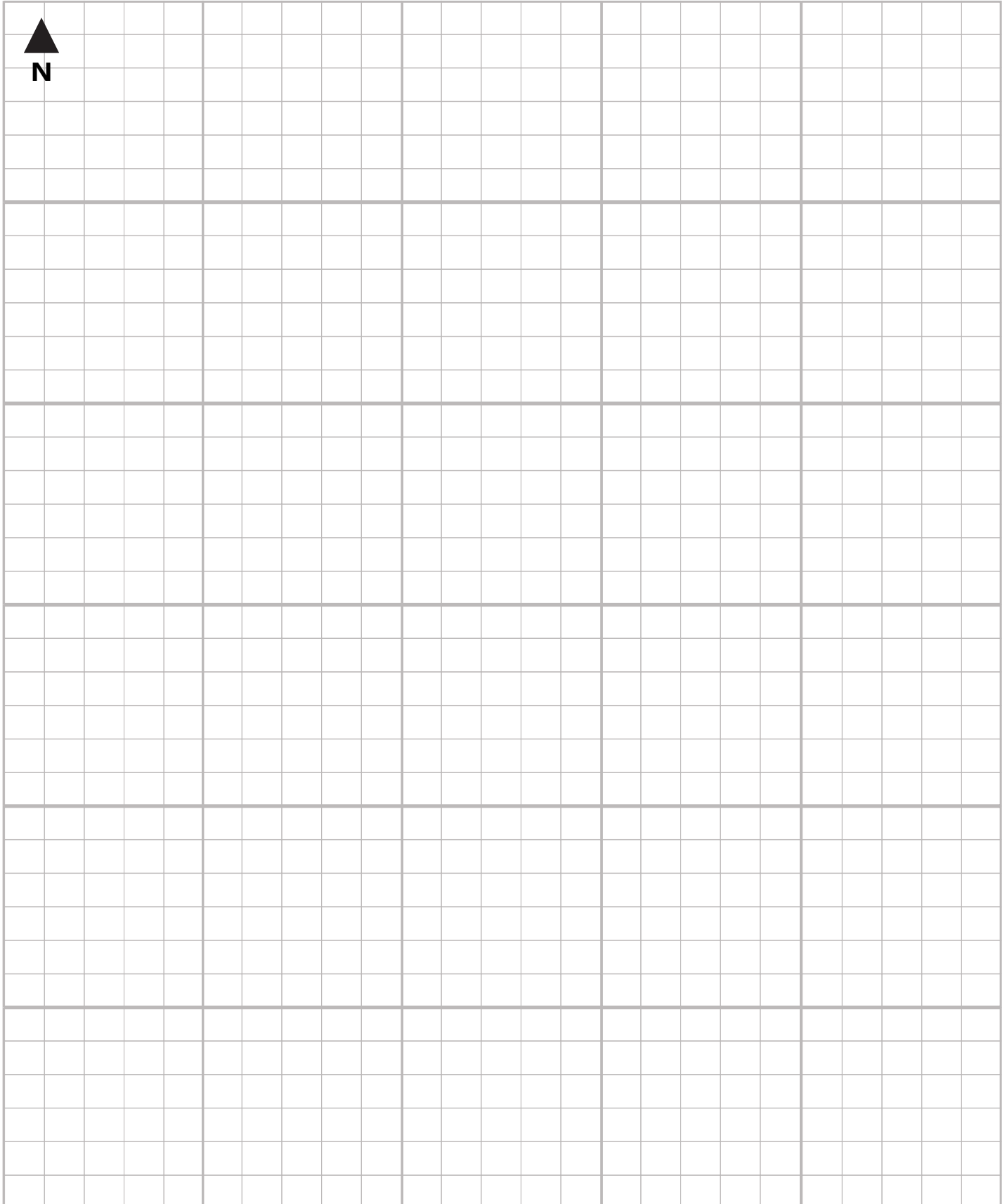
_____ ft² (enhanced rain garden SF) / _____ ft² (average plant spacing) = _____ total plants

_____ ft² (SF of berms & slopes, if applicable) / _____ ft² (average plant spacing) = _____ total plants



Project Notes

Click in the box below to attach an image or drawing.



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Maintenance Checklist

Project Name:

Installation Date:

Inspection Point	Maintenance Activity	Maintenance Schedule
Inlet, Outlet, Pre-Treatment Area	Remove litter, trash, and accumulated sediment	Annually, spring or fall and after major rainfall events
	Repair, re-armor with rocks, erosion control blankets, or mats, and revegetate area if erosion is present	As needed
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4+ Notes:	
Base of Rain Garden	Remove litter, trash, and debris	Annually, spring or fall and after major rainfall events
	Spread mulch evenly, 2-3" thick throughout	Annually, spring or fall
	If surface is plugged by sediment, find and eliminate source of sediment, then replace amended soils, re-plant and mulch. If the surface has been compacted, till the soils, re-plant and mulch.	As needed
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4+ Notes:	
Berm and/or Retaining Wall	Rebuild and compact berms in areas that have sunk over time or have blown out. Make sure there is a stabilized, notched out area for overflows from large rainfall events.	Inspect annually, repair as needed
	Remove bricks and rebuild retaining wall from lowest level, and level bricks at each course	Inspect annually, repair as needed
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4+ Notes:	

Inspection Point	Maintenance Activity	Maintenance Schedule
Newly Established / Young Plants	Supplement plantings if at less than 75% vegetative cover	Inspect at end of first growing season, replant as needed
	Remove dead vegetation, maintain some winter habitat for pollinators	Annually, spring or fall
	Water young plants regularly until root systems have established, plants should receive around 1" of water per week	As needed depending on weather patterns
	Pull weeds and invasive species, avoid use of herbicides if possible	Monthly during first 3 years after installation
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Notes:	Year 3 Year 4+
Established / Mature Plants	"Deadhead" non-native flowering plants at the end of blooming period, cut back perennials several inches above base	Annually, depending on species
	General pruning of healthy plants	Annually, fall or early winter
	Replace diseased or dead plants. Dig out or prune back volunteer trees. Herbicide treatment will be needed if the tree roots are not removed.	As needed
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Notes:	Year 3 Year 4+
Overflow Structure (Enhanced Rain Gardens Only)	Remove debris and trash from overflow grate, within pipe, and at the outlet where the enhanced rain garden daylight	Annually, spring or fall and after major rainfall events
	Maintenance Completed: Year 1 Year 2 Notes:	Year 3 Year 4+