

Hillendale Meadow Planting May 2022



On a cold, wet, and windy morning on the first Saturday of May, 2022 a group of volunteers braved the elements and planted over 800 native plant plugs in the the Hillendale Meadow.

The plant plugs were purchased from [North Creek Nurseries](#) thanks to a generous grant from Dupont Clear Into the Future. Scott Fisher was instrumental in the selection of our newest additions to the Hillendale meadow.

Thank you to Dupont Clear Into the Future, Scott, and ALL the volunteers who helped make this environmental initiative happen.

The following is a guide to the plants that were selected to be added to our meadow.



Yarrow

Achillea millefolium



With fern-like foliage, common yarrow grows 1-3' wide and tall. Full sun to light shade in sandy, dry or average soils. Very easy to grow and drought tolerant once established.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Groundcover



Cut Flower



Drought Tolerant



Summer

Common Milkweed

Asclepias syriaca



This native classic is best known as a food of larval monarch butterflies. According to the US Forest Service, over 450 insects feed on some part of the *Asclepias syriaca* plant! This milkweed grows best in full sun and average to well-drained soil.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Songbird-friendly



Drought Tolerant



Summer

Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa



Asclepias tuberosa is a showy and tough milkweed with intense orange flowers that bloom in mid to late summer. Best located in a sunny dry spot, but will tolerate average to moist garden soil as well.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Salt Tolerance



Drought Tolerant

Aster - 'Raydon's Favorite'

Aster oblongifolius



Has medium blue flowers larger than 1" in diameter blooming late in the season. It grows about 3' tall and has a bushy dense covering of aromatic leaves. Grow in full sun in average to dry soil.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-friendly



Drought Tolerant

Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea



The flowers of coneflower provide multiple seasons of interest from summer while it blooms to fall and winter where the great seedheads are upright and structural. Butterflies and bees love the nectar of the flowers and goldfinches can't help but flock to the seeds during the fall.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Songbird-friendly



Pollinator-
friendly



Deer Resistant



Hummingbird-
friendly



Salt Tolerance



Drought Tolerant



Cut Flower



Summer

Robin's Plantain/Fleabane

Erigeron pulchellus



An easy to grow, carefree native perennial perfectly suited for moderate sunlight to full shade. It's extremely durable and the small daisy like flower attracts pollinators in the spring. Makes a good groundcover.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Shade



Part Sun



Moist



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Songbird-friendly



Drought Tolerant



Groundcover

Rattlesnake Master

Eryngium yuccifolium



A unique and eye-catching plant for a dry, sunny site. Slightly spiny leaves are arranged in a rosette that resembles Yucca. Flower stems shoot skyward in summer and are topped with thistle-like bluish silver flowers.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Moist



Pollinator-



Deer Resistant



Drought Tolerant



Cut Flower

Joe Pye Weed

Eutrochium maculatum 'Gateway'



Hazy rosy blooms in late summer. At any point during the summer, you can see the flowers covered in multiple species of butterflies and bees. Thrives in moist, fertile soils.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Moist



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Cut Flower



Summer

Red Beebalm

Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'



The bright red flower is a favorite among hummingbirds and long-tongued bees. Beebalm is a great plant for the wildlife garden. Grow in full sun and average to moist soil with good drainage.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Pollinator-
friendly



Drought Tolerant

Beardtongue - White Penstemon

Penstemon digitalis



In early summer, white or light-pink-tinted, tubular 1" flowers on branching, hollow stalks rise above a basal rosette of lustrous dark green leaves. Makes an excellent landing pad for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds alike!

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Songbird-friendly



Pollinator-friendly



Deer Resistant



Hummingbird-friendly



Salt Tolerance



Drought Tolerant



Cut Flower

Sweet coneflower

Sweet black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eilers'



A vigorous but very manageable perennial that favors average to moist soils and full sun to part shade. It is quite tolerant of heat and humidity, but will not withstand long periods of drought.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Part Sun



Moist



Pollinator-friendly



Deer Resistant



Hummingbird-friendly



Songbird-friendly



Drought Tolerant



Cut Flower



Summer

Brown-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia triloba 'Prairie Glow'



Late blooming time, starting in July and flowering right through to October, makes this a valuable pollinator plant. This coneflower supports many native bees including digger bees and carpenter bees, wasps, butterflies, and flies from visiting. The foliage is also fed upon by a variety of native beetles.

Key Characteristics & Attributes



Full Sun



Moist



Pollinator-
friendly



Songbird-friendly



Deer Resistant



Groundcover



Cut Flower



Drought Tolerant



Summer