

# Groundcover Species

- *Packera aurea* – golden groundsel
- *Viola spp.* – violets
- *Deschampsia cespitosa* – tufted hairgrass
- *Juncus tenuis* – path rush
- *Carex amphibola* – creek sedge
- *Carex pensylvanica* – Pennsylvania sedge
- *Erigeron pulchellus* – Robin's plantain
- *Symphyotrichum ericoides* – heath aster
- *Asarum canadense* – wild ginger
- *Phlox stolonifera* – creeping phlox
- *Sedum spp.* - sedums

# Groundcover Species to AVOID

- *Ajuga reptans* – carpet bugleweed
- *Lysimachia nummularia* – creeping Jenny
- *Hedera helix* – English ivy
- *Wisteria floribunda* – Japanese wisteria
- *Lantana camara* – lantana
- *Pachysandra terminalis* – pachysandra
- *Vinca minor/major* – periwinkle/vinca vine

# Seasonal Theme Species

- *Schizachyrium scoparium* – little bluestem
- *Monarda bradburiana* – eastern bee balm
- *Asclepias purpurascens* – purple milkweed
- *Asclepias incarnata* – swamp milkweed
- *Asclepias tuberosa* – butterfly weed
- *Rudbeckia hirta* – black-eyed Susan
- *Echinacea purpurea* – purple coneflower
- *Geranium maculatum* – wild geranium

# Structural Species

- *Liatris spicata* – blazing star
- *Solidago* spp. – goldenrod
- *Eupatorium maculatum/dubium* – Joe pye weed/dwarf
- *Panicum virgatum* – switchgrass
- *Vernonia noveboracensis* – ironweed
- *Coreopsis tripteris* – tall tickseed
- Shrubs – *Ilex*, *Vaccinium*, *Viburnum*, *Hamamelis*, *Rhododendron*, *Lindera*
- Small flowering trees – *Amelanchier*, *Cornus*, *Prunus*

ground cover/filler



*Allium cernuum*  
*Bouteloua gracilis*  
‘Blonde Ambition’  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*

seasonal theme



*Ruellia humilis*  
*Pycnanthemum flexuosum*  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*

structural



*Eupatorium maculatum*

ground cover/filler



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structural



*Panicum virgatum*

*Aster oblongifolius*  
‘Raydon’s Favorite’  
*Eupatorium hyssopifolium*  
*Solidago shortii*  
‘Solar Cascade’

*Pycnanthemum muticum*  
*Chrysopsis mariana*

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seasonal theme



structural



*Vernonia noveboracensis*  
*Coreopsis tripteris*

*Liatris spicata*  
*Rudbeckia hirta*  
*Asclepias tuberosa*  
*Echinacea purpurea*

*Deschampsia cespitosa*  
*Coreopsis verticillata*

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*Chasmanthium latifolium*  
*Erigeron pulchellus*  
*Pycnanthemum muticum*

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*Solidago caesia*  
*Aster divaricatus*  
‘Eastern Star’  
*Aster cordifolius*  
‘Avondale’

structural



*Eupatorium rugosum*  
‘Chocolate’