WSA Conservation Landscape Design Tool

## Butterfly Garden - 180 square feet

Sunny, moderately drained soils
(contained in $21 \times 12.5$ foot area)


## Number of plants

Herbaceous perennial type I: 19 plants Herbaceous perennial type 2: 19 plants Herbaceous perennial type 3: 14 plants Herbaceous perennial type 4: I4 plants Herbaceous perennial type 5: 12 plants Medium/Large Shrub type I: I plant Medium/Large Shrub type 2: I plant Small Shrub: 3 plants

## Recommended plant options for Anne Arundel County, MD and surrounding areas

These plants are native, and typically successful in the climate zone for Anne Arundel County. For more information about these plants, and for additional plant options, the Ladybird Johnson native plant database, is recommended. (Note: for shady conditions, ferns can function in place of a grass/sedge/rush or an herbaceous perennial.)

| Plant Type | Plant Latin Name | Plant Common Name | Planting <br> Condition | Maintenance Type | Spacing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Chasmanthium latifolium | Northern Sea Oats | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 30" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Cape Breeze’ | Cape Breeze Switchgrass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 30' apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Cloud Nine' | Cloud Nine Switchgrass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal' | Heavy Metal Switchgrass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Northwind' | Northwind Switchgrass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Sky' | Prairie Sky Switchgrass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Panicum virgatum 'Rotstrahlbusch | Rotstrahlbusch Switch Grass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Schizachyrium scoparium 'Standing Ovation' | Standing Ovation Little Blue Stem | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Grass/Sedge/ Rush | Sorghastrum nutans | Indian Grass | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 30" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Amsonia hubrichtii | Threadleaf Bluestar | Sun/Medium | Low | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Asclepias incarnata | Swamp Milkweed | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Asclepias tuberosa | Butterfly Weed | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Boltonia asteroides | False Aster | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Eupatorium 'Little Joe' | Little Joe Joe Pye Weed | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Heliopsis helianthoides | False Sunflower | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18" apart |


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| Herbaceous Perennial | Liatris spicata | Gayfeather | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red' | Beardtongue | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Phlox divaricata | Wild Phlox | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Phlox maculata | Speckled Phlox | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Rudbeckia fulgida var. fulgida | Black Eyed Susan | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Rudbeckia hirta | Black Eyed Susan | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Rudbeckia maxima | Coneflower | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18' apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' | Fireworks Goldenrod | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Herbaceous Perennial | Vernonia 'Iron Butterfly' | Iron Butterfly New York Ironweed | Sun/Medium | Medium | 18" apart |
| Shrub | Aronia arbutifolia | Chokeberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' | Brilliantissima Chokeberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 18" apart |
| Shrub | Callicarpa americana | Purple Beautyberry | Sun/Medium | Low | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' | Ruby Spice Sweet Pepper Bush | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Clethra alnifolia 'Sixteen Candles' | Sixteen Candles Sweet Pepper Bush | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Cornus sericea | RedTwig Dogwood | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Hibiscus coccineus | Scarlet Rose Mallow | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Hibiscus moscheutos | Rose Mallow | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Ilex glabra | Inkberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Shrub | Ilex verticillata 'Southern Gentleman' | Pollinator for Sparkleberry Winterberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 36" apart |
| Shrub | Ilex verticillata 'Sparkleberry' | Sparkleberry Winterberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" apart |
| Shrub | Viburnum dentatum | Arrowwood Viburnum | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Shrub | Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur' | WinterthurViburnum | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 48" apart |
| Tree | Amelanchier laevis | Allegheny Serviceberry | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" + apart |
| Tree | Carpinus caroliniana | Ironwood | Sun/Medium | Medium | 60' + apart |
| Tree | Cercis canadensis | Redbud | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" + apart |
| Tree | Chionanthus virginicus | Fringe Tree | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60' + apart |
| Tree | Ilex opaca | American Holly | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" + apart |
| Tree | Juniperus virginiana | Eastern Red Cedar | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" + apart |
| Tree | Magnolia virginiana | Sweet Bay Magnolia | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60" + apart |
| Tree | Taxodium distichum 'Peve Minaret' | Peve Minaret Bald Cypress | Sun/Medium | Minimal | 60' + apart |

## Materials Needed

Mulch: 45 cubic feet ( 1.7 cubic yards) - this assumes 3 " of mulch cover
Compost: 30 cubic feet ( 1.1 cubic yards) - this assumes the top 6 " of soil is being amended with compost
Soil media: 180 cubic feet (6.7 cubic yards) - this is only required if replacing soil
Soil removal: 75 cubic feet ( 2.8 cubic yards) if amending soil, 225 cubic feet ( 8.3 cubic yards) if replacing soil
The plants recommended above are reliable, hardy, area-appropriate plants for central and eastern Maryland and the surrounding areas. However, many other options are available. Other references for appropriate plants include the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, Appendix A, the Ladybird Johnson native plant database, and the Piedmont Natives plant database.

There are alternative layouts possible with the same general character and plant makeup. Click here for alternative layouts.
Also, if you use a custom size practice, by area or depth, the material quantities change. Use the following calculator to give you a more accurate set of material quantities. It will also calculate the amount of pollutant removal, which may be of interest. Note: this pollutant removal is not yet approved by the Chesapeake Bay Program, but is based on other Bay Program protocols for runoff reduction.

## Conservation Landscape calculator

## Installation Steps

(For more detail on these steps, please see the Conservation Landscape chapter of the WSA Manual.)
I. Call Miss Utility to mark any existing utilities
a. (800) 257-7777 or 81 I for most of Maryland, and Washington, DC
b. (800) 44I-8355 for Eastern Shore Maryland
c. (800) 282-8555 for Delaware
2. Outline the area for the conservation landscape
3. Remove the turf grass
4. If amending existing soil:
a. Remove excess soil
b. Add compost
c. Till soil to work compost in
5. If replacing soil:
a. Remove existing soil
b. Replace with new soil mixture
6. Install stone inlet channel (if receiving water from uphill)
7. Install plants and mulch
8. Water!

## Maintenance Plan

Recommended Maintenance Tasks for Conservation Landscapes

| Maintenance Tasks | Frequency |
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| - Water once every three days for the first month and then weekly during the <br> first growing season (April-October), depending on rainfall. <br> - Expect up to I0\% of the plant stock to NOT do well in the first year, and plan <br> accordingly for replacement plants. | Upon establishment |
| - Check inlets and overflow areas for debris or leaves that are blocking flow. <br> - Check and repair erosion areas. | After heavy rains in Ist month; <br> periodically in subsequent years |
| - Remove weeds by hand. | Monthly for first growing season; <br> every 3 months in subsequent <br> years |
| - For "meadow" type Conservation Landscapes consisting of grasses, mow in early <br> spring. <br> - For other types of landscapes, check for winter damage and add mulch to bare <br> - Cuts as desired (2-3 inches) |  |
| - Add reinforcement planting to maintain the desired vegetation density. <br> - Prune trees and shrubs; thin herbaceous plants as desired. | March or April |
| - Remove invasive and non-native plants using recommended control methods. <br> - Remove any dead or diseased plants. <br> - Stabilize any eroded or bare areas <br> - Remove trash | Fall |

## Additional References

WSA Rainscaping Manual<br>RainScapes Program (Montgomery County, MD)<br>U.S. Fish \& Wildlife Service - BayScapes

