

# Native Plant Species Suggestions

for Northbrook, IL

To ensure success while incorporating native plants into your greenspace, try to choose the right species for right place.

This means to consider plant tolerances to conditions such as soil moisture, sunlight exposure, and location on your property.

Northbrook is in cold hardiness USDA zone 5b. Dependent on site specification, soil likely consists of urban, compacted clay texture. The addition of organic matter (like leaf litter) helps to allow water drainage and oxygen flow as a soil amendment to clayey soils.

The Village of Northbrook offers the following guide thanks to our partnership with ComEd, Openlands, and native plant expert Rob Sulski.



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## For the Parkway

The parkway is any public greenspace adjacent to your property such as a cul-de-sac, median, or sidewalk right-of-way. If you are planting in the parkway, obtain a permit from the Director of Public Works by calling 847 272 4711.

### Special considerations:

- Only plant short species in these areas: plants with mature height greater than 3 feet may obstruct view for traffic.
- Plant salt-tolerant species in locations that may face contamination from roadway de-icing salt.

## Sunny



False Dandelion



Purple Coneflower



Golden Alexander



Ohio Spiderwort



Black-eyed Susan



Prairie Dropseed

## Parkways with trees

The Village encourages one parkway tree every 45 feet, and oversees a 50/50 cost-sharing program in which trees are planted and maintained by our Public Works Department.

### Special considerations:

- Short, salt-tolerant species.
- Shade-tolerance, if planted below a tree's canopy.
- An asterisk (\*) indicates the plant may be aggressive, spreading rapidly and outcompeting other plant species.

## Shady



Starry False Solomon Seal



Bellwort



Pennsylvania Sedge



Wild Geranium\*



Common Blue Violet\*



Virginia Waterleaf\*



# Deer & Rabbit Resistance



Purple  
Prairie Clover



Anise  
Hyssop



Downy  
Wood Mint

## Goldenrods



Riddell's  
Goldenrod



Stiff  
Goldenrod



Showy  
Goldenrod

## Ferns



Christmas  
Fern



Maidenhair  
Fern



Lady  
Fern

## Asters



New England  
Aster



Heart-Leaved  
Aster



Aromatic  
Aster

# Shady Spaces

## Dry soils



May  
Apple



Red  
Columbine



Wild  
Strawberry



Sweet Joe  
Pye Weed



Solomon's  
Plume



Large-Leaved  
Aster

## Moist soils



Sensitive  
Fern



Turtlehead



Common  
Bur Sedge



Zigzag  
Goldenrod



Virginia  
Spring Beauty



Golden  
Ragwort

# Sunny Spaces

## Dry soils



Butterfly  
Milkweed



Rue  
Anemone



Prairie  
Smoke



Nodding  
Onion



Purple  
Milkweed



Pearly  
Everlasting

## Moist soils



Michigan  
Lily



Prairie  
Blazing Star



Sneezeweed



Obedient  
Plant\*



Cardinal  
Flower



Queen of  
the Prairie

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