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BACKYARD BUFFER PLANT LIST

Buffer Restoration is an easy fun way to help protect the area's waterways from pollution and erosion. By converting lawns to landscape beds and planting the trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers on this list along the water's edge, you can help filter pollutants and sediments from storm runoff and provide habitat and food for wildlife. The plants on this list are very hardy and do not require much fertilizer or pesticides.

TREES

Acer rubrum - Red Maple

Betula nigra - River Birch

Carpinus caroliniana - Hornbeam, Ironwood

Cercis canadensis - Eastern Redbud

Chionanthus virginicus - White Fringetree

Fraxinus pennsylvanica - Green Ash

Halesia tetraptera - Carolina Silverbell

Liquidambar styraciflua - Sweet Gum

Magnolia grandiflora - Southern Magnolia

Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia

Pinus palustris - Longleaf Pine

Pinus taeda - Loblolly Pine

Pinus virginiana - Virginia Pine

Platanus sp. - Sycamore

Quercus alba - White Oak

Quercus phellos - Willow Oak

Quercus palustris - Pin Oak

Quercus prinus - Chestnut Oak

GRASSES & GRASS-LIKE PLANTS

Acorus gramineus 'Ogon' - Variegated Sweet Flag

Andropogon gerardii - Big Bluestem

Distichlis spicata - Inland Saltgrass

Eragrostis curvula - Weeping Lovegrass

Eragrostis refracta - Coastal Lovegrass

Festuca rubra - Red Fescue

Festuca trachyphylla - Hard Fescue

Juncus effusus - Rush

Muhlenbergia capillaris - Muhly Grass

Panicum virgatum - Switch Grass

Paspalum vaginatum - Seashore Paspalum

Schizachyrium scoparium - Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium littorale - Shore Little Bluestem

Sorghastrum nutans - Indiangrass

Uniola paniculata - Sea Oats

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PERENNIALS

Amsonia tabernaemontana - Bluestar

Asclepias incarnata - Swamp Milkweed

Aster dumosus - Aster

Baptisia australis - False Indigo

Chelone glabra - Turtlehead

Coreopsis verticillata - Threadleaf Coreopsis

Echinacea purpurea - Purple Coneflower

Eupatorium maculatum - Joe Pye Weed

Gaillardia grandiflora - Blanket Flower

Hypericum Calycinum - St. John's Wort

Iris x 'Louisiana' - Louisiana Iris

Iris virginica - Blue Flag Iris

Lobelia cardinalis - Cardinal Flower

Lobelia siphilitica - Blue Lobelia Monarda

Didyma - Beebalm

Osmunda cinnamomea - Cinnamon Fern

Osmunda regalis - Royal Fern

Pachysandra procumbens - Allegheny Pachysandra

Penstemon digitalis - Beardtongue

Penstemon gloxinioides - Gloxinia Penstemon

Rudbeckia fulgida - Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia laciniata - Green Coneflower

Rudbeckia triloba - Three-lobed Coneflower

Rosa rugosa - Rugosa Rose

Solidago sphacelata - Goldenrod

Tradescantia x andersoniana - Spiderwort

Veronicastrum virginica - Culver's Root

Zephyranthes atamasco - Atamasco Lily

SHRUBS

Amelanchier Canadensis - Shadblow Serviceberry

Aronia arbutifolia - Red Chokeberry

Baccharis halimifolia - Saltbush

Callicarpa americana - Beautyberry

Cephalanthus occidentalis - Buttonbush

Clethra alnifolia - Summersweet Clethra

Cornus amomum - Silky Dogwood

Cornus racemosa - Gray Dogwood

Cornus sericea - Redosier Dogwood

Fothergilla gardenii - Dwarf Fothergilla

Hamamelis virginiana - Witchhazel

Hibiscus moscheutos - Swamp Rose - Mallow

Ilex glabra - Inkberry Holly

Ilex verticillata - Winterberry

Itea virginica - Virginia Sweetspire

Leucothoe axillaris - Coastal Leucothoe

Myrica cerifera - Southern Waxmyrtle

Potentilla fruticosa - Bush Cinquefoil

Spiraea tomentosa - Steeplebush

Viburnum lentago - Nannyberry

Viburnum prunifolium - Blackhaw

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