

ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVES

<u>Plant Type</u>	<u>Invasive Plant</u>	<u>Desirable Characteristics</u>	<u>Great Alternative</u>
Perennial:	Maiden Grass (<i>Miscanthus spp.</i>)	Vertical Accent Fall and Winter Interest	Bluestem, <i>Andropogon ternarius</i> Switchgrass, <i>Panicum virgatum</i> Little Bluestem, <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
	Purple Loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	Wet Tolerant Long Bloom Season	Swamp Milkweed, <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Summersweet, <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> Coneflower, <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Gayfeather, <i>Liatris spicata</i> Obedient Plant, <i>Physostegia virginica</i> New York Ironweed, <i>Vernonia novaboracensis</i>
	Creeping Jenny (<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>)	Spreading Groundcover	Canadian Wild Ginger, <i>Asarum canadense</i> Creeping Phlox, <i>Phlox stolonifera</i> Bearberry, <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>



Shrubs (to 10'):

Burning Bush
(*Euonymus alatus*)

Fall Color

Bluestar, *Amsonia hubrichtii*
Witch-alder, *Fothergilla gardenii*
Oak-leaved Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Fetterbush, *Leucothoe racemosa*
Arrowwood, *Viburnum dentatum*
Smooth Witherod, *Viburnum nudum*
Highbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Sweetspire, *Itea virginica*

Japanese Barberry
(*Berberis thunbergii*)

Foliage Color
Fruit

St. Johnswort, *Hypericum*
Mapleleaf Viburnum, *Viburnum acerifolium*
American cranberry Viburnum, *Viburnum trilobum*
Highbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Ninebark, *Physocarpus* spp.
Chokeberry, *Aronia* spp. - low varieties
Weigela, *Weigela florida*

Butterfly Bush
(*Buddleia davidii*)

Fragrant Flowers
Pollinator attractor

Butterfly Weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*
Asters, *Aster* spp.
Coneflower, *Echinacea* spp.
Hummingbird Mint, *Agastache*
Turtlehead, *Chelone*



Rugosa or Saltspray Rose
Rosa rugosa

Fruit
Flowers
Salt tolerance
Erosion Control
Drought Tolerance

Virginia rose, *Rosa virginiana*
Bayberry, *Myrica pennsylvanica*
Sweet Fern, *Comptonia peregrina*
Red Chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Beach Plum, *Prunus maritima*
Sand Cherry, *Prunus cistena*

Exotic Honeysuckles
(Bell's, *Lonicera x bella*)
(Morrow's, *Lonicera*
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(Tartarian, *Lonicera tatarica*)
(Japanese, *Lonicera japonica*)

Fragrant Flowers

Trumpet Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*
Sweetbay Magnolia, *Magnolia virginiana*

Lilac, *Syringa* spp.
Mock Orange, *Philadelphus* spp.
Daphne, *Daphne* spp.
Rose, *Rosa* spp.

Privets
(*Ligustrum obtusifolium*)
(*Ligustrum vulgare*)

Hedge Plant

Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Bayberry, *Myrica pennsylvanica*
Arborvitae, *Thuja* spp.



Small Trees(to 25'):

Autumn Olive/Russian Olive Drought Tolerant
(*Eleagnus umbellata*)
(*Eleagnus angustifolia*)

Gray Dogwood, *Cornus racemosa*
Red Twig Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*
Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Mapleleaf Viburnum, *Viburnum acericolium*

Tall Trees:

Norway Maple
Acer platanoides Foliage Color
Shade Tree

Japanese Maple, *Acer palmatum*
American Beech, *Fagus grandifolia*
Hophornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*
Linden, *Tilia* spp.
Oak, *Quercus* spp.
Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*
Tulip Tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Vines:

Asiatic Bittersweet
(*Celastrus orbiculatus*) Showy Fruits

Virginia Rose, *Rosa virginiana*
Climbing Hydrangea, *Hydrangea a petiolaris*
Virginia Creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
Trumper Creeper, *Campsis radicans*

