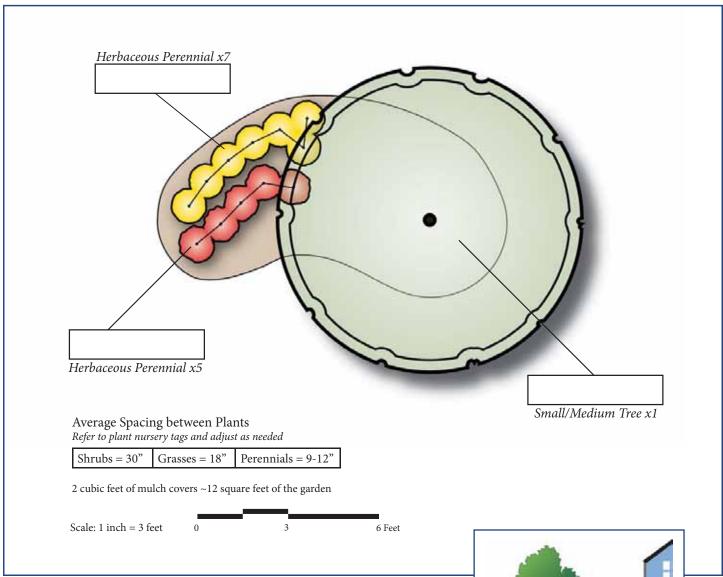
## WSA Conservation Landscape Design Tool

## Tree - 60 square feet

Shady, moderately drained soils

(contained in 11.5 x 6.5 foot area)



## **Number of plants**

Herbaceous perennial type 1:7 plants Herbaceous perennial type 2:5 plants Small/Medium Tree: I plant



Consider adding a rain barrel to your Conservation Landscape. For more info, visit the <u>Rainwater Harvesting chapter</u>.

# 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 <u>Ladybird Johnson native plant database</u> 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 Condition	Maintenance Type	Spacing
Fern	Dryopteris intermedia	Evergreen Wooded Fern	Shady/Medium	Low	18'' apart
Fern	Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	Shady/Medium	Low	18'' apart
Fern	Polystichum aristichoides	Christmas Fern	Shady/Medium	Low	18'' apart
Grass/Sedge/Rush	Acorus calumus	Sweet Flag	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18" apart
Grass/Sedge/Rush	Acorus gramineus 'Minimus Aureus'	Dwarf Golden Variegated Sweet Flag	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Grass/Sedge/Rush	Carex glauca 'Blue Zinger'	Blue Zinger Sedge	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Grass/Sedge/Rush	Carex pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Sedge	Shady/Medium	Minimal	12" apart
Grass/Sedge/Rush	Chasmanthium latifolium	Northern Sea Oats	Shady/Medium	Minimal	30'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Chelone glabra	Turtlehead	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Chrysogonum virginianum	Green and Gold	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Sedum ternatum	Woodland Stonecrop	Shady/Medium	Low	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Senecio aureus	Golden Ragwort	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Tiarella 'Octoraro'	Octoraro Foam Flower	Shady/Medium	Low	18'' apart
Herbaceous Perennial	Viola pedata	Birdsfoot Violet	Shady/Medium	Minimal	18'' apart
Shrub	Calycanthus florida	Sweetshrub	Shady/Medium	Minimal	48'' apart
Shrub	Clethra alnifolia	Sweet Pepper Bush	Shady/Medium	Minimal	48'' apart
Shrub	Cornus sericea	Red Twig Dogwood	Shady/Medium	Minimal	48'' apart
Shrub	Gaylussacia baccata	Black Huckleberry	Shady/Medium	Minimal	36'' apart
Shrub	llex glabra	Inkberry	Shady/Medium	Minimal	36'' apart
Shrub	Lindera benzoin	Spicebush	Shady/Medium	Minimal	48'' apart
Shrub	Myrica pensylvanica	Northern Bayberry	Shady/Medium	Minimal	48'' apart
Tree	Acer rubrum	Red Maple	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart

Plant Type	Plant Latin Name	Plant Common Name	Planting Condition	Maintenance Type	Spacing
Tree	Asimina triloba	Paw Paw	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart
Tree	Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart
Tree	llex opaca	American Holly	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart
Tree	Magnolia virginiana	Sweet Bay Magnolia	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart
Tree	Quercus pinus	Rock Oak	Shady/Medium	Minimal	60'' + apart

#### **Materials Needed**

Mulch: 15 cubic feet (0.6 cubic yards) - this assumes 3" of mulch cover

**Compost:** 10 cubic feet (0.4 cubic yards) – this assumes the top 6" of soil is being amended with compost

**Soil media:** 60 cubic feet (2.2 cubic yards) – this is only required if replacing soil

Soil removal: 25 cubic feet (0.9 cubic yards) if amending soil, 75 cubic feet (2.8 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 <u>Maryland Stormwater Design Manual</u>, Appendix A, the <u>Ladybird Johnson native plant database</u>, and the <u>Piedmont Natives plant database</u>.

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.)

- 1. Call Miss Utility to mark any existing utilities
  - a. (800) 257-7777 or 811 for most of Maryland, and Washington, DC
  - b. (800) 441-8355 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	
<ul> <li>Water once every three days for the first month and then weekly during the first growing season (April-October), depending on rainfall.</li> <li>Expect up to 10% of the plant stock to NOT do well in the first year, and plan accordingly for replacement plants.</li> </ul>	Upon establishment	
<ul> <li>Check inlets and overflow areas for debris or leaves that are blocking flow.</li> <li>Check and repair erosion areas.</li> </ul>	After heavy rains in 1st month; periodically in subsequent years	
Remove weeds by hand.	Monthly for first growing season; every 3 months in subsequent years	
<ul> <li>For "meadow" type Conservation Landscapes consisting of grasses, mow in early spring.</li> <li>For other types of landscapes, check for winter damage and add mulch to bare spots as desired (2–3 inches)</li> <li>Cut back perennials and remove dead growth</li> </ul>	March or April	
<ul> <li>Add reinforcement planting to maintain the desired vegetation density.</li> <li>Prune trees and shrubs; thin herbaceous plants as desired.</li> </ul>	Fall	
<ul> <li>Remove invasive and non-native plants using recommended control methods.</li> <li>Remove any dead or diseased plants.</li> <li>Stabilize any eroded or bare areas</li> <li>Remove trash</li> </ul>	As needed	

#### **Additional References**

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







