

Garden Area: Dogwood Path (Partially OPEN)

Overall Display Goal: Spring is a time of color in the native woodland. We showcase *Cornus florida*, native dogwood trees in a natural setting, display woodland edge plants, provide a stroll through a woodland edge and discreet “peeks” or windows into the meadow.

Size of Area: 61401.22 feet squared (~1.5 acres)

Renovations: As with any natural path visited as often as ours, there comes a time for renovations. This year we are making path improvements using large flat stones in areas we can no longer successfully grow grass, over-seeding with grass to thicken the leaner areas, and adding a retaining wall and curve in the path away from a tulip poplar flare.

Maintenance: leaf mulching bare areas from the decomposition process, installations of new plantings, leaf management, cool season weed removal, trimming back herbaceous plantings past prime display, refreshing ferns and other herbaceous material, turf & path renovations.

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Chasmanthium latifolium

wild oats

Herbaceous grass, 3' tall

Growing requirements: Sun to light shade; tolerant of moist and wet soils. Vigorous grower but more tame in part shade. Easily divided and a good option for a rain garden planting.

Offers nice movement in the garden and turns a handsome bronze in fall.

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Symphyotrichum laeve var. *laeve* 'Bluebird'

Bluebird smooth aster

herbaceous perennial , 3-4'

Time of bloom: Late-Fall, abundant violet blue

Growing requirements: full sun to light shade with a broad tolerance of soil types and moisture levels

bluish-green foliage that is virtually pest-free

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Hypericum densiflorum

bushy St. John's wort

Shrub, 6'

Time of bloom: In autumn, the delicate foliage becomes a golden yellow & the smooth, bronze bark becomes visible.

Growing requirements: sun to part shade; adaptable to a range of soil moisture conditions
beautifully fine-textured foliage during the growing season

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Symphyotrichum oblongifolium

aromatic aster

Herbaceous, 20"

Time of bloom: early fall to mid fall, violet purple-blue

Growing requirements: full sun, well drained, dry conditions with poor soil quality

Tends to flop over and form a nice edge or groundcover. Withstands early heavy pruning.



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Euphorbia corollata

flowering spurge

Herbaceous, 2-3

Time of bloom: late summer to early fall; white

Growing requirements: well drained, poor nutrient quality soil, full sun to partial shade.

Dry conditions to moist.



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Hamamelis virginiana

common witch-hazel

multi-stemmed small tree, 15'-20' tall

Time of bloom: Mid-Fall, masses of bright yellow strap-shaped flowers as leaves drop

Growing requirements: partial shade to full sun. It prefers slightly acidic well-drained to dry soils

stunning autumn flowering and golden foliage displays



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Solidago caesia

bluestemmed goldenrod

Herbaceous, 1' to 3'

Time of bloom: yellow clusters of flowers that bloom all along the purplish stem in early autumn

Growing requirements: shade or sun, medium to dry, well drained soils

to grow perennial that really shows off in shaded or sunny areas

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Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'

Fireworks wrinkle-leaf goldenrod

Herbaceous, clump-forming 3 - 4'

Time of bloom: electric yellow inflorescences in early to mid-autumn that are reminiscent of exploding fireworks blooming for up to two weeks

Growing requirements: full sun and seasonally dry soils

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Aesculus parviflora var. *serotina*

bottlebrush buckeye

Deciduous shrub, 10–15'

Growing requirements: shady and sunny condition, neutral or acidic soils and is adaptable to moist or dry soils.

excellent golden yellow fall color in the autumn landscape